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poorly since his arrival in town. Neither he nor
John Parrish was at meeting on seventh-day. Jacob
Lindley, William Savery and myself were there,
and glad to see each other again in that place; and
many friends expressed their gladness at our safe
return. 24th. The weather dry and warm, the roads very
dusty. This morning felt better. Leaving my horse
here, I rode into town with my friend John John-
son, in a chair -- attended two sittings of our Yearly
Meeting, which was much smaller than usual. Our
friend Nicholas Wain, was again chosen clerk for
the present year; and the business went on in much
brotherly love and concord — a good degree of so-
lemnity and weight attending. I lodged at Thomas
Hough’s. 25th. The weather much the same. I continue
tolerable well in health; but weak and some cough.
Attended the meeting as yesterday. Dined at N.
Wain’s, and lodged at John James’s. 26th, and fifth of the week. The meeting assem-
bledagain at nine o’clock, and the business concluded before twelve, in solemn quiet, and, I believe,
to the satisfaction of all present. After which, I
dined with my friend David Bacon, and returned to
Germantown with my kind friend, John Johnson,
who had also attended all the sittings of this Yearly
Meeting. The sickness in town continues here-
tofore. Divers friends in the city are paying con-
stant attention to the sick — providing necessaries,
nurses, coffins, and carriers of the dead. At which
I felt glad, and hope they will be rewarded for their
labours in so great and charitable a work.
JOSEPH MOORE'S JOURNAL

Of a tour to Detroit, in order to attend

Lindley's Account of a Journey to attend this Treaty, with preli-

minary remarks and a brief history of the circumstances which led to

this measure. The following Journal, while it corroborates Jacob

Lindley's account, presents a view of divers interesting incidents

and occurrences, not noted in that narrative. Joseph Moore was a

valuable friend and minister belonging to Kingwood monthly meet-

ing, New Jersey. The place of his residence was near Flemington.

On the 17th of 4th mo. 1793, I set out for Philadel-

phia, and attended the meeting for sufferings, where

were divers Friends who had given up to attend the

Indian treaty proposed to be held at Sandusky, on

the waters of Lake Erie — having previously obtained certificates from our several monthly meetings for

that purpose. They commissioners appointed by go-

vernment are, general Lincoln, colonel Pickering,

and Beverly Randolph. Lincoln goes by water to

Albany, &c.; William Savery, Jacob Lindley, and

William Hartshorne, go with him: and John Parr-

rish, John Elliott, and myself, with Timothy Pick-

ering and Beverly Randolph, go through the coun-

dry by land. I have some days past, been very poor-

ly with the ague; but am now bravely.

30th. In the afternoon set out in company with Beverly Randolph, John Parrish, John Elliott, and Henry Cornplanter, or Obeal — got that evening to Norristown, where colonel Pickering met us. Next day we proceeded to Reading — thence to Harris-

burgh and over the Broad Mountain, Mackinoy, and Tuscarora, to Sunbury — thence crossed the Susque-

hanna at Northumberland, a town standing in the point where they east and west branches come toge-

ther. Here, leaving the commissioners behind, we, in company with Josiah Haines, proceeded to Will-

liam Ellis's, and attended Muncy meeting of Friends.

After which, went to Samuel Wallace's, where we met the commissioners, and were liberally and friend-

ly entertained. 5th mo. 6th. The forepart of this day, we passed a rapid stream, called the Loyalsock — and in the after-

noon we crossed another large stream, called Ly-

coming, seven times — lodged at James Kyle's.

Next day rode forty-three miles without any entertain-

ment on the way except what we had with us. — Where we put up, there was no hay to be had for our horses, so we fed them with oats, and tied them up for the night — went to bed, or rather lay on the floor with our own blankets, in a very small house; but rested well. In the morning, the weather was fine and pleasant — rode to major Samuel Lindley's, crossed the Tioga twice, and the Cownisky; then to the Painted Post, crossing Cohocton at David Fuller's. On our way here, we swam our horses

over the Tioga, and went ourselves in a canoe. The country from Northumberland to this place, abounds with large streams of water, and abundance of flat
meeting, which was a solid, satisfactory opportunity, I believe, to them and us. Here we lodged. we went on towards our boat — dined at Francis Cornwell's; the weather being wet and the wind ahead, William Hartshorne and I lodged here — the rest of our company went to Frederick Arnold's. Lindley went on foot up the river and crossed over to the town. The others lodged here — being very kindly entertained. 20th. After a solid opportunity with the family, we went on towards our boat — dined at Francis 21st. In the afternoon, John Elliott and Jacob Lindley went on foot up the river and crossed over to the town. The others lodged here — being very kindyytfff entertained. 22d. Set out and rowed up to the town — found ytf William Savery and the rest of our company all well. We have frequently been visited by numbers of the Indian chiefs that were on their way to Sandusky, who mostly called us Shemucyteman, or long knives, the term they use to describe the Americans of the United States; but when informed what we were, they signified they had heard of our being come, and were glad. This day, we were visited by several that had just come to town. We observed the generality of all the tribes had a remarkable thirsty for rum; and when intoxicated, were very troublesome. 23d. First of the week, we held a meeting in a large sail loft in the shipyard; had a considerable gathering of the town's people, and a few soldiers, who behaved quietly. The meeting held about two hours and a half, and I believe, ended well. In the afternoon had some more Indians to visit us, of the Chipaway nation; one of whom, called a chief, was pretty clean dressed, which is not general among that nation.
to make peace with them on principles of justice, we were made willing to leave our homes and take this long journey to endeavour promote it, and to be present at the concluding of so good a work. Hey, he knew long ago, we did not fight, but were for peace, and that, we had come a long journey, preserved in health, it was evident the Great Spirit was pleased with our coming, and he hoped some good would be done, and that the Great Spirit would bring us home in health and safety. We had a visit also this morning from Abram, an Indian chief, Katharine his wife, and their daughters, richly clad, with plates of silver, &c. The introduction of distilled spirits among the people appears to have been their ruin. The frauds, in consequence of it, imposed upon them, taking in the ravages and depredations of war made amongst themselves, with multiplied murders and thefts, seems to have prevented their being wealthy people. The contrary with many is sorrowfully their situation, I fear to our condemnation; yet the history of Indian barbarity, and breach of faith to white people, and to one another, which we have heard related since we came here, would be shocking to recite, and is almost at times ready to stagger the faith of their best friends. One of the Moravian missionaries signified his sense, that if peace should be concluded, it would not last long, until they were further chastised. John Parrish asked, by what means? Did he mean the sword? He was answered, yes. This sentiment, from one of those who make profession of the peaceable principles of the gospel, was really discouraging.
old corn hills. On each side of these creeks and flats, are ytf ridges of mountains. We have now travelled according to the several ytf distances from place to place, two hundred, and forty-seven miles. 9th ytf Rode about thirty miles, and a little before night, got to an old Indian ytf cabin, with fire in the middle, where we lodged. We let our horses ytf browse awhile in the woods, then fed them with oats we had with us, and ytf tied them up for the night. — This cabin stands on the bank of theytf Cohocton. The roads here are new, and ytf of course rough, which is trying to the poor horses that are rid hard allytf day, and at night tied to a tree. Next day, rode thirty-six miles to ytf Williamsburgh. Some parts of theytf road very rough. We passed over some of the steepest hills I ever saw ytf travelled. But the country is new — and I have no doubt in a few years, theytf roads will be much improved, as there is abundance of excellent land ytf that is settling fast in some places. Stayed this night at captainytf Charles Williamson's, where we were ytf kindly entertained. ytf ytf ytf 11th ytf This morning the commissioners despatched a messenger to Canandaigua for an interpreter; so we rested ytf here and were finely refreshed. Set out again next day, and rode to ytf Gilbert Berry's, on the bank of theytf Genesee river. Here we found about ytf fifty Indians collected, amongst whom were some of their chiefs; Farmer's Brother, Red ytf Jacket, ytf Little Billy, and others, to all of whom aytf dinner was given by the commissioners. They expressed their gladness ytf in seeing us, and we also in seeing them. In the evening we had some ytf weighty conversation together, wherein the commissioners imparted aytf little of their business concerning the treaty; ytf
which appeared to give general satisfaction. After which, theytf Indians gave our friend John Parrish a new name, which they in their language call Suttekutte, and signifies plain or level. This nameytf was given by Farmer's Brother, at whichytf there was a small shout, in their way, and they would have given us aytf song on the occasion; but understanding we were a plain people, notytf accustomed to singing, it was omitted, and nothing further followed than aytf little pleasantry. Near ten o'clock we all retired and restedytf bravely. ytf In the morning the Indians showed no inclination to depart while theytf commissioners were here.Red Jacket , aytf the close of one of his speeches last evening, signified, that when he wasytf in Philadelphia, the white people had proposed a method for them to turn buffaloes into cows, deer into sheep, and bears into hogs; he thoughtytf it now a fit time for the commissioners to show them a piece of theirytf skill; as they were now on their way to Canandaigua for some clothing, &c, and that a goodytf buffalo would be very agreeable for provision on the way. Theytf commissioners used some endeavours to obtain a fat cow; but as thereytf was none to be had here, they gave them a quantity of salt beef, pork, andytf corn, at which they appeared satisfied. ytf ytf ytf 14th.ytf We prepared to move forward; divers other people fell in company with usytf from Schenectadytf and other places, who were going into Upperytf Canada. We swam our horses over the Genesee river with some difficulty, and we, with ourytf baggage, crossed in a canoe. In the evening we put up in the woods byytf the side of Tonnevanta creek, where we ytf sheltered for the night with a good fire, and tied up ytf
our horses as before. The following day we traveled hard, being very desirous to reach some house to lodge in. According to their account given us, we rode about fifty miles, and truly we thought them long enough. Arrived at Buffalo Creek about sun set, and put up at landlord Winney's; most of us lodged on the floor and slept well; also, had plenty of grass for the horses. The country we have passed through the last two days, is Indian lands, and one continued wilderness. Much of the land appears very good, with a variety of timber, such as oak, hickory, sugar maple, elm, ash, beech, linn, pine, cherry, butternut, &c.

16th. Rode about three miles to the ferry, nearly opposite Fort Erie, most of the way along the beach of Lake Erie. Here we crossed over the outlet of the lake, a large and strong current, landed in the British dominions, and rode down the banks of the river to Charles Willson's near the great falls. The whole distance this place is four hundred and twenty-seven miles. In the evening, walked to the brow of the bank to view the mighty cataract. Next morning went again, descended a very steep hill and walked to the rock over which the water falls, which appears tremendous indeed. There are rapids above the cataract that fall, it is said, fifty feet (and it looks likely to be so) within the distance of little more than half a mile. After satisfying our curiosity here, the commissioners went on to governor Simcoe's, at Navy Hall, sixteen miles. This is nearly opposite the garrison, which stands on a point of land the United States. John Parrish, John Elliott, and myself, went about two miles to our
friend William Lundy's, where we were kindly entertained, and spent most of the next day. Being first of the week, and having appointed a meeting to be held here at the eleventh hour; about the time there attended a pretty large collection of people, more than the house could contain. We thought a favoured opportunity. After dinner we had a solid opportunity with them and divers friends who had stayed with us. Then went about six miles to our friend John Hill's, who, with his wife, had been at the meeting. Here we were kindly entertained and lodged. In the morning, had a solid opportunity with the family, and set out for Navy Hall, a messenger having been sent to invite us to dine with the governor. He appears to be a plain man, and remarkably easy of access. At table we had the company of the commissioners, colonel Butler, majors Little, Hales, &c. The governor, when we were walking in his garden, said our coming forward at this time, did our society great honour. Toward evening we rode up the lake about two miles to Peacock's, and lodged. It appears to be a plain man, and remarkably easy of access. At table we had the company of the commissioners, colonel Butler, majors Little, Hales, &c. The governor, when we were walking in his garden, said our coming forward at this time, did our society great honour. Toward evening we rode up the lake about two miles to Peacock's, and lodged. We went up the lake twelve miles to Benjamin Paulin's and his brother Jesse's — our friend, John Parrish, having a letter from their connexions in Philadelphia. Here we were kindly entertained. In the woods we came through, we observed the greatest quantity of pigeons, I think I ever saw; they were flying up the lake, being chiefly young ones, and very fat. The people take abundance of them with clubs, poles, &c. The weather has been warm and dry since the time of our arrival in this country. I continue very poorly, but went three miles to our friend John.
Taylor's, though hardly able to travel. Hereytf we were kindly treated and lodged. I believe many were made glad inytf seeing their friends come amongst them, for whom in their wildernessytf situation, we often felt near sympathy. ytf ytf ytf 23d. ytf I felt much better in health, and understandytf ing divers Friends live at aytf place called the Short Hills, about twelveytf miles off, we concluded to go there. On the way we dined at Thomas Rice's, and thence proceeded toytf Joshua Gillam's. We passed throughytf some land where we saw the effects of a hurricane that was on the 1st ofytf the 7th month last, and truly I may say, I never saw so greatytf destruction of timber. For about two miles in width, and said to beytf many miles in length, there was scarce a single tree left that was not tornytf up by the roots, or broken off. This tract, as far as we have passedytf over, appears excellent land, with a variety of good timber — whitelytf and black oak, hickory, chestnut, poplar, white pine, walnut, cherry,ytf &c. We, finding a few Friends settled in this neighborhood, concludedytf to stay amongst them over first-day, and have a meeting with them. Inytf the interval, we visited at James ytf Crawford's, Enoch Scrigley's,ytf and John Dorling's, where the meeting isytf proposed to be held. ytf ytf ytf that behaved orderly, among whomytf we had a satisfactory opportunity. In the afternoon, set out on ourytf way to Navy Hall, and lodged at Jeremiah Moore's. Having heard of the arrivalytf of the other Friends that came by the way of Albany, we rose early next morning, and went to our friendytf Benjamin Hill's, where we tookytf breakfast — then rode to the landing, and thence to ytf Navy Hall. Spent a little

26th. ytf We had a considerable gathering of people that behaved orderly, among whomytf we had a satisfactory opportunity.
time at theytf governor's, and went back to the landing, where we met with Jacob Lindley, Williamytf Savery, and Williamytf Hartshorne, who had come on by wa-
ter. Our stores wereytf landed here, and we all dined at captai
nytf Smith's, at the mess house. In the after-
noon we set up ourytf tents on the hill, and lodged all together. This seemed very pleasant,ytf being all in
health, and they having had a favourable passage from Newytf York to this place, and very agreeable compa-
ny with general Lincoln, in their covered bateau
xtytf, two of which they propose taking up to Lakeytf Erie. ytf ytf ytf
were in the morning allytf bravely. When we shall
move forward from this place appears at presentytf un-
certain, as the commissioners sent off an express yes-
terdadytf Philadelphia on some importantytf occasion,
and expect to wait his return. Young Cornplanter
grew some days ago to his father's, about oneytf hun-
dred and fifty miles from this place. The Indians,
we understand,ytf are gathering from many parts to the
place appointed. Some of the Mohawks are now here. We shortly expect a numberytf of the Five Na-
tions. Jacob Lindley being desirous to see Jeremiah
Moore, we two rode there, spent theytf afternoon, and
lodged. The weather cool and cloudy, with easter-
lyytf winds. The next day was rainy. We are now
within about three miles of theytf great cataract — the
noise of which is much like the roaring of the seaytf in
time of storm. The people gave us a particular ac-
count of theirytf distressed situation, about four years
ago, for want of bread, and theirytf loss of cattle and
horses; which was truly alarming ; but through the
ytf goodness of kind Providence, they have now plenty

28th. ytf Having had a good night's
of breadytf and other necessaries; and plenty of good sugar which they make from theytf maple tree. ytf ytf ytf ytf landing, and we, with Jeremiah Moore and ytf Benjamin Hill, went to the Falls, where Jacobytf had not been, and viewed them in a different direction from what weytf had done before. In this as well as many other things, the mighty works ofytf Providence are emi-

nently displayed, being far beyond the power ofytf hu-

man art to form. Some of our company descended the mighty hill, byytf the clefts of rocks and the help of Indian ladders, to the water below, ytf supposed one hundred and ten feet. Here they saw divers curi-

osities, ytf and brought up some memorials of stone,
bones, &c. We then returned toytf our camp, and I lodged at Benjaminytf Canby's. ytf ytf ytf 31st. ytf We had at our little camp, the company of ytf captain Hendricks and several other Indians, ytf that fed on our provisions — and a white man, lately from ytf Pittsburg, informed that the Indians from theytf south-

ward were coming on. ytf ytf ytf 6th. mo. 1st. ytf ytf The weather wet and little business to be done — though the articleytf provision meets with a large consumption — we being all in pretty good ytf health, and for the most part a number of Indians and others at our camp. ytf The commissioners are most of the time at Navyytf Hall with governor Simcoe. ytf We expect to move forward in a day or two, towards ytf Fort Erie, to take passage in a vessel forytf Detroit — the commissioners notytf likely to go from this under a week or ten days. We endeavour to fill upytf our time in seeing our friends. This afternoon Johnytf Parrish and John Elliott, ytf crossed the river and went to
an Indian settlement of about eighty families, who received them kindly. 2d, and first of the week, we held a meeting about four miles from the landing, in a large barn, of which previous notice had been given. The collection was large, and proved a solid opportunity. I hope it tended to advancement of our religious testimony. Divers Friends came many miles to attend it. After which, William Savery and William Hartshorne returned to our camp, in order to send forward our baggage to-morrow the upper landing above the Falls. John Parrish, Jacob Lindley, John Elliott, and myself, went to Jeremiah Moore's and dined — thence to William Lundy's and lodged. Esquire Burch was at meeting, and kept company with us thus far. 3d. Went on to Esquire Burch's, where we dined. Bought three barrels of flour and sent forward to Chipaway, to be carried on with the rest of our baggage, to Fort Erie. John Parrish, John Elliott, and myself, rode up the river about seven miles and lodged at our friend Richardsen's. Next morning went to Benjamin Wilson's, whose wife is a near relation of mine. Benjamin went with us six miles to the Fort. Here are the king's stores, and a harbour for shipping — several topsail vessels were then lying here. We went on board the Dunmore, captain Ford, bound to Detroit. The cabin passengers besides ourselves were Robert Inne, Newman and servant, Richard Hillery and servant, Dr. William M'Casky, John Heckevelder and William Wilson. These, with the sailors and marines (being a king's ship) and about sixty Indians of four different tribes bound to the treaty, made our whole
crew about ninety. We left our horses in the care of Benjamin Willson — next day set sail and steered up the lake. We had fine pleasant weather until the 8th, when being near the islands towards the head of the lake, and dark night coming on us, we stood off and on till morning — had several squalls of rain, short blasts of high wind, with thunder and lightning — which was somewhat alarming, as our ship had on board a large quantity of powder. But through the goodness of kind Providence we were preserved from damage. 9th, and first of the week; — fine pleasant morning with light airs of wind. The islands now appeared in sight. This day we had a small meeting in the cabin with our fellow passengers and two Indian chiefs. In the evening entered the mouth of Detroit river, anchored till morning; when we ran up the beautiful river a northerly course, with a fair wind to Detroit. This is a small garrison town, with a variety of inhabitants. Here is much of the sound of drums and trumpets, but not much religion. The people here, as well as those on board our ship, were very respectful to us — and there was great harmony amongst ourselves. Thanks be to kind Providence for all his unmerited favours. Here we landed our small baggage, and took lodgings at Matthew Dolson's for the present. 11th. Found our accommodations comfortable and easy. We visited the commandant, colonel England, and showed him our passport from governor Simcoe, at Niagara, and are now waiting the commissioners coming forward, which we hope may be soon. From the present complexion of things, it looks likely to be some time before the treaty com-
mences; so that we find patience very necessary to be yt exercised. We hear many sentiments expressed, some favourable and some yt otherwise. Hope our minds may not be diverted by either from that yt humble dependence on the omnipotent Arm of power, under whose banner, yt I trust, we have enlisted in the righteous cause of peace-makers. yt yt yt

12th. yt Took a walk down the bank of the river, about three miles to a fine spring, yt of which there are few hereabouts. The inhabitants mostly use the yt river water, which is said to be very wholesome. The banks of this river for many miles above and below the town, are very thickly settled, yt mostly with French, who have fine orchards and meadows, and good wheat yt growing. Their grain is mostly manufactured by wind-mills, of which there are many in sight. The inhabitants of the town are as great a mixture, yt I think, as I ever knew in any one place. English, Scotch, Irish, Dutch, yt French, Americans from different states, with black and yellow, and yt seldom clear of Indians of different tribes in the day time. These are all yt turned out by nine o'clock at night, and the gates are shut — sentries are yt placed constantly in various parts round the town, which is enclosed yt with high pickets. There is no place of worship except one Roman Catholic chapel. There are large ships yt employed on these waters, some of which are from one hundred to one hundred and fifty tons burden; they sail up to Michillimackinac, several hundred miles from this place, yt and return with abundance of peltry — the staple commodity of this yt country. yt yt yt

13th. yt yt John Parrish, John Elliott, and myself, dined with the commandant, colonel Richard England,
and aytf number of other officers, and were friendly and liberally entertained.

river Latrench, on the east side of Lake St. Clair, with a fair wind — passed through the lake, more than twenty miles over, and went up the river about fifteen miles, to Isaac Dolson's, where we lodged. —

Next day, with someytf Indians in a canoe, proceeded up the river about twenty miles, toytf Edward Watson's, son of Thomas, of New York, an intimate acquaintance. The respect I felt for him and his connections induced me toytf take this tour to see him, and know how he fared here. He and his wifeytf received me kindly. They are connected with the Moravian brethren, and were very civil to me.

John Heckewelder, Indian interpreter and Moravian minister, was passenger with me as far as Dolson's, where he took horse and went up theytf river to visit his brethren at a settlement of that people. This appears to be a beautiful new country, just settling; fine wheat, corn, peas, &c. now growing, and grass in abundance; — the timber, white and black oak, cherry, hickory, black and white walnut, ash, linn, poplar, &c. I am informed it continues in that way for one hundred and fifty miles up this river — the general course of which runs about east from its mouth, and the farther up, it is said, the better the land. Theytf inhabitants here appear to want as much cultivation as the lands they liveytf on. May the Lord's power so reach their hearts, as to bring them into ytf subjection to his Divine will.

16th, ytf and first of the week, after breakfast took leave of this family in a solidytf manner, and returned to Dolson's: on theytf way, called at several houses.
where divers were collected, being much accustomed to visit each other on first-days, — among whom I had several opportunities for religious conversation, and informing them of our principles. The boat being ready for sailing, having on board about twenty-five bushels of wheat, we got under way, and had a pleasant passage to the town, where we arrived about ten o’clock in the evening. The gates being shut, we were obliged to lodge without the pickets.

17th. The boat being ready for sailing, having on board about twenty-five bushels of wheat, we got under way, and had a pleasant passage to the town, where we arrived about ten o’clock in the evening.

18th. Went early into the town — found all my dear friends well; they gave me any account of two public meetings held by them; one with the inhabitants of the town and soldiers, and a number of the officers, in the forenoon; and another in the country in the afternoon, both to pretty good satisfaction.

Jacob Lindley, William Savery, and William Harts-horne, dined with the commandant yesterday. With respect to Indian affairs, things look dull and gloomy — the commissioners not yet come forward; so that we are here in suspense with respect to the time of the opening of the treaty, and hear many frightful stories about the conduct of the Indians; but we endeavour to keep our minds quiet, trusting in the arm of divine power for preservation, and believing we are engaged in the righteous cause of promoting peace on earth and good will to men.

19th. William Savery not very well — the rest of our company, to wit, Friends, went down the river in a small boat, about four miles, to Frederick Arnold’s, where we dined — then went on foot about two miles to John Messmer’s, who is of the religious society called Dunker’s, — with whom and divers of his friends and neighbours we held a
Our landlord's boat set out for the river Rushe, with grain, to the mill. I took passage therein with William Savery. Matthew Dolson met us at the mill, and William returned with him in the evening; I stayed all night at Jacob Troxler's, Dutchman, who served his time in Jersey. The people were as kind as it was in their power. 25th. The boat with the cargo being ready, we rowed most of the way home, being about ten miles. This river is called Rushe, which signifies red, and the water appears stained with something which causes it to appear with remarkable red-ness.

26th. John Heckewelder returned from Latrench river; with him came a number of Moravian Indians, who adhere to their religion of that family of the brethren. We understand they suffered much in the time of the late war, and since, having had a number of their friends killed by the white people, with the loss of most of their substance, of which they had plenty while in their peaceable habitations at Muskingum. They were now in the sixth place of their retreat, in the British government, and on good land. Our commis-eration was excited by the above account, and we granted some relief to the amount of one hundred dollars, which they received thankfully.

27th. The Indians are every day here, on their way to the treaty. Twenty-eight are just arrived from Michillimackinac, some of whom I saw this morning; they were well dressed, curiously painted, and decorated with wampum, and ear and nose bobs; all young, and the handsomest I think I have as yet seen. They appeared good humoured and pleasant.
having, as I was informed, brought no arms or warlike instruments with them, except their bows and arrows, with flutes for music of their own making, which appeared simple, but pleasing to themselves. Some of the British officers asked them to play, which they readily did, by putting the instrument to the mouth, and sometimes to the nose; as handily to the one as the other. This evening had the company of capt. John Drake, a coaster between this and Mackinaw, distant one hundred and thirty leagues — sails in a sloop of seventy or eighty tons burthen. He gave us some account of the north-west fur trade, and the manner of its being carried on by the companies concerned, who employ many hundred men, that stay many years in the country, travelling and trading with the northern Indians for peltry; an abundance of which, of the richest kind, is brought from the high northern latitudes, which nets the companies very large profit. But among what people, or in what part of the world, except they Canadian French, could persons be found for their purpose, I know not. They are allowed a very small portion of provisions from this to the Grand Portage, at the head of Lake Superior, which is about eight hundred miles; there they are allowed about one bushel (forty-two quarts French measure) of Indian corn per man, for a year, and a little fat, which they may use at their own discretion. The corn is prepared in a curious manner at Detroit, being first boiled in strong lye, which takes off the outside hull; afterwards it is spread out and dried, then packed up for use. With this they set out, and return not until the end of the year, when a fresh
supply of goods is taken up with canoes, &c. by many hundred men to the Portage, where they exchange commodities to a very great amount. Thus goes on the trade from year to year. The men in the north live principally on fish, and their flesh of beasts of divers kinds, without bread or salt, and when they return appear as robust and healthy, and even more so than those who live on the greatest delicacies. The principal fish in Lake Superior are the white fish and salmon trout, which are fine and delicate: we have eat of them, brought fresh from their lake to this place in six days. We understand one M'Kenzie is now out with ten men, exploring the North-west Territory: he once attempted it before; was out more than a year, and discovered large frozen waters in the north, but, whether lakes or ocean, he knew not — supposed the latter, the water being salt. Captain Drake, by his own account, had been several voyages to Africa, in the horrid business of fetching slaves, which he now very much condemns. He told us many curious tales; — and is certainly a very temperate man with respect to drink, taking nothing but water — a rare instance in a seafaring man. Happy would it be for many thousands in the world, were his example followed in that respect; families would be preserved from ruin and distress, morality increase, the poor Indians be saved from many acts of violence, and the end of our creation be more fully answered by honouring God, our Creator. 28th. We are frequently visited by the officers of this place, both civil and military, who appear friendly, and treat us with much respect, often
wishing us success in our laudable undertaking; assuring us, that nothing should be wanting that lay in their power, to render us happy and comfortable. The commandant said, that if he apprehended danger at any time, he should lay his commands on us not to depart the place. But, although we sought not the protection of military power, we were not insensible of his great good will towards us, which we were not wanting to acknowledge. Visits from the Indians are almost every day repeated, by different tribes constantly coming in, this being the thoroughfare for all the northern Indians. It would be difficult to describe the various appearances they make, and languages they speak. It is wonderful to find the vast expense the British government is at with this people. Governor Simcoe said it cost them thirty thousand pounds per annum. Here are agents appointed, that are daily giving out large quantities of provision, &c. who appeared to have much concern respecting the approaching treaty, and mentioned the remembrance of some long and broad belts that were given out in former treaties, intended to bind us by the hands and arms, so that no small accident in future should be able to make separation; and, notwithstanding all that had happened, they (the Wyandots) felt some of the old affection to remain, and he hoped we would find it so at the general council; but could speak for none but themselves. We assured him we had the same love and friendship for them and all others, as our forefathers had, and that our principles had always restrained us from war; and when believed the government was disposed
We often hear many frightful things suggested; as, that we shall be either killed, or kept as hostages at the ensuing council. This, with the accounts of the Indian warriors in time past, frequently passing with numbers of scalps and their disconsolate prisoners, seemed dreadful; yet we are not discouraged from pursuing our first prospect; believing he that put us forth, will go before us, if we are not wanting on our part. It must be said to the honour of British humanity, and in commendation of this government of Upper Canada, and its truly respectable and generous officers, that they have interfered the relief of great numbers of persons, and obtained their redemption at a great price; divers of whom that we met with appeared as the outcasts of Europe; some of them, as colonel England and other officers told us, hardly had manners or gratitude to acknowledge the kindness, though in some instances it cost one hundred pounds. But in the case of a real American, they never grudged it. 30th.

First of the week. This morning we were visited by a principal man of the Wyandots, called the Blind Chief, with his nephew, grand, and great grandson; with whom we had some friendly conversation. He told us eight of their principal men were gone on to the council. We held meetings fore and afternoon in the king's sail loft, to a good degree of satisfaction; being largely attended by the citizens, officers, and soldiers, who behaved quietly. 7th mo. 1st.

Took breakfast with captain Elliot, Indian commissioner. After which, went to the burial of Isidore Shone at the Roman chapel. He was an old Indian interpreter, supposed to have shorten-
ed his days by the immoderate use of strong drink. On this occasion there was a good deal of form and ceremony, in their way. 2d. Yesterday arrived the ship Ottoway, captain Cowan, from Fort Erie. Heylf brought about eighty Indians — more than sixty were landed at Miami rapids, with colonel Butler; eighteen of the Oneidas were on board here. It was said Butler was fearful they might be hurt by some other Indians that were there, on account of some dislike they had to one of their chiefs, who had given his interest in favour of the Americans, in such a manner as to create jealousies amongst them. They, notwithstanding apprehend themselves quite safe in the British lines, where the tribes of all the nations from east, west, north, and south, are daily supplied with provisions, &c. And we hear nothing but wishes for peace among the people everywhere. This day we crossed the river in our landlord's boat, with himself, wife, &c. to his farm, where we regaled ourselves with fine ripe cherries, and towards evening returned. The weather very warm, and for many days past it has been very wet — but through divine favour we are preserved in good health. 3d. We had a visit from colonel England, who is constantly manifesting his regard in a very respectful manner. Heylf invited us to walk with him to his garden, and some of our company went. Heylf had also the company, at our lodgings, of a young Shawnee chief, neatly and richly dressed in Indian style; he stayed and dined with us, behaving with decency at table. But we sometimes find great difficulty in conversing with the Indians, in such manner as to...
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tier as we wish, on account of our interpreter's sentiments and prospects differing in some respects so widely from ours. I was this day very poorly with a fever.—

We were visited by fourteen of the Indians that came in the Ottoway, with one Shawnee, who finding our doctor M'Caskey had been with St. Clair's army at the time of the defeat, told him, you're my friend, though you ran away from me once, still in suspense, and weary of our long detention here — though we are well supplied with provisions, &c, and decently treated by our respectable landlord and landlady, as well as by the inhabitants in general, being often invited to dine, &c. In the evening I felt better and slept pretty well. 4th. The commissioners are not yet arrived —

5th. We are much confined within the narrow limits of this small garrison town, where, the streets being narrow, there is a want of air. Ay favourable opportunity presenting for a small tour on the water, we, except William Savery and William Hartshorne, went in a boat, provided by our friend William Baker, up the river about nine miles, to Nathan Williams's, where we were kindly received, and dined. His place is situate at the entrance of Lake St. Clair. While here, Nathan gave us any account, that in digging a cave for a root house, they found, about six feet below the surface of the ground, large quantities of human bones, that must have been for a long time there: and at another place on the bank of the lake, it being washed away when the lake was high, there were seen great numbers of the same kind, which they gathered up and buried. The Indians said they must have been
from people a great while ago that they knew nothing of. There is also near this lake, as we are informed, the appearance of old forts, curiously made in ancient time, where pieces of earthenware are often found, though large trees are now standing in the entrenchments, of which the present Indians can give no account. We seem pretty generally led to believe, from various circumstances, that the natives of this land must be the descendants of old Jacob, and are of the scattered tribes, who probably found their way here through Russia, and crossed over the narrow strait from Kamschatka to the west side of America. Be this as it may, we find them here in great numbers, at present a savage, barbarous people when at war, and more particularly when intoxicated with strong drink, which has been introduced by the white people that suppose themselves by far their superiors in religious and natural understanding. Happy would it have been for them and us, had we used those superior talents, in mercy conferred upon us, more to the honour of God, by following the example of our holy leader, Christ Jesus, who said he came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them. May all Christendom more and more labour to experience renovation of heart and mind, submitting and conforming to the will of heaven in all our conduct, consistent with the design of our creation. Then might we have reason to hope for a blessing on our labours, tending to stop the effusion of human blood, and the establishment of Christ's kingdom on the mountain of love and holiness, where the lion and the lamb might lie down together, there being nothing to make us afraid. In the afternoon we re-embarked and returned to
town. Wm. Savery and Wm. Hartshorne in our absence, were visited by a Shawnee warrior, who announced to them what had frequently been suggested to us before, by divers persons, that if the commissioners did not immediately agree that all the land west of the Ohio should be given up by the United States, or even hinted any thing to the contrary, by offering gifts or money as purchase, that not one of them or their company would go off the ground alive; for their fathers, who were all gone, had sold lands for knives, rum, &c. till they were now driven almost to the sun setting, where they were determined to make stand. He also pointed out very sensibly, the sad effects strong drink had on their fathers in general. He then appeared perfectly sober — informing that four days before he left the Miami Rapids, a deputation of two chiefs from a tribe, embarked for Niagara to meet the commissioners, and let them know the outlines of their conclusions; and that if the white people would settle to the banks of the Ohio on the east side, and agree that the river should be the line, they would be glad, and take them by the hand and call them brothers. But we apprehended no such power lay with the commissioners, nor of its being the design of government, — the cloud looked dark and heavy, and portended some dreadful scenes of desolation, except the Lord should be pleased, in his abundant mercy, to interpose and spare this wicked generation. The aforesaid Indian, notwithstanding his sensibility and calmness, about two hours after, returned much intoxicated with rum — behaved very rudely, and drew a stroke with his tomahawk at one Sylvester Ash, an interpreter, who had long resided with
the Shawnese, and now lives at Fort Pitt. We supposed he had a grudge against him for leaving them; but Ash prevented his doing him mischief. This, with other insolent behavior to our landlord, caused Captain Munsey, who was there, to send some soldiers to turn him out of the garrison. These things looked gloomy, and tend to confirm us that nothing short of wisdom from above will do for us to lean to.

6th. The weather is now dry and warm — the wheat is fast ripening, of which there is an appearance of very fine crops. Vegetables are plenty, such as new potatoes, peas, beans, &c. The sloop Felicity just arrived from the Miamies, confirms the account of the Indian deputation being gone to meet the commissioners at Niagara, accompanied by Colonel Butler and Simon Girty. The schooner Nancy also just arrived from Michillimackinac, with peltry — made her passage to this place in seventeen days — distance three hundred and ninety miles.

7th. First of the week. We held a meeting in the forenoon in the old sail loft; it was to good satisfaction, being large and solid. In the afternoon we went about five miles to the river — held a meeting with the inhabitants there and several who went with us from the town. This also we thought comfortable and edifying.

8th. The weather hot and sultry — a heavy thunder shower. We have no account from the commissioners — hope they may come on with the Indian deputies, if any thing is likely to be done. This is truly a trying scene to us, to be kept in this expensive place so long in suspense; yet hope it may not be altogether in vain. We think we have done the...
best we could in our present circumstances. Various reports are daily coming in, with respect to the Indians' disposition. We much desire an opportunity with them in council, if it could be come at properly, whether the commissioners come or not. The opinion of many is, there will be no general treaty. We received a letter from colonel M'Kee in answer to one written him some time ago; — says he will attend to our request, and give us every intelligence he apprehends necessary; — and yesterday, one from captain Hendricks, at the rapids of Miami, requesting some favours from us, — which were granted. And truly we have many requests, that in our present circumstances we are not able to comply with to the full. Hendricks' account is more favourable than some others we have had. He expresses a hope there will be a peace. The general cry among the gentlemen and more knowing inhabitants of this place is, for God's sake, gentlemen, don't venture yourselves to Sandusky. This we believe is from motives of entire friendship and good will to us, and makes it at times very trying. And though we have not felt any slavish fears — yet hope to move cautiously, as wisdom, which is profitable to direct, may point out their way. One of the Indians, a Delaware, that brought captain Hendricks' letter, says the western Indians keep their runners constantly out to watch the motion of general Wayne's army, from whom they have some fearful apprehensions; which we hope are groundless. We had a visit from captain Blue Jacket, a principal warrior among the Shawnee. He was in command at the defeat of St. Clair's army. He was richly dressed. His appearance is lofty and masculine.
He said he had heard of the Quakers — that they were harmless people that did not fight; and was glad now to see us. We had also a visit from several others of the same tribe. One of a solid countenance said, he heartily desired we might succeed in the great work of peace; and appeared much pleased to see us. We have several capable interpreters with us; but our sentiments being peace-ful, serious and religious, are so opposite to theirs, that when they do interpret, it is with such reluctance as puts it out of our power to relieve our minds so fully as we could wish. This day received a letter from the Moravian Indians and their minister, expressing their grateful sense of Friends' kindness to them.

10th. The sloop Detroit, bound to Mackinaw, arrived from Fort Erie in eight days. We were in hopes of letters, but were disappointed. However we understand the commissioners, with a number of Indians, are coming in the Dunmore which was nearly ready to sail, and may be soon expected, if not met with by the Chipaway, and detained by the chiefs who were to have a conference with them previous to their coming forward to the treaty.

11th. Had the company of several Indians — one of whom, David Canada, speaks good English, and interprets well. His father was a white man. He has been in Europe — appears friendly to the American interest, and says he will go with us to the treaty.

12th. We all went over the river to our landlord's farm, where we dined on provision we took with us. Spent most of the day there and visiting some neighbours. Returned in the evening.
The sloop Sagonay is just arrived from Fortyf Erie. The Dunmore was waiting for a wind, when the deputation of Indians arrived — and the commissioners returned to Navy Hall to have a conference. This is an additional disappointment, and further trial of our faith and patience. 13th. The weather fair and pleasant — the people very busy in hay-making, and some beginning their wheat harvest. In the afternoon the sloopy Speedwell arrived from Fort Erie, by which we had letters from our friends at home, and one from the commissioners, informing of their return to Navyy Hall; but that they expect to come forward in a few days. felt rather dull and heavy — my spirits low. I feel the importance of our embassy with much weight. — The dark conversation frequently heard respecting war, is truly distressing and discouraging. I am frequently led to recur back to the first principles from whence the concern took its rise; and have, as yet, cause to doubt of its propriety, although many discouraging prospects are frequently thrown in our way. We are comfortably preserved in unity. 14th. First of the week. For some days I have felt rather dull and heavy — my spirits low. I feel the importance of our embassy with much weight. — The dark conversation frequently heard respecting war, is truly distressing and discouraging. I am frequently led to recur back to the first principles from whence the concern took its rise; and have, as yet, cause to doubt of its propriety, although many discouraging prospects are frequently thrown in our way. We are comfortably preserved in unity. This day we had another meeting in the usual place, which was large and solid. 15th. Had an interview with captain Elliot, who had just returned from the Rapids, where Indians are collected; but nothing further has transpired. He appears somewhat reserved; and our anxious state of suspense still continues. We are apprehen-
sive the Indian embassy to the commissioners may prevent theyf proposed treaty. We wrote a letter to colonytf McKee, and an epistle to the Indians, to be forwarded theytf first opportunity. ytf Here we observe a species of Indian slaves called ytf Pawnees, or Punins, — who are captives takenytf by the Chipaways from the Suse, or Pawneeeytf nations. It is sorrowful to think that a nation so famed for liberty, ytf should hold them, and a number of the African race, in a state of bondageytf during life. The government here, we understand, has made some essay ytf towards their enlargement, which, it is hoped, will, in time, amount to aytf total abolition. ytf ytf ytf liot, deputy agent for Indian affairs, and againytf expressed our anxious desires to him, that a solid peace might takeytf place; we also queried if it would be proper for us, or any of our company, ytf to visit the Indians in their present council at the Rapids, where he was now about to return. Heytf told us, he thought in the present state of things, it would not beytf eligible to move that way. He gave us to understand, that the Indiansytf were generally acquainted with our being here, and our views towards them; ytf and hoped on the return of the Indian embassy, some way would open forytf our relief. For the present, we concluded to forward the letters to and theytf M'Kee Indians, by ytf Elliot, and as our having a personal interviewytf with the Indians appeared doubtful, we forwarded Friends' Address toytf them, to be read by M'Kee in case we ytf should fail of an opportunity ourselves. ytf ytf ytf having good crops: but in someytf places the grain is ytf 16th. ytf Had a solid opportunity with captainytf Elliot, and againytf expressed our anxious desires to him, that a solid peace might takeytf place; we also queried if it would be proper for us, or any of our company, ytf to visit the Indians in their present council at the Rapids, where he was now about to return. Heytf told us, he thought in the present state of things, it would not beytf eligible to move that way. He gave us to understand, that the Indiansytf were generally acquainted with our being here, and our views towards them; ytf and hoped on the return of the Indian embassy, some way would open forytf our relief. For the present, we concluded to forward the letters to and theytf M'Kee Indians, by ytf Elliot, and as our having a personal interviewytf with the Indians appeared doubtful, we forwarded Friends' Address toytf them, to be read by M'Kee in case we ytf should fail of an opportunity ourselves. ytf ytf ytf having good crops: but in someytf places the grain is ytf 17th. ytf The people are very busy in their harvest,
injured by a kind of smut, supposed to be occasioned by muchytf wet and rapid growth. ytf We have lately heard of the arrival of a number of Creeks and Cherokee Indians, inytf the neighbour hood of the Indian council — we fear, with views not ytf friendly to a peaceable accommodation of matters with the Western Indians — ytf as we hear hostilities between them and the whites have been renewedytf to the southward. These accounts are alarming and discouraging. Theytf commissioners are not yet come. We wait as patiently as we can, until weytf hear further from them. ytf ytf ytf 18th. ytf This morning had an interview with captaintytf Wellbank, who came with the detachment of ytf Cherokee and Creek Indians from the southern territory, he says, moreytft than a thousand miles, and that they were ninety days on their journey.ytf His principal business seemed to be with colonytf England , who gave immediate orders for the sloopytf Felicity to sail with him on board, to Fortytytf Erie, on his way to governortytf Simcoe. We suppose they have some matters of importance, asytf colonel England a few days ago assured us the Felicity was detained ontyft purpose to take us to Sandusky, or Fort Erie, as was most eligible, on theytf shortest notice, which looked kind and friendly to our purpose. ytf ytf ytf Divine favour, we are all inytf health ; but are still in great suspense, with respect to the event of thisytf intended treaty, which every day looks more and more discouraging.ytf Yet we think we have been in the line of our duty in coming forward andytf labouring thus far; and hope our being here may be of some use ontytf divers accounts. Some of our compa-ytf

19th. ytf The weather fair and pleasant, and through
ny walked yesterday to the spring about three miles below they town, where they had a satisfactory opportunity with some Oneida Indians that were encamped there. They seem jointly concerned with us for the accomplishment of peace. This day we were all together in the arbour in the colonel's garden, looking over some writings on Indian affairs. To this place we frequently resort as it is retired and pleasant — being indulged with this privilege by invitation from the colonel soon after our arrival here. 

20th. The harbour is now clear of shipping. — We are anxiously waiting their arrival of the Dunmore, by which we expect the commissioners, or to hear from them, hoping our detention here will be shortly closed by our going on to Sandusky, or returning to Fort Erie on our way home: which we desire humbly to submit to the wise Disposer of events.

21st. First of the week. We held a meeting in the sail loft at the tenth hour, which was a favoured time, it being large and solid. Soon after our return, we heard of the arrival of the Dunmore at the mouth of they river, by a passenger who came in her, and that the commissioners are on board, expecting to go forward soon to Sandusky. In the afternoon we had another comfortable meeting, crowned as we thought, with the Master's good presence. And now it looks likely to be a parting one, — the people behaved with remarkable quietness — manifesting much respect to us. I believe there are a few tender-hearted ones in this place that will remember us, and hope we shall not forget them; — though it is sorrowful to behold the powery and influence that
satan has too generally amongst the inhabitants of theseytf parts. Captain Gibbons, who came passenger ytf in the Dunmore, gave us the above intelligence respecting theytf commissioners, and further says, the Indian deputies and they held a veryytf friendly conference together at Navyytf Hall, and things appeared in a favourable way respecting theytf treaty. This account is more pleasant than any we have had for manyytf days past. In this fluctuating state of things we find great need to keepytf on the right bottom, so that we may not be shaken from thatytf foundation, and a humble confidence in the Divine power, which I trustytf we felt in our embarkation. ytf ytf ytf a visit to the Roman Catholic priest, who appeared to take itytf kind. We also had a short interview with the commandant, who has manifestedytf much respect to us during our long stay here, and now told us, thatytf nothing should be wanting that lay in his power to make our way easy. ytf ytf ytf 22d. ytf ytf John Parrish, Johnytf Elliott, and myself, 23d and 24th. ytf We now began to prepare for leaving Detroit. The commandant visited us at our quarters, andytf informed us he proposed going with us in the Dunmore to see theytf commissioners. It seemed very pleasant to find that respect which it isytf hoped may tend to strengthen the unity between them. — We should haveytf been glad to see the commissioners here, but understanding neither they norytf any others from a foreign state under military characters, are ytf admitted within the limits of this garrison, which includes the town thatytf consists of about one hundred houses; under which consideration we thinkytf it cause of thankfulness for the indulgence, remarkable attention, andytf kind treatment we have met with ytf
during our six weeks stay in this place. This even-
ing, paid a short visit at commissary Rinold's, who, with his wife and sensible daughter, appear to have as much solidity, uprightness, and vital religion, as any in the place. There are a few others we highly esteem, and towards whom we now feel a near affection on taking our solemn farewell. 

25th. yf

Took leave of most of our acquaintances in town and went on board Dunmore, in which were colonel England and several other officers; fell down to the mouth of the river, about fifteen miles, and landed at captain Elliot's, whose house the commissioners had taken, being large and convenient for their purpose. We were truly glad to see them, and they us. Here the vessel is ordered to lay until we are ready to go forward to Sandusky, which depends on the time the Indians say they are ready. It was pleasant to behold friendship apparent between the colonel with the other British officers, and our commissioners. This place is very agreeable; there being a large farm, with fields well stored with grain, standing in shock — supposed to be about one thousand bushels; large new barn eighty feet long and about thirty-six wide; round the house a beautiful green, on which we encamped with fourteen tents, large and small, containing our little company and the commissioners' train, with some British officers who designed to go with us to the grand treaty. The commissioners gave us the substance of what passed between them and the Indian deputies at Niagara: all which appeared encouraging, and favourably towards an accommodation. We dined and supped all together, and slept quiet and well in our tents. yf
26th. Spent the day very agreeably together, having one general table. At night we had a great rain and heavy thunder; our tents not as well fortified as might have been. Towards day some of us got very wet by the water coming in; but through Divine favour we were preserved.

27th. A fine morning. Having an opportunity to go to Detroit in a small boat with Gotlieb Sensiman, a Moravian minister from Latrench river, and three Indians of their family, we embraced it. William Savery and myself took our passage in order to do some business for the commissioners, and little for ourselves. The wind was ahead and we had to row all day's way. Went to our old quarters.

28th. First of the week. I felt weary with yesterday's hard rowing, and almost ready to give out the prospect of a meeting. But towards evening, at about an hour's notice, we met at the old sail loft with many of the inhabitants, who appeared glad of the opportunity, and it was satisfactory to ourselves.

29th. The colonel's boat going down the river to our camp, with captains Freeman and Broadhead, we were invited to return with them; but our business not being completed, I concluded to stay, and take my passage in the schooner Nancy, bound to Fort Erie, and William Savery went with the officers.

30th. I went on board the schooner, and near night landed at our camp, where I was informed a deputation of Indians from the Rapids had been here, and held a conference with them. They appeared uneasy with what had passed at Niagara, asserting that nothing short of Ohio river being the line, would satisfy them; they requested the commissioners’
answeryf to-morrow, on that head, and re-
tired over the river. This unexpectedyf change look-
ed again discouraging; believing our worthy com-
missionersyf had nothing but upright views in their
proceedings, consistent with theyf trust reposed in them
by the government of the United States. Though
yf what their views are, is yet unknown to us; but we
hope, and expect, theyyf will be generous and liberal,
evincing to the world that the presentyf proceedings
and designs of the United Statesyf are founded on
reason, equity, and justice. And so far as this may
beyf the case, we hope the Lord may be on our side,
in this our tryingyf situation. yf yf yf 31st. yf
being seated on the beautifulyf green in the shade of
some trees, the commissioners came forth withyf their
speech in writing, which was interpreted by Tho-
mas Jones, from the Genesee, in the Seneca lan-
guage. In it was contained manyyf candid and gen-
erous proposals; but not coming up so fully to their
yf demands as they seemed to wish, they declined to
make any reply at present.yf But having the paper
given to them, said they would consider ityf mature-
ly, and return an answer tomorrow. On which the
council brokeyf up, and the Indians returned again to
yf Whitewood Island, opposite to our camp.yf Among
these were the chiefs often different nations, who ap-
peared inyf council solid and sober. yf yf yf
morning early, and being seated, theyf Wyandot chief
called Carry-all-about, whose name signifies King of
yf all the western nations up the Lakes, — made a short
speech, importing.yf That many treaties had been
held at different placesyf from time to time, wherein
yf

In the afternoon the Indians came over, and
you say lands have been purchased; but would ac-
knowledge, no legal and permanent conveyance
since the treaty at Fort Stanwix, twenty-five years
ago. Soyf that the lands on this side the Ohio
are ours, and the lands on the other side are yours. —
And youyt may go home and tell Washington what
yt we say. We understand all you said to us very
well, and we expect youyt understand us.yt Simon
Girty was their interpreter. Afteryt rising up and
stepping off a few yards, they found a mistake in
yt expression, and recalled their words, desiring the
commissioners would stayyt where they are, till they
could go to the council and return with anyyt answer,
which, if favoured with wind and weather, may be
accomplishedyt in about five days. We had some de-
sire to go with them to the Rapids, as captainyt El-
lion, captain Thomasyt M’Kee, and others were go-
ing to the council. But this wasyt not approbated;
and as our letters sent by captainyt Elliot had not
been forwarded by him on account of hisyt meeting
the commissioners here, who thought proper to de-
tain them, yt conflcting we should have an opportu-
nity shortly to see them ourselves, —yt after opening
and reading them, and adding a short postscript, we
wereyt encouraged to send them forward, though at a
late stage.ytyt 2d.yt Towards evening, several of us in company
with our good old general, took ayt walk up the river
about a mile, and drank tea at Jamesyt Colwell’s. The
result of this great business is cause ofyt much close
exercise at times — our minds being made sensible
thatyt nothing but supernatural wisdom will do for us
to lean to. ytyt 3d.yt The sloop Detroit came to, here, on her way
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to Fort Erie, from Michillimackinac, loaded with peltry, having on board three hundred and thirty-three packs, the greatest part supposed to be worth twenty guineas each. So great is the fur trade in this country, that it is almost beyond description. In the afternoon, John Elliott and myself took a walk to Simon Girty's, and from thence about half a mile further down the lake, where we saw some plain traces of one of the very old forts, among the many that are in divers parts of this country, of which the present Indians can give no account from tradition or otherwise. First of the week. We held a small meeting at Simon Girty's, we hope to profit: — himself gone to the Indian council with the deputies that were here from the Rapids. William Savery and myself being comrades in a small tent, our bedding got a good deal wet with the great rain that fell today, and having no opportunity for drying, we slept on them as they were. In the morning, felt well, which is an additional cause of thankfulness for the many favours we have received. We have frequent visits from the town, — and this day came James Abbot, William Bow, and — Sportsman, in a small sail boat. Our friend John Parrish, paid a visit to the Wyandot Indian town about four miles from our camp. This night was the most general complaint of the musketoes I have yet heard since our encamping here. Most of us got little sleep either in the house, tents, or on ship board. Towards day the weather grew colder — wind N. W. which caused an increase of musketoes in our tents. One of the servants of captain Elliot, called
ytf Toby, a Pawnee slave, who has lain near a year in a consumption, died about two o'clock this afternoon. I was with him for about an hour before he departed, and speaking with him about fifteen minutes before he breathed his last, found he was sensible of death being upon him. He said he understood all I said to him, and was glad he was noticed in his last moments. I think I never saw before so hasty a burial. His coffin was made immediately, and his interment took place about sunset, in a grave near-by on the bank of the river, attended by about twenty people, whites, blacks, and Indians. This was the end of poor Toby.

7th. I was at captain William Colwell's, and towards evening walked to Simon Girty's. At night the wind came strong from the south, with much rain. William and I got a little wet again, but are preserved in health.

8th. Two Indians came from the Rapids, by whom we received letters from captain Hendricks, chief of the Five Nations, announcing his opinion there will be peace. This was pleasant, indeed, and we sat up this evening, conversing with the commissioners till past eleven o'clock. Slept well, being clear of musketoes.

9th. William Savery and myself dined on board the ship that rides nearly opposite our camp. This evening came in several more Indians from the Rapids, whose reports agree in substance with captain Hendricks' letters. They were treated with a glass a piece and encamped near by; but a canoe coming from Detroit with rum, they were made very noisy. This, with the musketoes, caused little sleep.

10th. Great looking out for the boat's return from
the council, for which we are very anxious. The
seasonytf advancing, and the great distance we are
from home, together with theytf continued uncertainty
of succeeding, according to our wishes, in theytf great
business we are engaged in, accompanied with other
unpleasantytf circumstances, give us at times some very
disagreeable sensations. Yet onytf the whole, we are
preserved in a good degree of patience, stillytf believing
our coming out was right, be the event as it may. ytf ytf ytf
pidsytf to alleviate our strong desires and anxiety to see
the Indians.ytf With some difficulty we got to Grose
ytf Isle, where we held a meeting with some of its in-
habitantsytf and divers from the main, to a good de-
gree of satisfaction. This morning,ytf Jasper Parrish,
who had been expressytf to Philadelphia, the second
time, arrived in the ship Ottoway, from Fortytf Erie,
by whom we received many letters from home. ytf ytf ytf
tine. William Savery and Jasper Parrishytf both
poorly. At night our rest was much disturbed by
theytf musketoes. We have frequent visits from small
parties of Indians, whoytf sometimes find means to get
too much rum, and are then troublesome;ytf otherwise
they are quiet and civil. Fresh provisions are plen-
ty here;ytf but rate very high. Sheep from four to
six dollars, not large. ytf ytf ytf 13th. ytf No remarkable occurrence. We are still
looking earnestly for the boats fromytf the great In-
dian council. ytf ytf ytf 14th. ytf This day we had the company of captain
ytf Wellbank, who returned some days ago from Nia-
gara. He gave the commissioners much the same
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account we received from him at Detroit the 18th ultimo. 15th. Felt dull and heavy in body and mind --
We have a Wyandot Indian, who stays much with us. He often goes out to hunt, and brings in plenty of ducks, &c. for which he gets well paid. He appears to be a sensible man, speaks many languages in the Indian tongue and some English. Two men came from the other side of the river, and informed the boats were coming from the council to invite us to the treaty. 16th. In the afternoon came two young Indian men, (Wyandots) they looked wild and afraid; one of them was introduced to general Lincoln, and handed him a message in writing, from the great council, informing, that several treaties at Fort M‘Intosh, Miami, Muskingum, &c, where lands had been ceded by two or three nations only, were not valid, as they had no right to cede lands. And as for the large sums of money proposed to be given for their country, they did not want it, and a great many of them did not know they use of it: therefore desired it might be applied with the proposed salary, to the indemnification of the settlers north of Ohio. And as they supposed they were mostly poor people, or they would not have settled on disputed lands, they now proposed that government should give the money to them. It would be a sufficient compensation to those settlers, and might induce them to move quietly somewhere else, out of the Indian country — and make the Ohio the boundary: for it was their land. And signified, as the land to the westward was filled up, they had nowhere to repair to, and were now determined to lay
ytf their bones in that country. As to the concessions
the commissionersytf proposed making, by giving mo-
ney, they did not want it; and running a newytf line
was but giving them a part of their own land. And
as toytf disclaiming the right to all their country by
virtue of the peace made withytf the king, their father,
they knew they never were conquered, and theytf pre-
emption right agreed on by the British and United
States,ytf concerning the purchasing of their country,
could not be binding on them;ytf for they supposed
they had a right to sell their lands to whom they
ytf pleased. Upon the whole, it was received as a very
contemptible speech, byytf our commissioners — which
soon appeared to be the case, as the baggageytf was
ordered on board, and caused an alarm in our camp. ytf Some for safety proposed to lodge on board the ship,
and divers tents wereytf struck. Some went on board,
and others took to the house for safety. Thisytf pros-
pect, all on a sudden, looked gloomy, and Friends
got together toytf feel if any thing further opened for
us to do. We felt much shut up; — andytf as we had
never been called into council with the commission-
ers, norytf had any public conference with the Indians,
we were obliged to bear our ownytf burthens, and sub-
mit the awful subject to the interposition of theytf Di-
vine hand, and turn our faces homeward to our dear
friends andytf connections, in hopes of reaching our
Yearly Meeting. ytf This evening, two runners who were despatched
three days ago, returned withytf a verbal message from
the Five Nations, whoytf expected us to come for-
ward, and were moving six miles down the riverytf to
meet us. They having all along appeared very
friendly to theytf United States, this appeared an art-
ful manoeuvre, on one side or the other. It was somewhat extraordinary to hear general Lincoln express, that they had received just such an answer as he could have wished. What his meaning was, is unknown. Friends slept in their tents heretofore, I believe with little fear. We were hurried on board soon after breakfast, with the remainder of "our baggage. Two runners were dispatched by the commissioners to the Six Nations, the object unknown to us. About eleven o'clock, we were all on board, and stood down the river into the lake. My mind felt sorrowful and very heavy, reflecting on the important subject of our journey; but I could see nothing omitted on our part, to give uneasiness: so I endeavoured to rest quiet, leaving the event to Him who judgeth righteously. In this part of the world, but little morality, law, or religion, appears to govern people, though the climate is blessed with health and there is plenty of the good things of this life; nothing being wanting but industry and thankful hearts. We were hurried on board soon after break-

First of the week. We came to anchor among a cluster of islands in the west end of the lake; of which there is said to be about thirty, great and small. Some of them produce abundance of red cedar, much used in shipbuilding — there are also raccoons and many other wild animals on them. We stood out into the open lake with pleasant weather. Had a season of solid retirement in the cabin, with a few of our fellow passengers, to a good degree of satisfaction and comfort; though held in much contempt by others, who supposed themselves wise and good enough already. ytf
Light head wind. We have thirty-one passengers on board, besides the ship's crew and marines. Provisions plenty — poultry, sheep, hogs — and two bears belonging to captain Bunbury. We passed the mouth of Cayahoga river, and in sight of the Looming-hills on the south shore, land claimed and held by the Delaware Indians. — The light and trivial conversation on board accompanied with such a degree of profanity in language and behavior one to another, at times, was truly distressing, though otherwise we were as comfortably accommodated as the nature of our situation would admit. We anchored at Fort Erie. — 23d. Rainy, no goods or baggage could be landed, as the lake was rough, which caused a great surf. 24th. Morning fair and calm — a great stir, hoisting out casks, trunks, &c. The commissioners preparing to set forward, some by water, others by land. William Savery and William Hartshorne are to go with general Lincoln, by Ontario. Jacoby Lindley is provided with a horse by the commissioners, and goes by land; so that we are all busily engaged fixing our baggage each in his own way, clearing off all expenses for passage, &c. And truly we may say, by this time, we became pretty much stript of our contents of our purses, and a great deal of our stock of provisions, &c. John Elliott and John Parrish went on shore in the afternoon, to get to some Friend's house. Jacoby Lindley and myself went in the evening to the house of Benjamin Willson, who had been on board with us all the afternoon. I felt myself in some measure, like one let out of prison. Here we were kindly treated and lodged; proposing to visit a
number of Friends and friendly people, in and about
this neighborhood, before we set out for home;
which seemed annexed to my concern in coming
forth to this country, to attend the proposed treaty
with the Indians. 25th. First of the week. We held a public meet-
ing, and visited a few families — towards evening,
got to Asa Schooley's, where John Parrish came to
us. Here we lodged. 26th. John Elliott came to us this morning — so
that we are now all together again. We went to John
Herrit's, son-in-law to Asa Schooley, had a sitting
there and returned to Asa's — there had a solid op-
portunity with his family and the family of John
Cutler. After which, went to Daniel
Pound's and lodged. 27th. We held a public meeting at Joseph
Haven's, which was large and favoured; at the close,
we had a select opportunity with such as profess
with Friends, a number of them being members, to
whom some interesting matters of advice were communicated. Upon the whole, we thought it a very
solid and profitable opportunity, many hearts being
tendered; for whom, in their lonely situation, we
were brought into near sympathy. We parted from
them in much love. John Parrish and myself went
to Ezekiel Dennis's, up the side of Lake Erie about
six miles, point Ebino, where we were kind-
ly entertained and lodged. I think when the meet-
ing was select as above mentioned, there was in the
whole, young and old, about forty — many decent
looking young people, with innocent countenances,
were present; on account of whom I felt much con-
cern for their religious and school education.
28th. Set out and rode up the beautiful beach on the lake shore, about ten miles to what is called the Sugar Loaf, a point of land extending out in the lake, with a remarkable round hill, at a distance resembling sugar loaf. Here we visited seven families, and returned in the evening to our friend Asa Schooley’s.

29th. With divers other Friends, we went about twelve miles to esquire Powell’s, where we had a large public meeting of Friends and others, to much satisfaction to ourselves, and believe it was so to the auditory. They behaved quiet, and with becoming decency. After which many Friends took leave of us in much love and tenderness, and departed to their several homes. We dined with the esquire, being freely and liberally entertained. Afterwards I rode about four miles to the fort, and went on board the Dunmore on a small errand, with our friend William Lundy, who having heard of our being here, came about twenty miles to see us, and was at the meeting to-day. In the evening went to our friend Benjamin Willson’s — leaving the other Friends at Powell’s. John Elliott had been very poorly with the ague and fever — am fearful he will hardly be able to ride very soon, which is now a great trial to us, being very desirous to move towards home — Having had the two public meetings above mentioned, and visited most of the families and Friends in this country, to wit, Asa Schooley, Joseph Havens, Obadiah Dennis, Abraham Webster, John Cutler, John Hill, Benjamin Hill, Jeremiah Moore, (Abraham Laing, and Benjamin Canby, single men) John Taylor, Joshua Gillam, Joseph Marsh, Adam Burwell, Daniel Pound, William Lundy, Thomas Rice, William Lundy,
James Crawford, Enochytf     Scrigley, Samuel Taylor, ytf Ezekiel Dennis, and several others. ytf ytf ytf of the country. This morning theytf other Friends came to me at Benjaminytf     Willson's. Jasper Parrish ytf we hear is very poorly at the landing, not able to return. We felt loth toytf leave him, but understand- ytf ytf ytf ing generally Chapin, with whom he has his home, is expected to be here inytf about a week, we were the more easy to leave him. ytf ytf ytf 31st. ytf ytf seems very willing to move forward. We waited this morning for Abraham Laing, a young man who is going to theytf States, and is very desirous of our company. Then went to Powell's, and thence to ytf Windecker's, the ferryman, where Abraham Laing came to us — we crossed over andtytf went three miles to Cornelius Winney's, atytf     Buffalo creek. Here we stayed, asytf there is no house between this and the ytf Genesee, which is called seventy-five miles. ytf see —ytf rode about forty miles; night came on, and we halted by the side of a smalltytf brook, and began to make preparation for a shelter, but a cloud cameytf on with heavy thunder and rain. We made out to get a fire kindled,ytf which was a comfort to us; but we got very wet. The wind being high, ytf several trees fell near us, which was somewhat alarming. The gust heldytf about two hours, and then cleared up with bright starlight the remainder ofytf the night. We all lay before the fire, in the best manner we could,ytf in our wet situation, got some sleep, but were some what afflicted withytf the musketoes. On the whole, we thought ourselves much favoured. ytf
We were up early, looked out for our horses, put on our kettle, and made a good dish of chocolate, wherein our friend Johny Parrish, was principal director — then set out and rode about thirty-five miles to the Genesee river, which we crossed by fording, and put up at John Gilbert Berry's, where we were comfortably entertained. After writing letters to general Chapin at Canandaigua, captain Bunbury at Niagara, and captain Hendricks, a chief among the Five Nations, we rode sixteen miles to James Miller's, superintendent of Williamsburgh farm, where we put up for the night, there being no place for lodging short of forty miles further. Among the many Indians resorting about Berry's, we saw a woman, said to be a hundred years old. In conversation with her, and admiring her grey hair, she assigned as a reason for her long life, that she was always kind and good, and against all quarrels; therefore God had spared her to see the sun a long time; pointing up to it. This morning we took a wrong road and had to return, by which we lost about ten miles, so that we were not able to reach Bath, and lodged at the same old Indian cabin we were at in going up in the spring, eleven miles short of the place we aimed at. We struck up a fire and slept pretty comfortably. We rode to Bath, and late in the evening got to colonel Lindley's, where we put up, having rode about forty miles. We were up early, proposing to reach the Block-house, distant about forty miles, but having our young friend Abraham Laing in company, with a poor little horse that tired on the way, our pro-
gress was retarded, so that we were benighted in very dark thick woods, and were obliged to alight. There, tying up our horses to the trees, with much difficulty we kindled a fire, and lay on the ground, which, with our clothes, were wet with rain. We kept up our fire, got little sleep, wishing for day, and were glad when it appeared. We left Abraham Laing with his tired horses about eight miles back, where there is a small cabin in the woods. rode two miles to the Block-house, where we took breakfast, and gave our horses as much oats as we thought would be useful. Being thus refreshed, we set out, leaving Abraham Laing to come on as well as he could, in hopes that he may overtake us at Muncy. We rode seventeen miles to James Kyle's, and dined — thence fourteen miles to our friend Samuel Harris's, at Loyalsock, where John Parrish and myself lodged, leaving Jacob Lindley and John Elliott five miles back to get their horses shod. Here we heard of great sickness in Philadelphia. Lindley and John Elliott came up, and we went to Muncy meeting. Here we met with a number of our dear friends. This seemed very pleasant, and we had a solid, favoured time together. After which we went to our friend Samuel Wallace's and dined, then disposed of ourselves several places to lodge. I went to Henry Parker's. We all felt a little of the effects, of lying in the damp woods in our wet clothes, and hard travelling for two days past, with rough roads, and crossing many creeks; one called Trout run, we crossed thirty times, and Lycoming creek seven times — with several large mountains,
one of which was a part of the Alleghany. The sickness in Philadelphia confirmed in every place. Not feeling quite clear of this neighborhood, we held another meeting at Muncy meeting house, which was larger than yesterday, and much favoured. After dinner, went back six miles to Samuel Harris's, over the very large and rapid creek called Loyalsock. Here had a large and satisfactory meeting. Most of our company returned, but I stayed here. Our friend S. H., an ancient man, has lain poorly for some time, and not likely to continue long. He seems quiet and calm, and told me this morning, he felt bravely refreshed, and much satisfied with the meeting and the company of his friends. I took a solemn leave of him and his family, and proceeded to Wallace's. Then all set out together, and rode to William Ellis's, where we settled the running accounts we had among ourselves. Our friend Jacob Lindley concluded here to leave us, and proceed home by way of Harrisburgh. We then went on, having Joseph Carpenter for a guide, eighteen miles toward Catawissa, and put up at our friend John Eves's, at Fishing creek, where we were kindly entertained. Here we had a meeting with a few Friends and divers of their neighbours, in a school house, to a good degree of satisfaction and comfort. Set out in company with Isaac James, brother to John, in Philadelphia, and rode about twelve miles to Catawissa, crossing the north-east branch of the Susquehanna, and put up at our friend John Lloyd's. Here is a small town of about thirty buildings. I lodged at James Watson's, Parrish at John Lloyd's,
poorly, John Elliott stopped about eight miles short of this, at John Willson's. 12th. John Elliott came to us this morning. On his way he called to see an ancient Friend, now in the ninety-seventh year of her age. We had no public meeting here, but visited most of the families of Friends in town, wherein our friend Parish had good service, and was much favoured. In the afternoon we rode about nine miles to Roaring creek. This part of the country is hilly and mountainous, the valleys interspersed with good farms. Many Friends are settled hereabouts. Lodged at Moses Starr's. 13th. Rode twenty-six miles to Cold Run, and put up at Samuel Webb's, having crossed Little Mountain, Mahony, Broad, Locust, and Tuscarora mountains. Great part of the way very rough and stony. 14th. Set out and rode seven miles to Richard Stephens's — thence to Harkerstown. We here met with our friend Mordecai Lee, who had heard of our coming, and came to meet us. We went home with him. 15th. First of the week. Joseph Wright, living in one part of the house with his family, has lately been afflicted with the bloody flux, by which he had lost three children. Divers Friends came here to see us, viz. John Starr, Thomas Wright, Levi Pil-lington, &c. We all attended their meeting — and after dinner proceeded nine miles to Reading, where we put up at Samuel Jackson's. — The sickness, and distress in consequence thereof, we still hear confirmed, and much talked of, still raging to a great degree in Philadelphia — which, I
expect will be a trying circumstance to many friends
in theyf country, in getting to our ensuing Yearly
Meeting. May the good hand beyf near to help us. ytf ytf ytf
us. He left the city yesterday, andyf confirms the
accounts of the sickness and mortality to be quite
equalyf to what we have heard — and that the principal
nurses for the sick, andyf buriers of the dead, are the
blacks, of whom it is said, very few or noneyf have
yet taken the disorder. After breakfast we set out
and rodeyf twenty-three miles to Joseph Potts's,
whereyf we lodged. Here we again heard much of
the distressed situation ofyf Philadelphia. Our friend
ytf John Elliott left Johnyf Parrish and myself here, pro-
posing to ride into town thisyf evening to his family. ytf ytf yf
with a cold, and very hoarse; butyf through favour, this
morning, feel some better. Johnyf Parrish was taken
in a carriage by a friend, proposing to goyf to Darby,
where he understands his wifeyf was gone, intending
to go by John Field's,yf who with many others are
out of town. At the same time I set out withyf my
friend Joseph Potts, and rode nine milesyf to German-
town. Called at Henry Drinker's, who with his
family were here.yf From thence went with Henry
to John Pemberton's, who was here also with hisyf
family. Having heard that Beverleyf Randolph was
at his cousin Edmundyf Randolph's, the attorney ge-
neral of the United States,yf about three miles from
this, and being desirous to see him, towardsyf even-
ing, John Pemberton, Henry Drinker and myself
went there inyf John's carriage. We were glad to see
yf each other again, and after spending about an hour
and a half together inyf free conversation, returned to
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Germantown, where I lodged at my friend John Johnson's. The weather dry and warm — thought to be rather unfavorable to the sick in the city, where deaths and burials are frequent through the day. —

Here I met with my friend Sarah Lundy, who is on her way to the Yearly Meeting, and a proposed visit to the Southern States. Also, again met with my dear friend, William Savery, who came in last evening, his wife being here, and having taken lodgings at Caspary Haines's. We were all together at their preparative meeting, where divers weighty testimonies were delivered by Sarah Lundy and others; and solemn supplication by William Savery.

Wm. Hartshorne returned home from New York, well. This being the day for opening our select Yearly Meeting, it was exceedingly trying to many Friends, on account of the prevailing and mortal disorder raging in the city, where it is said from a hundred to a hundred and fifty of a day, have been taken to their graves. I was much exercised in mind on that account, being yet poorly with my cold, which I now apprehend to be what is commonly called the influenza; — however, on the whole, I thought I felt most easy to go forward, and rode into Philadelphia, attended the meeting at Fourth street, which was a solid, favoured time, though very small. There were some Friends from every Quarter, though many of the representatives were absent. I think from one meeting there was but one answered. The number on the women's side of the house, in the whole, twenty-four. I dined at Thomas Wistar's, and towards evening returned to
Germantown, feeling myself very poorly with great debility. While in the city, I had occasion to pass by Friends' burial ground, the Potter's field, and several others. The prospect was awful and alarming, to behold the many new graves, and others digging, with the hearse standing, and some coming and going — most of which were attended by the black people, whom it is said the disorder has not reached. This is a token of mercy, mixed with judgment, both to them and the whites, they being the principal nurses and carriers of the dead. I am hardly able to describe my feelings on the present occasion, believing it to be all in wisdom, and hoping it may have a tendency to bring the lofty from their seats, and beget greater humility than has of latter time appeared in that highly favoured city. same as many days past. I felt very weak and poorly; did not go out to meeting, but kept in my quarters, where I was very kindly and tenderly treated, wanting for nothing the house could afford to make me comfortable. John Johnson and his wife Rachel, appearing to be tender-hearted, sympathizing friends, blessed with a plenty of good things of this life, and an open disposition to communicate freely to those that are in need. May the Lord reward them, as good stewards of the manifold favours received.

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23rd. This day our general Yearly Meeting begins at ten o'clock in the morning. I much desired to be there; but remaining poorly, concluded to lay by another day for rest. I think I now feel the effects of hard riding through the wilderness, and lying on the damp ground; being stiffened, with soreness in my bones. John Elliott, I hear, has been
1795 7th month.

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8th. No. 3 of 8 We had two meetings here, one of which was held in S. M. Moore's large and satisfactory, and the other on a mountain not far off. I marvelled at the kindness of the people, and their openness to receive. On the 4th we set forward for Annapolis, and that afternoon had a Meeting at Randolph, and though very rainy, it was large and very satisfactory. The next day had a Meeting in a Baptist Meeting house near, and another about ten miles off. Both were prouder season, and the people open-hearted & kind.

6th. This day we reached to Annapolis, & from thence went to Edward W. Thornhill, who kindly took us in his Boat to Digby about nine miles. This a small Town of about 100 houses, standing on the Bayon as called, at the mouth of Annapolis river, where that empties through a narrow passage into the Bay of Fundy. Here the tide it is said rises 30 feet.

5th. A large room in the Tavern where we lodged, was freely offered to hold Meetings in, which was this day occupied, and a large Meeting held there to good satisfaction, to the tendering of some hearts. We were requested to stay longer, & have more Meetings, but intending to cross...
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the Bay that in a Vessel which was to sail that afternoon for New-Brunswick; we thought it best to take leave of them and go on board. We were on the water all night, which was to me very trying, as the motion of the Vessel caused me to be very sick. In about 22 hours we landed; it is called about forty miles from Digby to this place. One who was called a Bishop of the Church of England, was with us on board of this Vessel. This man was respectful, and desired to see my Certificate; on its being shewn to him, he commended it, and the Order settled among friends: saying, It well agreed with his Sentiments. After this his kindness towards me increased, for he came frequently to enquire how I was; saying, Friend Evans, are you any better. And when we parted, he gave me his blessing, as also others did in their way. At New-Brunswick we had two large and favoured Meetings, to the tendering of many hearts, and bringing known to the Cause of Truth; many expressed their satisfaction, and I admired their solid sitting, as there was long silence, and a number of them never, at any of our Meetings. It was the Lord's mercy, Blessed be his great Name; I am but as a worm, and no man. Many of the People here away, have had an education amongst Friends, and are friendly; But appear to be as sheep without a Shepherd. I felt Love flowing towards them; and thoughts great openness appear this town towards the Doctrine of Truth; a number expressing their tend
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We proceeded then about 20 miles to Passamoquddy, at the mouth of the river Saint Croix; and from thence the next day, by Water to Machias in the province of Maine. Here, altho' no member of our Society resided in the place, we had two large and satisfactory meetings. They people desired us to stay longer, and have more. But I have found it safest to leave the people hungring, rather than to stay to make additions. I wish all who travel on Truth's Account to guard against the Activity of the Creature, lest a good savour be not left among Strangers.
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17th. Being kindly supplied with Horses & a man to take them back, we went on to Pleasant River, about 20 miles towards Penobscot; & there we found there appears to be much Openly amongst the inhabitants of this Eastern Country towards Dr Friends: I thought it looked as tho' the fields were white unto Harvest; and that many were weary of their Teachers. We had a small solid Meeting here the next day; after which we crossed the River to Richard Coffins.

18th. Having Horses and a man to take them back, we came about 30 miles to French-man's Bay, and the next day we reached to the house of Paul Dudley who was a very kind man: He offered his Boat and hands to take us near 30 miles; it being rainy we tarried here till the day following, and then were taken down Frenchmen's Bay to the Blue Hills. On the way to Penobscot we had a pleasant Passage; and I had to admire the goodness of the Lord in opening & preparing my way. Blessed be his excellent Name; do my soul say, tremblingly, in awful fear and love. — The next day we hired Horses to cross a neck of Land about six miles; and then went by water to Penobscot. Feeling Poor in mind, and hearing of an opportunity to go on further by water, we had like to have gone. But perceiving an Opening unexpectedly for a Meeting here next day, we concluded to tarry, having one in the morning, and also another in the afternoon. Lid and profitable, I hope! The people's behaviour was commendable. I was comforted; and some benefit perhaps was received by individuals among the
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After leaving Penobscot we crossed the bay about 14 miles to Duck trap, and had a small solid meeting among the People there that afternoon, they behaved well. The next day we hired a man and horses to take us to Camden on Penobscot bay; and on the day following had a smallish meeting there, which Dr. Morgan was present at. Here I bought a horse, bridle and saddle, and rode to Broad Bay, where we had a satisfactory meeting at the widow Chapman's house, in which deep impressions were made on some minds, and we were brought near to each other, altho' outwardly strangers. In the afternoon we proceeded about 15 miles to the Widow Kennedy's near Sheepdog Bay, and on the day following reached our friend Jeremiah Jacker at Durham; from hence proceeding to Falmouth, in company of several friends, on first day were at meeting here, which was as I thought poor and dull. The weather was warm and riding thus on horseback was trying to my shattered condition; yet I am favoured: All praise belongs to the Lord; I have been fully convinced in this my pilgrimage-like journey for the good of souls, that nothing belongs to man, nor the contrivance of men in putting forward the Lord's work. From Falmouth we came to Sandwich, where we had two or three meetings, one of which was public. The other with our friend selected. These were exercising, but I believe they stood well. Hard labour and much poverty seem to be my allotment. But let me not murmur.
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The Lord has hitherto helped me. From hence we are to place we arrived on the 4th. I was much weary. We had two Meetings they day following, being first day; One of them was held in School-house in a good degree solid; the other in a Baptist Meeting house, large, but interrupted by the people's going out and in: It is often so, when we consent to hold meetings in houses which belong to People of other Societies. I believe we ought carefully to feel our way, even when their houses are offered freely. Here I met with my friend Henry Hull from Nine Partners. I had a Meeting in Sharon near Bassett's, which was large; but it suffered Loss by a friend's speaking rather too much about his own Convincement: My Mind was distressed hereby; And my desires are that Friends of the Ministry may be well guarded against branching out improperly, when silence might be more useful near a Meeting's Conclusion. We now set out for Danby through a Mountainous Country, which we reached the next day. My journey since I left my habitation, I think amounts to near two thousand Miles by land and Water till came to this place; And I am thankful that I feel in good measure Comfortable after the Fatigue which has attended such a long Travel. We next day had a favoured meeting at Mountholly on the green mountain in Vermont, where no Meeting of Friends was ever held.
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held before. The people sat commendably; several of them invited us to their houses. But believing myself clear, I chose rather to leave them in the hand of the Lord. Near Walling's valley, a little village, we had a large & good meeting; where there had not been any held by friends before. A Baptist minister was present, who seemed to be tender. The height of the mountains here seemed awful, exceeding any that I had seen. Some people suppose that much more rain and snow fall on them than doth in a level country. Oh, the sympathy I have perceived for those who dwell in these rough places; many of them in poor cottage, covered with bark, or straw.

I was at Danby meeting again, it being the first of the week, and seemed to be a dull season; yet some ability to labour amongst them was afforded; several things opened in my mind concerning the free use of distilled spirits, India Tea, and tobacco, and I had to tell the people. I was apprehensive these things were not introduced amongst us by the dictates of Truth, but that they rather came in by stealth, as a thief in the night, and stand behind the curtain of custom (as many other evils do), causing weakness among us, a people. Yet that I believed the Lord's refining work would go forward, & prevail over all opposition, but gradually, and
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and that a reformation is begun; Therefore let not the little ones be discouraged; For though the first who step forth to change evil customs may meet with exercise and sore conflicts, yet as they stand single, keep humbly resigned to the Lord’s disposal, their reward will be sure. — Leaving Danby I came to Easton; and on the 16th crossed the North River to the week day meeting at Saratoga, which was a trying season. — The day following I went back to their Monthly meeting at Easton; at the close where of the Shutter were opened at my request, and I was exercised in close labour with Friends of both sects on the subject of a reformation, having to touch on the particular things which, as above, were mentioned at Danby. Also on the hour arising from extensive Trade, with that of declining to use our own country produce, Advising that children be brought up to industry, of Travelling to White Creek, the following day, I had a large and solid meeting there, after which an aged man came to me, and said, "tho’ I had thought much of being a Quaker, yet had been afraid to join them, but this day the Truth had been declared to his heart; and at parting, he expressed his wish that the Lord might prosper the work in my hand. — The following first I was Pittstown meeting, the first which was held in their new Meeting house, being a large gathering; I believe the Truth was in Dominion among us, and it is marvelling to see such a mixed multitude sit so stillly solid.
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23rd. The next Meeting was among friends of Zemel's Patent, large and solid. At the close of the public sitting, I had an opportunity with friends by themselves, where we opened for close labour respecting the necessity of reformation, as things amongst them were much out of order and too much lukewarmness prevalent. I was also at their monthly meeting next day, where I was engaged to labour with both sexes, on the necessity of reformation, and had to touch on the same subjects as in other places, concerning Foreign Trade, Rum, Indick Tea, Tobacco, exhorting to that of more true moderation, temperance, with the life of our own country Produce. ————

26th. After that I had a meeting at Aldenhill, a solid favoured season, said to be the largest known to be in that place; A hope was expressed by some that the Lord would bless my labours.

27th. The next was at New Brittain, a large and solid meeting; and another at Steven-town in the afternoon, where power was given to labour fervently for the good of souls. —— I am this day 64 years old; and am at times deeply humbled in beholding how my way has been opened, and every kindness necessary witnessed from all sorts of people, with a capacity to undergo hard travelling, hard scenes and places, where to human view it seemed impossible. In the arm of the Lord is all strength and sufficiency. ————

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The next Meeting was among friends of Queman's Patent Organization. The gathering was large and solid. At the close of the public sitting, I had an opportunity with friends by themselves. Here way opened for close and labour respecting the necessity of reformation, as things amongst them were much out of Order, and too much lukewarmness prevalent. I was also at their monthly meeting next day, where I was engaged to labour with both Sexes, on the necessity of reformation, and had to touch on the same Subjects as in other Places, concerning Foreign Trade, Rum, India Tea, Tobacco &c, exhorting to that of more true moderation, temperance &c, with the use of our own country Produce.

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This Morning I visited a Settlement of the People called Shakers, who seemed to receive me kindly, yet were much reserved. I informed them I had felt my mind drawn to visit them in love, and if they were free to sit down with us, if anything arisen in any of our minds, we might speak freely, adding also that I had often heard of them, but did not see any of their sort before now. One of them then said, he expected some things reported of them might be true, and some false. He then leaving us, I suppose he went to consult with his Brethren, yet soon returning, he asked if I was born in this Country, and of what profession I was. I told him I was one of the People called Quakers, and shewed my certificate. After he read it, he asked if I might shew it to some in the next room, which I allowed him to do. He then went in again, where, by that time, I suppose many were collected in Council; I heard them read over my certificate, while after some time was brought back, and I was told they found I was an approved Minister of that Society, to be on a long journey; I informed him I was on my return, and if he had freedom I should be willing to know something of their Principles. He then informed me, They believed in Christ Jesus, and in His second appearance, and endeavored to live up to the Scriptures, and to follow Christ, being members of His Church; first, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and coming unto the
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the cross: This, he said, had crucified every fleshly lust, and given them power to resist the tempter. That also, they held that it was right to marry, but that the world was wrong, and laid in sin, &c. He seemed much in marriage, and confident in supposing their Sonnets to be right, that they take up the cross to lustful desires, and go beyond others, in self-mutilation, &c.

With regard to their worship, he informed me they came together every evening, took a solemn pause, and if the elders feel any thing to arise with weight, they were permitted to speak; they also sing the songs of Solomon, use dancing, &c. I informed him of our belief concerning the benefits of silence, and of spiritual worship; and advised him to beware of being over-confident in supposing they had witnessed greater attainments than others. He told me they believed George Fox to have been a good man, until he mixed with the world, that then he fell away, and there had been a falling away among us till this time; and we had lost our gift of discerning &c: and in our church many defected members. But they (the Shakers) he said, had that gift, &c. I had sought out some of the most deep & hidden minds, &c: I let him know I feared they were mistakes, not being so whole as they thought themselves to be. This man appeared to be sober & well-behaved. He said they all lived in love, and in one family, and portioned out each one's labour, according to their ability. They have many mechanics, and some are appointed to inspect the work done, and to appear to maintain God by honest dealing. They appear to be much united, do not act without consulting together, and move as in a body. This man told me further, they did not receive any as members, if they had wronged any person, until they had returned fourfold. And when any one joined them, his property is put into public stock, if he should leave...
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It being a season of mortality here, I visited several with persons and families, of which our valued friend, Robert Neill, was one, who deceased soon after; many others also were called off here about that time.

10. mo. The monthly meeting at East-Husack being held now, I attended it, being a large gathering, & a favoured season in the fore part. I sat with women friends while they answered the queries; a deep search was made into the State of things, to my comfort; then sat with the men in the like exercise: But life seemed to be wanting; I thought there was a disposition to answer evasively, and unless they were more weighty in the business, the queries might become a snare to them.

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4th. Had a large and satisfactory meeting at Syringham; after which I was in conference with a committee from East Husach Meeting, in respect to holding a meeting at this place, as the number is small, and the state of things but low. The next day travelled on a rough road through a mountainous country to Charles Richards's following house at Goshen; and the next day a large and solid meeting was held there. It may be remarked the people in those parts are long in gathering to a form of worship. C. Richards seems to be a singular man in almost all his conduct; and yet in the main, I esteemed him honest-hearted. The day following in the afternoon, we had a dull heavy meeting at a place called the Branch, and on the 8th had one at New Milford, which was low in the forepart; until some gay people not of our persuasion came in, unto whom I believe the Lord had regard, for ability was received to extend gospel labour for their benefits; as a lukewarm doleful spirit was to be felt before
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and those gay people above hinted proposed to spread the notice.

5th — Agreeable to which proposal, a pretty large number assembled of those not of our society in a private house near the town, which was a favourite reason not soon to be forgotten. Going forward, I had a pretty large and satisfactory meeting at Friends Meeting-house in the Valley, so called. And next day at Peach Pond was at a small meeting where poverty was felt; yet I had some labour.

12th — Next I attended the monthly meeting at Oblong, which was an exercising time; I heard barrenness prevailed; the crowding cases of the world & the deceitfulness of Riches choking the good seed. I had some close labor which appeared to be well taken; the day following I attended the select meeting at the same place, which was dull, exercising. From hence I went to Nine Partners to their monthly Meeting; which was very large and somewhat lively, I thought; I perceived some ability to labor satisfactorily. Next day I was with a Committee on the Subject of a Boarding School at the same place; I thought I was led to see more clearly than ever before, into the
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18th. I had a meeting at Little nine Partners, so large that the house could not contain all the people: It was exercising, yet blessed be the God of all power, he gave ability to labor in his cause, to the tendering of some hearts. — Returning to Nova Scotia, I was at a meeting appointed for the Youth, at my desire, which was a solid favoured time; some of these appeared to be of the naughty rebellious ones, Oh may the opportunity be as broad cast upon the waters to be found hereafter.  

25th. I had also at the same place a large and solid meeting with the Parents and Heads of Families of the monthly meeting; I had to revive among them the sense of our Primitive friends, respecting fine houses, rich furniture, a worldly spirit, also my sentiments concerning the free use of Tobacco, & other things hereof not mentiond,
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21st. And the next, at the Creek, or stone house, a meeting of the same kind, with heads of families, large, and owned by the Truth, as many Friends expressed; for many hearts were tender'd, & many tears dropt. Here also the example & care of our Predecessor, for punctuality in dials, true moderation in living, etc. was brought into view; and a weighty care urged in the education of children; also the ruinous effects of a neglect of that care was mentioned.

The day following had a large & solid meeting at Stephen Dean's house; and one at Israel Titus's house in the afternoon, which was likewise satisfactory.

23rd. At Swago also I had a pretty large meeting, which was thought to be favorable. On my way the next day to Appoquage, I saw a shameful sight, a Bull tied up, and dogs allowed to worry him in that condition; those looking on, who (no doubt) professed Christianity.

25th. Attending Appoquage meeting on first day, it was so large the house was too small for the people; but too many of them seemed to be of a bad sort, yet they sat commendably for such a number, and I was concerned to lay things close. I scarcely got relieved in the meeting. In the afternoon I had but little strength to hold up my head, believing this is a poor place, the faithful number but few.

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28th. I attended the Quarterly Meeting at Olong; it was very large, and comfortable to my mind; Gospel Truths were declared to the tendering of many hearts. The next day the Youth Meeting was said to be the largest known in this place; a solid and profound season I believe. The people sat quiet, although crowded, and sat in silence, being comforted in Christ our Lord. The day following I travelled towards Nineparters again, and on the way, stopped at the Ridge Meeting held the 5th of the 11th month, which was very large, solemnity prevailing; so many had to stand up for want of seats. The day before I staid at a Friends house, whose wife was in a weak state of health: she appeared to be of an innocent spirit, and expressed much satisfaction in the visit.

29th. This morning, considering how well I fared among my friends, I feared the danger of forgetting the Lord, who had so remarkably favored, & prepared my way; let him have the praise of his own works, who is alone worthy power. I had a solid opportunity with a naughty young man, the only
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... Being at the select Quarterly meeting at Nine Parson, I was led to mention my sense of there being no necessity for much school learning for a gospel minister; that the knowledge of Latin, Greek, & Hebrew, is not likely to hinder, than to help a gospel Minister; Truth being a simple thing, not needing learned languages to explain it, &c. The Quart. Meeting for business the next day was very large; and I thought, was favoured with power from on high to labour for the good cause in day that is uncommon. I felt my mind impressed with concern to sit with both men, friends and the women, first in one meeting, & then in the other, whilst the Bishop of reading the Queries, & the answers to them is attended to; which being mentioned, my request was united with by both men and women friends; It was a season of favour, as I had an opportunity in both meetings to clear myself respecting the truth which I apprehended there was in me, to the satisfaction of myself and my friends; and many hearts were touched, & minds instructed and edified, which down freely and openly expressed; So that we parted in near Love, a sense of which I hope will not soon be forgotten. Let the Name of the Lord be blessed. The day following was a publick Meeting at the same place, larger than their large meeting-house could contain; in which a good degree of solidity prevailed. Yet I thought the meeting was hurt.
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6th.

Inclining now to go towards Hartford in Connecticut, I travelled about 20 miles, and in the afternoon had a meeting near Goshen in a Baptist meeting house; it was remarked that the meeting was void & quiet. Coming to Hartford where a number dwell who by conviction have of late been joined to our Society, I attended their meeting on first day forenoon; also in the afternoon when notice was further spread, we had a large and favoured meeting; but it was somewhat injured by the publick appearance of one towards whom care was extended.

In the evening also we had the largest meeting ever seen at this place; and tho’ the crowd of the people was some hindrance to its settlement in quietude, yet the reasoning virtue of Truth was perceived by many; insomuch, that near a hundred persons after the meeting concluded, were loth to depart from the house. I felt my mind engaged in exercise on their account; but went to lay down that I might rest a little. After they had conferred together; a solid young man came, and told me they desired another opportunity, as the evening meeting was so crowded. This proved to be a time of favour. To shew them that I was no Imposter I caused my certificate to be read near the close. This lasted till near midnight; such a solemnity prevailed, that it seemed not easy to separate. I did believe the Truth came into dominion this evening. May the Lord be
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Coming to East Hartford where a number who by conviction have of late been joined to our Society, attended their Meeting on first day forenoon; Also in the afternoon when notice was further spread, we had a large and favoured Meeting: but it was somewhat injured by the publicky appearance of one towards whom Care was extended. In the evening also we had the largest meeting ever seen at this place; and tho' the crouding of the people was some hindrance to its' Settlement in quietude, yet the seasoning virtue of Truth was perceived by many: insomuch that near a hundred persons, after the Meeting concluded, were loth to depart from the house; I felt my mind engaged in exercise on their account; but went to lay down, that I might rest a little; After they had conferred together, a solid young man came, and told me they desired another opportunity, as the evening meeting was so crowded. This proved to be a time of much favour: to shew them that I was no Impostor I caused my Certificate to be read near the close: This lasted till near midnight: such a solemnity prevailed, that it seemed not easy to separate. I did believe the Truth came into dominion this evening: May the Lord be
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praised who is alone worthy with my soul.

Feeling a draught in my mind to go and visit a Clergyman, who had shown some bitterness towards friends; and although some thoughts it was likely he would treat me with contempt, I was most easy to

being accompanied by two friends; when we went to him, he treated us

friendly beyond our expectation, saying he had attended at one meet-

ing, and was well satisfied with what I said. I replied, if thou wouldest

day aside forms and ceremonies, I think we shall be likely to agree in

the parts which are essential. He then said, he believed the Scriptures to

be the only rule of faith and practice, and that revelation had ceased. I en-
deavoured to open my sentiments to him in freedom, that the Scriptures

appeared to be a sealed book, and the true meaning of many parts not to be ob-
tained, except by the assistance of the same Spirit which gave them forth.

That the divine principle of light and power which we preach up, and

testify unto, is that which is attended to, brings to the knowledge of

God. That the Spirit of Wisdom which inspired the Penman who

wrote the Scriptures, is surely to be preferred before that which was

written under its Influence. He said he believed in free grace yet he continued to urge the Scriptures being the only Rule, other con-

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timent different from what he had been accustomed to endeavour to

uphold, according to their creed. I let him know before we parted, that I

thought he knew better than he spoke.

10th. The next day I had a meeting with Friends of

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them.
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of formal Professions of Religion. Leaving Hartford, and returning
westward about 40 miles, I had a solidly satisfactory meeting at Goshen;
where some attended who never had been at one of our meetings before;
with one of whom I had solid conversation. She was in a tender state,
expressing herself not satisfied with their existing teachers, believing they
ought to work for something toward their own maintenance, without spend-
ing their time from week to week in an idle way.

I went from hence to see a settlement of Indians at Skatecoek, about
30 in number, with whom I had a meeting, and afterwards visited them
in their families, in which I had satisfaction. The next day I was at
that called the Branch meeting, first day, which was dull and exorc-
sing. At the monthly meeting at Ob long I also attended, and
had a solid season both among men and women; many of the young peo-
ple, to whom, as well as to parents & others, I endeavored to discharge
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self honestly; reminding of the Indians above mentioned for whom I was
concerned, as much of the land had been obtained from that People
under value, & some of it very unfairly. That now it was right; kindness
toward them should be remembered. Friends writing with my concern, a Com-
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ful. This day's exercise & labours yielded me comfort, and I believe tended
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17th. Travelling homewards about 30 miles, I had in the Evening at a Friends house some edifying conversation: I fear it is too often otherwise, and that the Cause of Truth is at times hurt, and perhaps honest enquirers stumbled, and friends weakened, when they come together, by light conversation on worldly, or trifling Subjects. Had a Meeting at Rob. Randel's house, which was thought to be solid and comforting, as well as pretty large. 19th. Next at Ammawock, a large Meeting in the forenoon, which was exercising: and in the afternoon another at Colebark, where many eyes dropped tears. Blessed be the Name of the Lord, who helpeth. 20th. Where Life was not permitted to rise high; And another in the afternoon at Isaiah Quimby's, which was more Satisfactory. 22nd. at Meeting with my friends there, which I thought were the most afflicting Meetings I had in for some time: It was near the close of a season of Mortality wherewith that city had been visited; which should have produced humility, turning peoples' minds from the pursuit of earthly riches, to that treasure which is durable: But to my grief, I was afraid the inhabitants (when the late rod was withdrawn) too many were turning, like the Sow, to that of wallowing in the mire again. 23d. New-York, with
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a Formalist, whose Eyes I thought were blinded by the God of this world. I told him, it grieved me to think, that while a remnant were trying to prevail with young people & others to come into the practice of more plainness & true moderation consistent with the simplicity of our profession, those in high station for worldly interest, should be keeping, and holding up Articles & Things for sale as a temptation to others to branch out in purchasing, to deck themselves with Superfluities, &c.

26th. In about three days after this time I reached to my own habitation again, after a journey which took up near eight months, and in which I had to travel about 4,000 miles; and have now cause to praise & magnify the Name of the Lord, who in a marvellous manner prepared my way, & carried me through, and now vouchsafed the sense of a reward which is sufficient for all my Trials & labours. That of finding my wife & near connections alive & in pretty good health, was esteemed by me an additional cause for humble thanksgiving.

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15th. At our select quarterly meeting, my mind was closely exercised concerning Superfluities that appear, and particularly I had to mention large looking-glasses; whether having them in friends houses was not one cause of keeping pride alive in the hearts of those who spend time in standing before them to view their dress, and to have appear delicate & nice, and whether such superfluos...
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fitness to approach the presence of a heart-searching God, when
we go to places for solemn worship.

Drowsiness in times of worship was complained of in our
Ansemes brought in to the Deary meeting of business, when
I was concerned to bring into consideration, whether high, luxurious
eating, drinking cider, wine, &c. plentifully, with smoking tobacco,
did not tend in some measure to alter the state of the body, and thereby
when friends came to withdraw,
add to the causes of heavy illhealth in our religious meetings.

That of paying a kind attention to the situation of the Native
Indians who dwell near us, by visiting them, & inspecting their res-
sides, as winter is approaching, and we much indebted to them, as such
who possess the land which was theirs, & obtained from them at a cheap
rate, was at this time urged to friends. Observation as a Christian
duty: my mind is often concerned for that people.

1st. I was at Everham meeting in company with several
ministry friends. I have often thought that our meetings, for business
ought to be occupied in attending thereto and not taken up with com-
munications in the way of preaching, life and power for each
words. My mind was turned in feelingly sympathizing
the poor and afflicted, divine of whom I visited. one of them was
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At another house, I went to see an afflicted woman, and her mother who was a widow; they rejoiced at being visited and I thought they appeared much in the innocence, like favourites of Heaven.

At a neighboring meeting, I thought insensibility, and forgetfulness of God prevailed, with a worldly spirit to my grief.

At our week day meeting, I hoped for an increase of living faith and life among us. Friends seem to bring out more of the youth to meetings than heretofore. I visited a number of the poor and afflicted, who appeared thankful in being remembered.

21st. At piles grove meeting was a trying time; I seemed almost ready to give out, the appearance was gloomy, and the floods ready to overwhelm me up; I feared also the Lord was about to hide his face from me: I cried, suffer me not, O Lord, to fall a prey to mine Adversary. I know my help is in thee. I was in favour with God, a comfortable feeling.

21st. At Salem meeting I had close attention doctrine to deliver which seemed well taken. At their Monthly meeting next day, my bow seemed to be renewed in strength; and I had close labour to discharge both amongst men friends and the women, to my own satisfaction, and to their, as far as appears. I was led to treat on the pernicious effect of a worldly spirit, and a sumptuous way of living, aiming at fine flowers, rich furniture, particularly large looking glasses, e. c. e.

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10th month 1795 and 1st month (146)

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1st month. For six days I have been about home & done little good. Instead of attending with other Friends; the committee on Indian Affairs, I let in reasoning, that I was of so little consequence, I might as well stay away; and thus have lost time.

5th. My mind was inclined to attend a neighboring Monthly meeting, but the Adversary endeavored to defeat me here also. I was kept longing about home till it was almost too late; when trembling seized me, & I said, "let me not fall by the hand of Saul;" I was favored with a little strength to press thro'; and my body was renewed, so that I had a favored opportunity, both amongst men and women from I was engaged to speak to Parents and Children concerning a worldly spirit, and the inconsistency of Superfluity in dress and furniture; and had to press in plain language the evil of these Things; believing it was not a time for speaking smooth words. It was thought the meeting ended well.

I also attended another Monthly meeting next day where my service was pretty much in the same line: And I can say in truth, Blessed be the name of the Lord; He is a rich rewarder of those who serve Him faithfully.

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the dear Youth, & expose them to the company of those of a loose
conduct &c. This some seemed to disapprove of my freedom in this
respect, several both old and young united with my sentiments.

12th. I was at Woodberry monthly meeting, where a worldly spirit
was again treated on, with its effects. I opened my sentiments on what
relates to extortion; and had to advise my friends not to seek the largest
prices when they were about to sell meat or other produce, especially to
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For several days after this, I was closely engaged in visiting the sick, and in assisting, and pleading the cause of the poor, to my comfort, and I hope, to their benefit.

2d month. I was at Burlington Meeting, & had some service both amongst men & women, tho' it seemed hard work, because of lukewarmness, and feared the world was likely to gain Offspring.

2d. Attending also the next Meeting at Chesterfield, it appeared to be a low season, & part of the time unprofitably spent; Some who had much from the church substance urging sentiments to carry their Points, though it was distressing to some younger persons, & so it was to me.

5d. Springfield monthly meeting held to day, I thought was a more favoured time in the management of their business; Friends seemed to be united & the youth sat solidly, which was pleasant to observe. I had a comforting time in a Family yesterday evening, the children appeared in a good degree of innocence. (C. Newbold.)

5th. At the monthly meeting of Mount-holly, I thought matter were in a low condition, scarcely managed to the honour of Truth, as life seemed wanting. In the evening I visited one who had been an old Professor, hurt by taking strong drinks, to excess, I dealt closely with him, as I took him to be a deceiver.
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5th. At our monthly meeting I opened my concern to visit the families belonging to our meeting of Newtown; and to hold a few meetings near the river side, which my friends united with. I was induced to express my concern also, about so great a concern of people coming to our Quarterly meeting, & the disorders often very among them. On first day we had a favoured meeting at Newtown; a searching testimony was delivered by our friend S. S. many hearts, both of young and old, were tendered.

18th. I thought I had some clear openings, respecting the manner of holding our meetings, for discipline, in the authority of Truth.

18th. Being at a meeting held in a school house near the river, I was concerned on the subject of disorder in such, which is apt to overtake friends, both men and women, in a religious sense, where the spirit of the world is allowed to gain place: Oh how it hinders the growth of the blessed Truth!

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have been a while past, or before this visit. 14. — I thought our
monthly meeting at this time was pretty well conducted.
15. — I attended the Meeting at Moorestown, & sat with a committee
who had under consideration the subject mentioned in my last meeting;
the minutes relative to a worldly spirit &c. I had some close labour touch-
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many with their wives and their daughters are taken captive; the rich are getting more, but the poor are oppressed; and I believe the time loudly called for an alteration, and that now, by and corn sold for so high a price, and other things high also, Friend example in moderation might be loud preaching; even if we could submit to supply the poor at one third lower than the highest price, what a pleasant savour it would yield in the country round us. These sentiments it seemed right for me to press home to my friends closely.

Attending Huddersfield meeting, I had to mention the manner in which we ruled the ox and the ass, which are bought with our money, & there ought to be subject under us: to come or go at our bidding: And ourselves, who are bought at a higher price, by the Saviour of the world, do not obey him as our Great Master, nor keep his holy law. Thus are we not more stubborn than the brutes? If the brutes obey not, we give them stripes: And must not the Lord chastise us for disobedience? We may consider for ourselves: As we whip harder for the second offence, may we not look for the same measure ourselves, if still disobedient? As the inhabitants of this place have been lately visited by the rod of sickness, and many numbered to the silent grave, of different ages & sexes, and have not come been raised as from the grave, and spend longer, who have made promises of amendment in their affliction, yet have not kept them? Will not the Lord visit again, by sword, famine.
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1746, 3rd month
16th. I had to press these things for close consideration.
17th. I have several times visited a sick friend, who said she felt a sweet calm; that she had all she could look for; death was no terror; adding, Oh how trying would a wounded conscience be at such a time as this!
24th. I was at Polesgrove Meeting as poor and low, I thought, as I ever felt myself. Next day at our Quarterly Meeting, I thought next to mention the situation of two old Jersey Indians, one of whom is about 80 year old, & the other blind, about 60, for whom I have been concerned that they may be properly cared for: a committee was appointed to attend to their case.
26th. Attending our General Spring Meeting in Philadelphia, I believe it was a second season, remarkably so. Our English friends, Deborah Darby & Rebecca Gover, attended, being nearly ready to return after accomplishing their religious visit in America; Our Friends John, William, Sayer, & two women friends, going over with them; they all obtained Certificates at this Meeting.

Sitting with the Committee on Indian Affairs, I was concerned to open my sentiments concerning the propriety of taking the situation of our Jersey Indians under care, as well as those more remote from our dwellings; as I remember to have heard my father often mention the Indian Kindness to our Redeption in the Jersey, when they were few, & the Indians many.
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I attended a meeting held in a School-House over Cooper's Creek, a large and solid meeting, which ended well. On the 3rd. I had a meeting at a School-house near Gloucester, not very large on account of a Burial, & visited four families afternoon; and the next day five families, which closed our visit to families of Newtown Meeting, about go, to our comfort, & the satisfaction of those visited & ought that appeared. I have visited several other such persons, not with, out a reward, & had two pretty large Meetings in School-houses to good satisfaction.

At our monthly meeting I laid before my friends the continuance of a concern to pay a further visit within the Governments of New-York & Canada, which referred to the next meeting.

Visiting sick people, of whom there are many, and some die at short warning; to me the season seems alarming, & I fear hardness of heart increaseth; with extortion in high prices, as though there would not be a living for the poor. Oh the bloody spirit which prevails! Will not the Lord be angry, & stretch forth his hand more severely?

Again, I have visited several who were under deep bodily infirmity, the state of whom caused serious contemplation concerning some circumstances: Some falling out with one another by the way, contending about things which appear to be of so little worth in a dying hour, that there is no name of small enough value to call them by. Oh that all would try to be rich in good works!
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1796, S. mo.

19th. I thought I saw the enemy had made an inroad amongst us by stirring up discord, and setting friends at variance with one another in strong parties, both pleading they were right; when it appeared to me, both were wrong, & gave way too much to thinking evil. For this I was grieved, and laboured with both, to be at peace. The love of the word was the beginning of this: when that prevails, such are its fruits.

19th. I have been visiting the sick: was humbled under a sense of the speedy call, from time to eternity, in this day of too general depravity.

Many trying days, I have to pass through; perhaps, all for my good: these are not joyous; but if they be the better prepare me for the Lord's work, he will be done. At Milegrove meeting the 21st. I was enabled to do what I believed to be my part faithfully. The same day was at a place where a marriage dinner was soon to be provided for my younger son, I had to open my mind on the subject of such entertainment freely, & with some weight; making the necessity of true moderation, and advising against what has crept in relating to the ceremony of particular waiting on the Bride & Groom so called, my advice had a place in the mind of those concerned. The company at the marriage was small, I attended, and was pleased to see a good degree of right order observed. Much love and disorderly conduct at marriages might be prevented by timely care, which should be advised by friends, rightly concerned, whether older or younger.

23rd. For some days sorrow, trial, and grievous temptations have attended; yet I believe, I had some service amongst the poor, afflicted, widows and fatherly children in and near Salem, whom I have visited.

At Salem P. M. meeting next day, I had much labour both in men's and women's department to good satisfaction.
I thought I saw the enemy had made an inroad amongst us by stirring up discord, and setting friends at variance with one another in strong parties, both pleading they were right: when it appear'd to me, both were wrong, & gave way too much to thinking evil; For this I was grieved, and laboured with both, to be at peace. The love of the world was the beginning of this: When that prevails, such are its' fruits. speedily calls from time to eternity, in this day of too general depravity. Many trying days I have to pass through; perhaps all for my good; these are not joyous but if they the better prepare me for the Lord's work, his Will be done. yf Place Information yf At Pilesgrove meeting the 21st I was enabled to do what I believed to be my part, faithfully. The same day was at a place where a marriage dinner was soon to be provided for my youngest son, I had to open my mind on the subject of such entertainments freely, & with some weight: pressing the necessity of true Moderation, and advising against what has crept in relating to the ceremony of particular waiting on the Bride & Groom so called, My advice had a Place in the minds of those concerned; The company at that marriage was small, I attended, and was pleased to see a good degree of right order observed. Much loose and disorderly conduct at might be prevented by timely care, which should be exercised, by friends rightly concerned, whether elderly or younger. yf yf yf 25th yf attended; Yet believe I had some service amongst the poor, afflicted Widows and Fatherless Children, in and near Salem, whom I have visited. At Salem Mo.ly Meeting next day, had much Labour both in Men's and Women's apartment to good satisfaction.
1796. 24th month.

--- I have had to review the Vanity which prevails with the young people of our time, and the Avarice & Extortion that seem visible among older ones, which produce mournful feelings. Nor has it felt pleasant to my exercised mind to observe so much of the free use of Silk in clothing, in our Country, which is so plentiful for wool and flax; might not these seem to be sufficient on many occasions, without showing the desire of oversupply delicacy. --- I have been at Greenwich and Woolwich Meeting, where Poverty was received. I fear the Truth is at low ebb among too many of us. ---

5th. --- I have apprehended the hearts of many professors resemble the stony ground, so that although favour to them is renewed, for want of depth in root, they fall into old customs again.

--- Close work on answering the Queries in our Preparative Meeting. I feared that evasive answers to them would be likely to become a snare.

8th. --- I had the honour of sound Truths, & it seemed hard work; and hard for people to hear, yet I hope our meeting ended well to day. --- Next day was our monthly Meeting, where my Concern mentioned last month was united with, and a certificate granted according to my prospect signed with unanimity. --- The day following I had a desire to see a number of friends come together at a suitable time & place, who had let in hardness one against another, which desire prevailed, so that a time was fixed, all writing thither except one person who had lost his right amongst us. He went to the others, with a view to discourage their attention.
I have had to review the Vanity which prevails with the young People of our time, and the Avarice Extortion that seem visible among older Ones, which produce mournful feelings. Nor has it felt pleasant to my exercised mind to observe so much of the free use of Silk for for clothing in our Country, which is so plentiful for Wool and flax; Might not these seem to be sufficient on many occasions, without showing the desire of over much delicacy. --- I have been at Greenwich and Woodberry Meetings, where Poverty was perceived, I fear Truth is at a low ebb among too many of us. 5th mo Place I have apprehended the Heart of many professors resemble the stone ground; So that altho' favour to them is renewed, for want of depth in root they fall into old customs again. Close work on answering the Queries in our Preparative Meeting; I feared that evasive answers to them, would likely to become a Snare. 8th. Place I had to minister Sound Truths, tho' it seemed hard work; and hard for people to hear; yet I hope our Meeting ended Well to day. The day following I had a desire to See a number of friends come together at a suitable time & place, who had let in hardness one against another; which desire prevailed, so that a time was fixed, all uniting therewith except one person who had lost his right amongst us: He went to the others with a view to discourage their attending, and
and then told me he had seen them; that they did not purpose to attain neither did he; I said he might use his pleasure, I intended to go to the place, and if none came, I could sit quietly by myself, and had nothing nothing prepared to say, yet at the set time, the Friends all came, except that man’s wife, and we had a second reason which had a uniting tendency; I could say I was thankful for it, that I loved them, and did believe they loved me.

3. The time approaching that I must leave near connections and all again and be come as a Pilgrim, which I think is for the cause of Truth and good of Soul; Taking leave of my friends in much love at our week day meeting, many tears were shed. After I left home I found my mind secretly turned, to trouble at Bordentown, and getting there, had cause to believe it was right; though I see but little way before me.

4. On first day I was at a pretty large meeting there; and at Trenton another in the afternoon. The last especially was a favoured season. I was now a little revived, believing I was in my proper place thus far. The next day at Lamberton, where is no religious meeting held, nor meeting house of any sort, I had a large meeting in an empty storehouse, and feeling my heart so much enlarged in love to the People, I seem constrained to stand near two hours on my feet, which almost surprised me; it having been uncommon with me to stand above half an hour. This was a highly, favoured season, and many hearts were tendered; my mind was also bowed in thankful reverence before my divine Master. Many of different ranks, both black and white came
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to take leave of me, with tears trickling down, my tears also went mixing with theirs. It truly was a comfortable time. A more solid meeting or greater attention, I think I never saw before at any time or place than what was observable here on this occasion.

Next day, travelling to Basha-way, I thought none had to feel more of inward poverty than poor me, yet as the Lord is not wanting to abit his devoted ones in the needful time, there is no cause for murmuring.

18th. At a kind friends house, there was sent in the afternoon a fine riding wagon with nice horses, for that friends wife and me to ride in to visit her mother and some others. I told her I had no objection to going, yet was not free to ride in that carriage nor with such horses; but I could go on foot, and she might ride in it, as a later rain caused the roads to be wet & unpleasant walking.

This was a trial to us both, as she appeared to be a good spirited woman; but I beleived it best for me to hold forth my testimony for simplicity and lowlymindedness. 19th. I was at Basha-way monthly meeting, and at an evening meeting appointed by my Friend J. S. held here; These seemed to be laborious seasons though attended by many friends on their way to yearly meeting at T. Y. Reaching to that city next day, I was somewhat comforted; many friends kindly came to see me.
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21st.
The Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders began, at 10 o'clock, our Friends John Righam and Martha Roath from Europe, with others out of other Parts, a second sitting thereof was in the afternoon, low times to me. I thought many of us were got into a state of easy indulgence in many things, and are not soon to be removed from Pride of Ease; I tried at it a little, yet not to much purpose. I hinted that the benefit of well ordering of this large Yearly meeting would much depend on the wise conduct of those in high Stations, guarding well their own example, conversation, and then watching over younger People, carefully, checking their going on formal visits from house to house, that if--a little good, they might not lose its savour, or learn bad fashions or unprofitable customs by getting into companions, and indulging Vanities, so as to be in danger of returning from such a solemnity worse than when they came to it. That of sitting up late in the evening, or laying in bed late in the morning I had to mention in my belief it was unprofitable for Body and Soul. I thought this kind of Doctrine seemed rather hard or close for me to deliver among Brethren of high rank in a large City, and though lately visited with alarming mortality, I fear too many are not enough humbled. 22. The meeting of this begun, which in most of itsittings second times of exorcise, the stream being low as I thought; Members being too generally tolerated more or less with a worldly spirit, know not the proper value of the precious Truth, or thus become captivated barren and dwarfish.
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1796. In a following sitting of Ministers & Elders, the same concern was strengthened, and friends in the city & country closely advised to attend to the contents of what was taken on minute at the former sitting. The Bow seemed (as I believed) to be at this season, renewed & strengthened by the Lord's Power, in the hands of some little ones, who had to shoot their arrows against the Queen of Pride. I did not find my self clear without also hinting my exercise on the growing Custom of friends having fine Carpet, and flowery Things in their rooms, which I believed were not bought into use by the dictates of simple Truth, and that a number of such matters might well be spared and thus help might be administered towards warming and covering many of the Poor.

28th. The Yearly Meeting ended the 28th with a publick Meeting. I was exceedingly stripped that evening, having to confess with the Prophet of Old, I am a worm, and no man: So great was my poverty that I feared I should murmur, these seeming to be no sense of good left. But I tried to get into quietude, wherein to know what further the Lord had for me to do. Next day being the first of the week, there were held 3 meetings in the City. The last of which was appointed for the Youth of all descriptions. These were large and I thought ended well, yet not so highly favored as some have been. Here I parted with my beloved Friends, J. Ogilby and Mr. Doudy, each turning to our own Allotments in the Master's Book, John, to Long-Island, Martha to the Northern Meetings in this Government, and I towards the Genesee Country & Upper Canada.

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6th mo. 7th... I went about 40 miles further to a friend's House near the North River: and the next day, was at their week day meet at Spring, which was small, yet in measure favored, after which I visited an aged friend under bodily affliction of body but in a heavenly frame of mind. Who, although his Pain was great, refused the taking of Laudanum as a medicine, lest it might tend to signify his Sense, near the close of life, by its benumbing effect; I much approved of his religious Caution herein: fully believing it has often ended out by Doctors in an unrighteous manner; which in some instances may injure the clear understanding of departing Souls in their last moments.

I am informed by a friend who says he had it from the Mouths of two merchants in N. Yorke who were in Partnership, That in the Summer of last year they imported from the East Indies Tea and SIlver on which the Duties which were to be paid amounted to more than one hundred thousand Dollars. And as it is said, much of these Duties goes towards defraying the expense of the publicke War, now friends can consistent with a clear testimony to that pure principle which stands against all cruelty and bloody measures, freely purchase and use the Good, on which each
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duties are laid; it being (as I take it) generally agreed that who use or consume the article, so circumstanced, do pay the Duties. Such are my tender & simple Testimony, and so I leave it, for others to look at, perhaps when I am dead and gone, believing it be what was given me to bear, and attend to in simplicity and integrity of heart.

Joshua Evans.

The 3d I proceeded on my way, and came to T. Greene's; had a solid time in his family; several young women were there, & it was a very satisfactory reason. I also visited an aged woman friend, of a heavenly mind as I believed. I have to wait a little for a companion; feeling inward calmness. This I take to be a Divine gift, to support a tottering mind.

5th. I was the Creek Meeting (Nine partners), where strength was given me to labour (I believe) to the honour of Truth, and my own comfort; next day my companion coming, we rode to Little nine Partners, and the day after that upon short notice, had a pretty large meeting to good satisfaction at Cattohill, amongst the Presbyterians.

8th. Crossing the North River here, we proceeded westward. Undoubtedly I felt myself as a Stranger in a strange Land; yet perceived a little something which inwardly sweetened the mind; the next day we went much the same Course thro' a Wilderness, where the mountains were admirably high, which seemed awful; and travelling very difficult among Roots, Rocks and Trees. Sometimes we seemed
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Seemed to be surrounded in such a manner with mountains as though there would be no way. Here it was hinted to mind. Look not outwardly, but to the Lord & the path. I then felt more easy, quietly daring for a while to raise my head, and look about me. The road - also continued difficult the next day, but I was favoured with a sweet calm. I thought perhaps many of my friends were in another way, toiling themselves, trying to get riches, & leave their children rich, and I struggling along thus might come to die outwardly poor. But my mind was touched on this wise: They riches come another way; if thou art faithful, thy reward shall be sure, and sufficient.

We crossed the River Susquehanna near Unedilly. Enquiring for a friend's house we had heard of; it being also near night, and receiving no account of him, it seemed a little discouraging circumstance in a wilderness place. But going further on we obtained lodging; we were informed he lived about fifteen miles distant. The following day about noon we reached Green Hall.

Having now travelled near 160 miles, through a remarkable road for difficulties, I have no cause to murmur, feeling the Lord to be near as a kind master. On the 11th. we had a meeting at this house, and in the afternoon another in a school-house, which were considerable gatherings, and might be called seasons wherein divine good was dispensed. The solid & quiet sitting of the people, was comforting to me to behold. 13th. Had a meeting at Leb. Smith by the Unedilly River, among a People who were much acquainted with friends. There was an appearance of much tender Deep in these meetings; and my heart was affected on hearing of the cries of some of the Poor want of bread. It seems they have an extortionate
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...extortionate teacher, or Priest, to maintain, and a great scarcity of grain here; some have been (they say) several days without bread. Also some who went 30 miles to buy, & brought the corn home on their backs. We called at one place, where was a woman and three children besides one at her breast; whose husband was seeking bread. She said they had been two days without, and knew not when he would return. It was almost more than I could bear to hear; to observe the situation of these poor children. That called the house they sheltered in, was, a few logs put up, and brush thrown on the top. When it rained they suffered much, having to sit or sit the whole night, sometimes in the wet, and without fire.

14th. Had a Meeting in a place called Shenang, at T. Lewis, about five miles west of the Enenilly River; among a People not acquainted with friends; the gathering was so large I wondered where all the people came from; in the afternoon another at Green-Halls; these were favoured seasons; in the last especially, the hearts of many were melted into tenderness; with respect to G. Hall & Lydia his wife, I had reason to believe, if they were faithful, the Lord would prepare them for usefulness in this wilderness country.

16th. We now took leave of our friends of this place in much regret; it seemed hard for them to part with us; and travelled through a rough way to Ottego; here I met with some of my kinsfolk and acquaintance, and we were kindly received by a son of John Sleeter. The next day had a pretty large meeting to good satisfaction...
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in a new barn of Br. Stover. The day following at the same place, we had one with those who professed, or had a friendly education, which ended to my comfort and theirs also. We found them in a tried spot. Some who had come hither to settle, appearing in meagre, friend-like, had conducted in a shameful, dishonest way, rather drunken and disposed of goods which were sent here damaged of small value, endeavoring to cheat, to take advantage of poor people. Such had left a stink behind them, and caused the way of Truth to be evilly spoken of, to the grief of some tender-spirited little ones.

O the mischief and wrong some traders are guilty of, no less what they may, who send into those new countries, old shop goods, not easily to be sold in more populous places; in this manner defrauding and oppressing poor people in new settlements will not the cry of these corrupt deeds reach the ears of Heaven's King, and call for a revenge on the workers of such Iniquity. Having been an eye witness and mourner on these accounts, or having cause to believe the Truth of such complaints, I think I shall not stand clear in my duty without making and leaving remarks as things occur.

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20th. Visited several families, and had a meeting in S. Sleeper’s Great Mill, pretty large, but long in gathering, which hurt the service; it ended well. The people for quiet, orderly sitting were remarkable.

21st. We went to see some families, two of which were my oldest sister’s daughters, they live at Otage. Also had a meeting about eight miles up the creek at Nibbó. Appleyard, remarked for a time of favour. A deacon of the Baptist Society at the conclusion, said he could say Amen to the testimony which was preached; that not a word had been spoken but what he united with; and altho’ he was old, he never had been at a friend’s meeting before. I then retired to my beloved friend near Otage, named John Brightman, John Matthewson & Isaac Carr, who had families; with others who I think deserve the notice of friends: These have suffered much by the misconduct of some (as before hinted) who proved dishonest and as stumbling blocks to tender enquirers.

23rd. We had a farewell meeting in Sleeper’s barn, satisfactory. This being a time near our parting, we visited other families: Some with tears expressed their sorrow at our leaving them. Here are some tender-spirited little ones, who felt near and dear, whose condition for reasons aforesaid hath been trying.

24th. I was this day in a low state of mind. Rode to Cooper’s town on the east end of Otage; a spot beautiful for situation. Here unexpectedly, we were kindly received by Mr. Cooper, then Judge of the Court, & his sister, altho’ strangers. He queried whether I was
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27th — We had a meeting at W. Briggs, in a new framed house, which was large, & ended well; the people appearing solid. We have no cause to murmur; we want for nothing. The Lord being good, and doth marvelously open the way: Unto whom be all Glory & Praise forever, Amen. We now propose to go up the Mohawk river; but how far, we cannot say.
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28th. This day we rode about 25 miles to Thomas Almenys, and there had a smallish meeting in the house, not very quiet. The people were strangers to our meetings and manner of worship, as there never had been a meeting of the kind here before; and I believe this did not cause any dishonour to the cause of Truth. I am now in a poor state of health, but with kind friends, resting a little, and feel my mind very calm; resigned to the divine will.

1st mo. 1st. Travelling near 50 miles towards Whittington, pretty comfortably, we reached that place on the 2nd before noon. There I met with my neighbour, J. Cooper & other friends appointed to visit the Indians; and finding freedom to join them, we went in company that afternoon to an Indian Settlement called Brotherton; I understand the number of these Indians is about 200. They have cows, horses, oxen &c. and hold a tract of good land, about ten thousand acres, and have an yearly income paid by New-York Government of 2000 dollars for land sold thereto.

We were comfortably entertained by an Indian named George Engley; this is a kind family, speaking our language, their daughter can read and write pretty well.

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Travelling near 50 miles towards Whitstown, pretty comfortably, we reached that place on the 2nd before noon. There I met with my neighbor J. Cooper, & other friends appointed to visit the Indians: And finding freedom to join them, we went in Company that afternoon to an Indian Settlement called Brotherton: I understand the number of these Indians is about 200, They have Cows, Horses, Oxen &c: and hold as yet a Tract of good Land, about ten thousand acres, and have an yearly income paid by New-York Government of 2000 dollars for Lands sold thereto. ---

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out of the wrongs and unfair dealings of my brethren, the white settlers of different tribes, with traders etc., which have, I fear, taken place in too many instances, to the great injury of the poor Indians; I have therefore thought it right to leave some remarks to posterity, here, and in other parts of my simple notes, of my sentiments which have occurred on this subject. It appears that in years back, some of the Indian lands in this government, where I now am, were by them rented to some white people who settled thereon. After thus obtaining possession, it seems those white settlers refused to go off their rented lands, also those who were in station of government, supposing or pretending they could not easily remove them, even if the Indians were the sufferers; and therefore advised that the lands be sold to the government; and to promote a sale, perhaps an offer was made to the Indians, that an interest or yearly income should be paid them in lieu of their lands. Now to turn the scale, & look at the treatment they have met with heretofore in some places: How do we suppose the white people would remove Indians, if they were to come and settle on the real property of the white? Would it not be likely that the method of expelling them by sword and gun would be adopted, without endeavoring to convince or show them, that the mild spirit of Christianity leads men to do justly & strictly, to observe Equity one towards another in every nation where it prevails. To me it remains a serious cause of real concern.
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7th mo. 3d. -- To day we had two comfortable meetings at Brotherton, attended by many of the Indians, both men and women. This people, or many of them appear to have a deep sense of favour, we parted with them in much love, and went to another Indian settlement called Stockbridge, at the house of a chief called Captain Hendricks. The Committee having agreed to hold a Council with these Stockbridge Indians.
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[Paragraph continues with accounts of the town of Tuscarora Tribe, where a council was held, and mentions the condition of the Indians at that time, indicating it was not very pleasant.]
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This afternoon we went on about 12 miles toward the Onondagas, and having to lodge at an Indian Tavern, it seemed to be a poor time; yet I felt my mind quiet in a good degree, which I esteem a high favor in these times of Trial.

The Tuscarora hinted of before live on the Oneidas land, and have about two hundred acres allotted them, and it is said a proportion of 4,500 dollars, perhaps, annually from the government. I understand that murdering one another when involved in drunkenness, frequently happens among Indians in these parts. Oh that white People may be concerned to conduct so towards them, as not to be found chargeable with guilt on account of them or Indians.
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We now set forward towards the Cayuga Lake on a visit to those called Cayuga Indians living there, who seemed poor and miserable like the others, disappointed in their expectations; we found the chief not at home, and the end of our coming could not be answered to day, we proposed tomorrow to have a meeting with some white People dwelling near. So it being first day, we met & sat comfortably with a little gathering; it being a favoured season, there were some of the scattered little ones, with whom my heart was tenderly affected. In the afternoon we went to meet with the Indians, having spoken to them on the subject the day before, and although none came at the time proposed, we sat down, and I may say I was comforted in our little gathering, and concluded we had done well, though these poor creatures were ignorant of what we meant by worship.

On the 11th, a few Indians met in Council, who appeared miserable, and some of them, thought, then dispersed with strong drink; we had but little satisfaction, as they were looking for Gifts. We parting with them, I went from hence down the Cayuga lake, crossing the ferry, came to a small village called Genoa where we lodged for a
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13th. and turning a while at Israel Chapin's (who is the Indian Agent) we went on to Nathan Cumstock's, near Mud Creek in the Genesee Country.

14th. At this place we had a meeting in the forenoon, and one in the afternoon which were pretty large, & valid favour seasons.

Then we went on to Mr. Lapham's. 15th. We visited several families at, and near Mud Creek. Then to Nathan, Wodger.

This seems to be a low flat Country, the water unwholesome & the Place sickly, & some asked me if I was not afraid of being sick. I told them I thought I was not, for I enjoyed a quiet mind, which I esteemed a great blessing, more particularly when I am in the Lord's service. 16th. Next day at Jon Smith's, we had a large and favoured meeting, in which much tenderness appeared among both old and young a comfortable reason to pray. This was about four miles from Canafoevey.

16th. At Will Smith's in the forenoon, we had a pretty large meeting, which was comfortable, and in the afternoon, at Canafoevey we had another, in the Court house, not so large nor so much favour'd; yet it was agreeable to observe the people sat commendably quiet and attentive.

17th. Leaving this place, we travelled for five days towards Philadelphia, through an unpleasant Country, met with poor fare for men or horses, & mean lodging; sometimes on the floor with swarms of fleas. A scarcity of bread was also apparent.
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24th. We are now at Muncy in Pennsylvania, have attended a large Meeting among my friends & others, and had close Labour, it seems to be well received. At Blooming Grove (or Pine Grove) the next day we visited a few friends who are lately come here, they appear thoughtful in some degree & have a pretty large flock of youth & innocent Children. This is in westward of Muncy, toward the Alleghany Mountain. Here the day following we had two meetings, one of them with our friends selected, and the other for all that pleased to come, which, this attended with close labour were measurably satisfactory: many openly appeared amongst them to hear the Word preached, & many signified their Unity.

27th. Visited some families at Muncy to satisfaction.
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28th. At Muncy, we had a meeting, the largest (they say) ever seen at that place, many more people than the house held, and one the same day with friends by themselves. I had much labour this day, my shirt being wet with sweat. It was an humbling season; visited some families also.

29th. We travelled hard to reach the meeting at Fishing-creek, near 20 miles; it was large and solid, being the first held in their new house. In my wearisome travel I have in many places found that Truth was at a low ebb, though People have sat commendably quiet, yet some raw and uncultivated have attended.

30th. Traveled hard again to reach Berwick, a little village on the N. East branch of Susquehanna, where in the afternoon, had a meeting; it was pretty large, and held in the Court house Chamber (Northumberland County,) the people appeared well satisfied. A few friends dwell here, but no meeting settled.

31st. We went down the river in a boat which friends provided to go to meeting at Catawissa, to which they belong, the distance 16 miles. This boat had in it 30 people, & would carry more. They frequently attend their meeting in this way, and have to push back up stream when they return. I mention this to encourage others, that they may not let small matter prevent their diligence in divine worship. This being first day we were at meeting with friends at Catawissa, which was not so favored a reason as many others.

1st. The next day we met with friends selected from others. It was a humbling reason to many, tending to unite us nearly in love to each other.
28th. Place Information we had a Meeting, the largest (they say) ever seen at that Place, many more people than the house held, and one of them I had much labour this day, my Shirt being wet with sweat. It was an humbling season: Visited some families also.

29th -- We travelled hard to reach the Meeting at Fishing-creek, near 20 Miles; it was large and solid, being the first held in their new house. In my wearisome travel I have in many places found that Truth was at a low ebb, though People have commendably quiet, yet some raw & uncultivated have attended.

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31st. Place Information We went down the river in a boat which friends provided to go to meeting at Catawisssey town to which they belong, the distance called 15 miles. This boat had in it 30 people, & would carry more. They frequently attend their meeting in this way, and have to push back up stream when they return: I mention this to encourage others, that they may not let small matters prevent their diligence in divine Worship. -- This being first day, we were at Meeting with friends and other at Catawissett, which was not so favoured a season as many others.
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other. After meeting visited some sick, aged & infirm people.

2d to my comfort & theirs. ——The next day we went to Roaring
creek meeting, a solid and favoured time. Near its conclusion I
requested friends not to go out when others did, for I thought a little
fragment remained for them. Here was a considerable of young
people who sat solidly, as did the Parents. A time not soon to be
forgotten, I hope. ——After visiting some aged people, and
tender little ones acceptably, I returned to Catawissa & the day

3d following attended their weekly meeting. I thought it was a
solid reason, also visited some aged & infirm people. ——

(I was this day at the weekly meeting at Catawissa which was
a comfortable time;) The next morning leaving this Place, I
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I was poorly & much fatigued, the distance near fifty miles)
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1st. To Maiden-Creek: On first day I was at that meeting, it was not very large, but an humbling season to many hearts of the youth and others; I believe it is not one that will be forgotten soon by the youth especially. This is mentioned to the Lord's praise; I know not any thing is due to mortal man. It is often my lot to enter the meeting-house as an empty vessel; my joints nearly trembling, for fear any thing through me should give occasion for the holy cause to be lightly spoken of. Let not the Lord's faithful servants or Handmaidens fail of being watchful, dependent on him in the most straining reasons, so shall we know an establishment on the sure rock, further and further.

5th. From Maiden-Creek I went to a meeting in the town of Reading in Berks County; which was large, and I may say, good. Here as has been common, where I have travelled, were all sorts that chose to come; some from curiosity to see, & to hear a man who wears his bed. This circumstance has given me a large opportunity to see the people whom I should not otherwise have seen. This meeting, I believe, ended well. Let the praise be given to him who is our Holy Helper.

The next day, I was at Robinson meeting on the west side of Schuykill river. Tho' it was not large, it was a solid & favorable season; many hearts being tendered.
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I thought I was sensible of a dry, lukewarm state, which is but too common amongst the highly favoured People called Quakers. How the customs, the love and the spirit of the world have caused dimness in some places. The following day I had a small meeting at Potter-town. I thought the number of women was largest here - they the most tender. I had close labour amongst them, which was well received, and I thought the meeting ended to the honour of the good cause. Divers gay people attended & sat solidly.

13th From here I travelled to Buckland in Bucks County, in an exercised, low state of mind, and was at two pretty large meetings there on first day, though I thought the truth was not permitted to come much into dominion, either in the fore- or afternoon. From this place.

14th I went to Hemsted, and had a meeting pretty large; but so poor and low a time, I was almost ready to think all was over with me. I had left opinion of preaching, denying the people might have to think of their condition, and to seek for renewing of strength: are not many under our name in self-secure state, seeming to need nothing. The next meeting I went to was at.

15th Buckingham, which was very large, but laborious indeed. Here I was sunk very low in my mind, began to think I was worse off, than in remote parts or amongst the Indians, and near ready to say, Are we the worst of all People, who above all have been so peculiarly favored of the Lord? Oh, etc., lukewarmness and docility.
Transcription

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What hast haverge made! It almost seemed to day as though I had done with preaching; yet a little hope that I am not forsaken.

17. I next day attended a sitting of select members at the same place, who belong to that monthly meeting; which ended well; I believe the truth reigned over all. There I was helped to labour in the Lord's cause, with weapons of his own preparing; the arrows came so sharp against against wrong things, that at length there was a yielding and confessing, until hidden matters were laid open. Glory to his great Name forever.

18. I went the next day from Flemishead to a monthly meeting; (not belonging to Bucks-Quarter.) Here, observing the state of their Business and the management of it, there was no small cause of lamentation: When life and power is wanting, but little can be done to the Lord's honour, in the affairs which relate to discipline in his church.

19. I also attended a general meeting held there. At this time I thought it was given me to see clearly there was a danger in being too free in the use of a liberal flood of words in ministry; I fear there is a possibility of some, except they are better guarded, and speak not with the spirit pure influence, will be in danger of setting lords in publick resembling common talk, or of gratifying itching ears, instead of raising the witness of Life in the Souls of the lame, warm & disobedient.

20. Travelling towards Wight Town, I was poor, wading as in the deep. Thinking that as I now feel, I can scarcely ever open my
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my mouth in the Lord's cause anymore.

22. Coming to Wrightstown, I attended their Meeting on first day. Preaching seems to be looked for by many people, and that of a smooth kind pleases best; this makes hard labour for those who singly seek to serve the great master uprightly. I think I have not been more sensible of this than since I came nearer home: There are large Meetings; but I have been at some much smaller, comparable to the two or three, with minds truly turned to seek the fountain of life in themselves, which have been much more favored with the divine presence.

23. The next day, had a Meeting at Machesfield; a very comfortable season it was to myself, and to friends in general.

I believe. My mind has not been favored with such a sweet enjoyment of divine goodness since I came into this County; Blessed be the Great Shepherd of Israel. If the tender-hearted little ones hold on their way, I believe there will be a growth in the truth to come in this Meeting.

23. At Middletown there was held a large Meeting which ended well; and tho' laborious. I believe the Truth was in dominion over all, to the tendering of many both young and old. I had a pleasing prospect of some being brought forward into usefulness, if they keep their places may be made as Pillars that shall go no more out.
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24th. This was the select meeting held at the Falls for Buckhannon, at which I attended. It appeared to be a lively time; and I thought that many things were well handled. It was agreed, in the meeting, that the general sense of friends to form the answer, which are to be sent forward to our Queries. Causing weighty matters in each query, after reading it, and then endeavouring to represent the real state, not seeking to hide or screen ourselves by evasive answer. The impropriety was opened of friends making too great provision of Plate, by preparing many sorts of dishes, often changing Plate, causing needless work. The necessity was also hinted of the foremost rank beginning to prepare, and lead the way towards true moderation and temperance, their example being likely to have a powerful influence. 

On the day following was held their De. meeting for Business; wherein at this time the stream of Truth's discipline was low, as I believed; and I was ready to say, Alas, alas; and so to almost give out trying to labor for the benefit of the Cause I had been engaged in. But going to see some poor little Ones in the afternoon, I was a little comforted, and strength renewed, for I believe we were bowed by the Master in some of our conferences on weighty subjects.

26th. I likewise attended their Youth's meeting at the Falls; poor and low to some of us; yet no lack of preaching. I did believe a weighty Silence might have done more good at that time, perhaps.
This was the select Meeting held at the Falls Organization, at which I attended. It appeared to be a lively time: and I thought that many things were well handled. It was agreed as the general Sense of friends to form the answers in the Meeting which are to be sent forward to our Queries; Pausing weightily on each query, after reading it, and then endeavouring to represent the real State; not seeking to hide or screen ourselves by evasive Answers. The impropriety was opened of friends making too great provision at Qu. Meetings, by preparing many Sorts of dishes, often changing Plates, causing needless Work: The necessity was also hinted of the foremost rank beginning to prepare, & lead the way towards true moderation and temperance, their example being likely to have powerful influence.

On the day following was held their Quarterly Meeting wherein at this time the Stream of Truth's discipline was low, as I believed: and I was ready to say, Alas, Alas; and so to almost give out trying to labor for the benefit of the Cause I had been engaged in. -- But going to see some poor little Ones in the afternoon, I was a little comforted, and strength renewed; for I believe we were own'd by the Master in some of our conferences, on weighty subjects.

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26th. And yet I leave these things to the Judge of all the Earth.

to my Son-in-law,

That evening I crossed Delaware, and the next day came home, finding my family in health; which with many other favours I have witnessed in my absence from them, I feel there is great cause of humble thankfulness to the God and Father of all our mercies. Though, with respect to my outward home, I feel myself but as a Sojourner or Pilgrim, because of a Prospect having been weightily opened to me, relating to a religious visit toward the Southern Parts of this Continent, long since put off, if my health admits; and the way should be prepared with cheerfulness.

28th. At our meeting on first-day, tho' I with friends rejoice to see each other, (I believe never more so) as I have been absent three months and more; yet we sat in silence, a degree of mutual sympathy being felt.

81st. I have visited several friends; have had serious thoughts concerning reformation; and have believed those who go foremost in the work to real profit, must pass this great exercise for self must become of no reputation, before we can bear the cross & denying the shame for Jesus Christ's sake. And as it was with our worthy fore-fathers, Great trading, and many worldly concerns, then will be a great Burden; fine houses and rich furniture, and sumptuous living, rich Tables, many different great attendance, and a lordly way of getting thro' the World etc.
And yet I leave these things to the Judge of all the Earth. That evening I crossed Delaware to my son in law's; and they next day came home, finding my family in health; which with many other favours I have witnessed in my absence from them, I feel there is great Cause of humble thankfulness to the God and Father of all our mercies. --- Though, with respect to my outward home, I feel myself but as a Sojourner or Pilgrim, Because of a Prospect having been weightily opened to me, relating to a religious visit toward the Southern Parts of this Continent before Long, if my healthy admits, and the way should be prepared with Clearness.

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In much sympathy with my fellow-member, my Spirit hath for some years been deeply exercised on account of the state of things in our society. And I have sometimes feared that wrong things of late have grown fast among friends in a time of Peace, plenty, and Ease. Surely if we let hurtful weeds grow, they check the growth of good weed. So will wrong things, if we entertain them, check our Progress in the narrow way that leads to life. In that way, though strait & narrow, there is liberty enough. And when we through a patient coming to wear the Cross of Christ, come to experience the Liberty of the blessed Truth, we may be then freed: from that worst of all Burdens, the world, and the idolatrous love thereof. Oh that, if by here leaving a few sentences of my earnest desire, as a call to the beloved youth of our day, I could prevail with many of them to come taste and see how good the Lord is, to those who fully surrender their hearts to his service. Then would your experience of his matchless Love be sweet, and this language would often breathe forth. The ways are ways of pleasantness, O Lord, and all thy Paths are Peace; at thy right hand are rivers of Pleasure, forevermore. For although the Lord may see meet to hand unto you some of the wormwood and the gall to partake of, Yet he will no sooner the bitter to his little ones who are his sincere followers, that you will so rarely partake the Bitters: My soul in deep reverence can say his sweet Peace for obedience, for his requiring, has been sweeter than the Honey.
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Honey-comb Sir. Oh that it was the happy experience of all people, to submit to the refining Operations of the grace which is inwardly revealed! Then might they come to know the in-dwelling of the graceable Spirit of holy Jesus. This would put an end to quarrelling, & jawing, to hard thoughts and hard speeches, and introduce in us the coming of his kingdom. Men would thus be taught and enabled to love enemies, & to bear reviling for Christ's sake, without reviling again! They would find no better way to gain victory than by overcoming evil with good. However this doctrine may seem to be, to the natural will of men, many living witnesses certainly know that a state of this kind is attainable. Therefore let no mans of woman's heart fail them. All have the offer of divine grace and assistance to overcome the evil part, & none are excluded who are willing to close in, & obey the teaching thereof, working while their day of imitation lasteth, & often bearing in mind that "The night cometh wherein no man can work." O that this might in some degree serve as a loud loving call to my fellow-pilgrims and sojourners throughout the land.

Jno. 29. I attended the monthly meeting at Mount Holly and Everham in this month. I thought it seemed to be low times, especially at the first of them. At the select meeting for Everham on the 10. I had close labour in true love, reflecting the things which have occurred.
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appealed to me superfluous, and inconsistent, with respect to our ancient testimony, relative to eating, drinking, wearing, using, &c. similar to what I have been free to hint of elsewhere in the minutes I have made; and my present concern was well relieved as I believe.

The same day I visited a couple newly married, who had both of them former companions. The woman was poor, & the Man deformed. I was concerned to speak closely on the snare and disadvantage which have frequently attended second marriage, and the necessity there is for such persons living steadily in the Lord's fear, and guarding against temptations, & party views about worldly interest, where they had children by former marriage. The woman was tender-hearted and had many tears; and I warned the man to beware of cramming her.

12th. I returned my certificate at our monthly meeting, and gave my friends some account of my late journey & exercises. I also let them know that as I returned homeward, a prospect had opened before, which I had a glimpse of before, & had told my wife; yet it seemed taken away from me after that; which was, of paying a religious visit to the meetings of friends; & such service otherwise as way might open for in the Southern parts, the Carolinicks, &c. Where with my friends concurred, and directed a certificate to be prepared, the meeting adjourning for the purpose.
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Friends some account of my late journeyytf & exercises. I also let them know that as I returned homewards, aytf Prospect had opened afresh, which I had a glimpse of before, & had toldytf my wife, Yet it seemed taken away from me after that: which was, of paying aytf religious visit to the Meetings of friends, & such service otherwiseytf as way might open for in the Southern parts, the Carolina's, &c. Wherewith my Friends concurred, andytf directed a certificate to be prepared, the meeting adjourneying for theytf purpose.ytf ytf ytf
About this time there was many sickly, a number of whom I visited. One woman being in great distress of mind, expressed herself after this manner (expecting her stay on earth would not long "I did not think I had been so great a sinner until now." May it serve as a warning to many. I have heard piercing laments near their end, and then before I heard this woman expression: The cry of some has been, "Ach! Ach! What must I do? O the benefit of rightly making use of precious time.

My certificate was read by a large number of my friends, and at our year meeting it was indorsed with approbation of friends there. After that I prepared for my journey; tho' at times I was under great poverty of spirit; had the company & sympathy of several friends who came to see us; and in the midst of my exercises, I feel the Lord near for my strength and support. Blessed be his name, who is the God of Abraham, of Isaac and Jacob.

Now I had to take an affectionate leave again of my dear wife and all my outward connections, in obedience to the master's call as I believe. And though poor in spirit, was favored with a sweet calm. I crossed the Delaware to Philadelphia, proceeded to Wilmington, towards Delaware river; when I crossed the ferry, several black men who were slaves took me over; my mind inclined to pay them also, after paying homage to their master, I reached to Bal-
1796. 9th mo. 10th.

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The Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders began next day. It was the third course of its sitting in the year. By the last sitting, the Generals of business in the next week were under discussion. A time of suffering to me; I believed I had brethren and sisters in like situation, not perceiving the Truth to rise into right dominion. I had a little strength to discharge my trust in the way I am led, in speaking among the select members on the liberal use of wine and smoking tobacco; this was in the first sitting, and I believe was not rejected by a remnant, after which I bore my burden mostly in silence through the sittings. O, Lord, be pleased to keep my head above the waters, & leave me not in the most trying seasons, & then mayst permit to come, and then my soul shall bless and praise thy adorable Name.

Receiving my mind drawn to endeavour if I can, to attend the yearly Meeting in North Carolina. I left Baltimore (having company provided) and went thro' a storm to a poor little meeting 6th at Elk-ridge. That afternoon & next day reached to Alexandria in Virginia, and had a large meeting in the evening; where divine favour was witnessed, & I believe the Truth was over all.

3d. Paying forward to Beno Oakledge, meeting there, or was at meeting there on first day, at which were a large number of black people who sat solidly. On discoursing after meeting with several of them, I found the manner they are treated as to food, clothing & otherwise.
The Yearly Meeting Information of Ministers and Elders began next day: 8th. Place Information

It was thro' the Course of it's Sittings & the Sittings for business in the next Week a time of suffering to me; & I believe I had brethren and Sisters in like Situation, not perceiving the Truth to rise into height & dominion. I had a little Strength to discharge my trust in the way I am led, in speaking among the Select Members on the liberal use of Wine and smoking Tobacco; this was in the first sitting, and I believe was not rejected by a remnant, after which I bore my burden mostly in silence through the Sittings. O Lord, be pleased to keep my head above the Waters, & leave me not in the most trying Seasons, wch thou mayest permit to come, and then my soul shall bless and praise thy adorable Name.

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23d Place Information there on first day, at the Meeting there were a large number of black People who sat solidly: On discoursing after meeting with several of them, I found the manner they are treated as to food, Clothing & otherwise
was mean, attended with considerable hardship and difficulty, my mind was touched with sympathy and a tender feeling for their condition. Reaching to Burke I we were favoured with a solid comfortable meeting there. Since I left Baltimore until I came here, my friend Charity Cook & her sister Susanna from South Carolina have been in company with me, to good satisfaction; we now parted; and with the friend who bore me company I had a meeting at Blackwater, which was in measure not and pretty large. On the 28th, we also had a pretty comfortable meeting at a place called Secoak; and the day following one at the Western Branch; this was a time of very close searching for harm; to some profit: I understood that two young men here, who never had been at one of our meetings before, were considerably reached & affected.

We now came to Little River in North Carolina, and attended a meeting there; & the next day began their Yearly Meeting of business at the place; The first sitting appeared to me a low season, but in the next I thought business was conducted rather better, & in the sittings of this yearly meeting, there was much condescension among friends. The testimony against the improper use of distilled drinks & the making such liquors hath not often been high in this meeting, although friends had the subject before them. I was with a Committee on the revival of their discipline, and
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and had some satisfaction, perceiving room to deliver my sentiments in a close way on several subjects, nevertheless it was rather a suffering season through the week.

I had a large meeting at New-bayan Creek in Parque- tank Co. many of the could not get seats in the house. Many of the blacks or slaves were at the meeting who sat in a solid manner, appearing more humble than many of the whites: Yet I believe it was a season of divine favour. I understand the slaves in these parts, though they fare hard with those who hold them, are commonly of longer lives than the white People, who live sumptuously on the fruits of their Soil: The Slaves allowance for a week is in many instances confined to a peck of Indian Corn for one grown person, to cook it as they can, without meat, fat or other addition: My heart was often tenderly affected at their condition. Next I had a large meeting at the Parquetank Narrows, mostly of Friends. The people solid, and the meeting ended to satisfaction. On first day I was at a very large meeting at Symonds-Creek; one third part was supposed to be of Blacks; a number were here of people who had not been at one of our meetings before. It was a solid season, ending well, and appeared to general satisfaction. After this meeting we visited a member of the Legislature & treated on the subjects of Slavery, and the unrighteous Law which justifies the
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the taking up, and selling such for Slaves again, who are set free, altho' by conscientious Persons, who are not free, hold them in Slavery. It afforded me comfort that he acknowledged that law to be unjust, hoped for its alteration, & proposed to use what influence he had, for its repeal.

Our next Meeting was at Sutton's Creek, large, solid and satisfactory. In these meetings, I have been engaged in close service, which seems well received. From place to place I partake of spiritual Poverty, yet am not left without a hope in the Lord, who putteth forth, and goeth before. Blessed be his glorious Name, forever. The next day, two large meeting in Pasquotank County, one at Hills, and another at Beach Spring; so large that the house did not near hold the people.

On the 6th, we were at Pinetwoods meeting. This also was large, and to me exercising, At these meetings, many black people attended, who behaved wisely. I then had to turn back into Virginia again, about 36 miles, to Jesse Coupland's. On our way thither, it was affecting at different places, to observe the situation of the poor Slave, Men, Women and Children; a number of little ones quite naked, many others who were grown up nearly so, or their covering little better than tattered rags. It seems as though a continuance in scenes of cuckold.
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Cruelty hardens the hearts of unrighteous Slave holders.
But how they will answer for the sins attending this odious Business, when brought to the bar of a righteous Judge, is a subject that occasions awfulness to serious Christian minds.

We were now at a pretty large meeting at Somerset, nearly one third were black people, & they, as well as others not so old, this was a satisfactory season, and many appeared tender; close doctrine was delivered on behalf of Truth's cause, & seemed to be well received. The 13th attended a select meeting of the Quarter held at Western Branch, in much poverty. I believed there was a want of more living zeal amongst its Members.

Then had a large meeting composed of people of different colour, which was held in Suffolk Courthouse, many more came than the house did hold. It was a cold, a favoured season, satisfactory in general I believe. But one family of friends dwelt here at this time. From hence we returned to the widow Ann Scott's, near the Western Branch. Who being able & open-hearted, is about building a new meeting house at her own expense. My affectionate desire for her is, that she may be preserved to at least a blameless character in the important Station she stands.

The 14th was their Quarterly meeting for business here; dull and wear.
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11th. Place Information

We were now at a pretty large Meeting at Somerton, nearly one third, were black people, & they, as well as others sat solid: this was a satisfactory season, and many appeared tendered; close doctrine was delivered on behalf of Truth's cause, & seemed to be well received.

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The 14th. Place Information

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1796. Nov. 8th.  

ajing: I had done labour with men and women, receiving barrenness among them; I hope it had some good effect on some of the youth or others, but I leave it. That evening had a meeting for the black people in a school house near the Widow Scott. It was the first of this kind that was ever held in these parts being large; One of the justices attended, with some other master of Negroes. It was a solid favoured time and there spoke well of the meeting; some of them said they should be very free their Negroes should be at such meetings, and we were glad they had been there themselves, uniting with what was spoken, and wishing it might be observed. We next travelled from hence to Bennetts Creek, near the sea shore, and the next day had a large and favourable meeting there. Also the same afternoon another at the Widow Bushins, likewise large for the place, as well as solid and satisfactory. Some of the people seemed rejoiced not having much opportunity to be at friends meeting. We parted with them very lovingly.

17th. — Our next meeting was the South Branch, a very exercising season. I thought the design of one was that smooth things, or peace might be spoken to them, believing they were too much in a whole state, so that there was but little room for labour. But how can there be peace, where Pride and Oppression abound? The slave having to bear the burden; many of them sorely oppressed with want of proper clothing, food &c. under Taskmaster, whose religion seems to be in talking; The Land Barren or nearly worn out, and their manner of cultivation and management — best poor. So that the
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Prospect of things here looks gloomy every way. It is a trying circumstance to me, to see the naked bodies of slaves and cold weather near; whilst the sons of their oppressor, in an idle life, appear so different; and their haughty daughters with stretched forth necks and wanton looks, their long-tailed gowns, trailing, as though some of them might spare something to put on the naked bodies of those who wait upon them.

18th. We next had a small meeting near the great bridge at Robert Pools to satisfaction. After which I had solid conversation with some gay women respecting their manner of dress at a house where we were kindly entertained. My freedom with them seemed to be well taken. They appeared somewhat religious, but I thought they wanted depth. They were not acquainted with friends nor our principles. One thing I mentioned for them to consider was, whether some of the stuff in their gown tails, & the price of superfluous ribbons, might not well be spared to put something on the naked bodies of little blacks, &c. It was a solid reason, and not rejected, though I suppose they never heard such sentiments before, we parted very friendly; and rode in the evening about 16 miles, and had a solid time with E. D. who said he was born at Egg-harbor in Jersey.
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We had a large and solid meeting at the Widow Britts in Camden County, N. Carolina, a place where never had been held one of our meetings, and but few of the people who ever had attended at one.

The next day also we had a large and favoured meeting in the same county at the widow Richardson's. These seemed a kind people, much acquainted with our way, and many hearts were tendered; I believe it was a time not to be forgotten by some.

At Pinywoods, we attended Friends' preparative meeting. Here I had close labour, things appearing in a low state; I endeavoured to stir them up to a more lively zeal for the cause and testimony of truth, which they appeared to receive well. On the next day was the Select meeting at the same place, for their Quarterly meeting. My concern was to stir up to the pure part on the right education of children and families, that becomingplainness might be kept to, and they be good examples themselves, in their houses, furniture &c.

The day following was held their 2d meeting for business. Here, I believe, the state of my friends in a religious sense was poor, but little life & power. I laboured both amongst men and women in my small ability, for their help, and I hope it ended in some profit at last, tho' a trying time.

I went from hence to Little River, being a second time, and was at meeting there on first day, which I believe ended well. And in the afternoon had a meeting in the court-house of Pasquotank County, at which were many people of black and white; it was a season of general
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At Piney-Woods, we attended Friends preparative meeting. Here I had close Labour, things appearing in a low state: I endeavored to stir them up to a more lively Zeal for the cause and Testimony of truth, which they appeared to receive well. On the next day was the Select Meeting at the same place, for their Quarterly Meeting. My concern was to stir up to the pure part on the right education of Children and Families, that becoming plainness might be kept to, and they be good examples themselves, in their houses, furniture &c. --- The day following was held their Quarterly Meeting for business: Here, I believe they State of my friends in a religious sense was poor, but little life and power: I laboured both amongst Men and women in my small ability, for their help, and I hope it ended to some profit at last: tho' a trying time. 

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1796. 11th mo.

28th. Had a meeting at the Old-neck, somewhat small yet favored and still.

On the day following, at the request of some of the Baptists, we had a meeting in their Meeting-house, which was satisfactory. I believe endow'd well; being larger than expected, in wet weather, and the notice given being but small. Next, we were at a monthly meeting at Jack's Swamp; it was but small; some solid friends dwell here, who seem rather in a weak state, and are in need of help. I hastened among according to my measure, & they expressed unity with my service.

We turned at their first day meeting, which was large and mercifully favoured; then went forward to Halifax; The day following, riding near 50 miles towards a town called Rawleigh, the day after, we came to it, where the General Assembly for North Carolina were sitting, & we found some friends at the place, desiring to endeavor for an alteration of the cruel Laws relative to the Negroes. Having felt my mind much concerned on the subject, I was willing to join my endeavors to their.

7th. We attended the House of Common Council, had many private Conference with members, who received us friendly, yet seemed mostly opposed to the freedom of black people.
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1796. 12th. month.

I was endowed by my Great master with an innocent boldness, in which I could use great freedom in solid conversation with the most leading men: for they mostly quartered where we did, which gave me a full opportunity to conceive my oppressed mind. 8th. The prospect seems gloomy whether anything can be done at this time for the relief of our distressed fellowmen; yet I would not have my friends here be discouraged. The Cause is surely good. And I have no doubt but way will be made for the poor people's liberation, but what way or how soon must be left to the Lord. My mind was turned to think of trying for a religious public meeting in the place which some of these we conversed with, spoke in favour of. If the way should be opened, and the Business they were met on, would admit of it; it was the house where also they sat in would be the most suitable place; but after waiting a while to see how matter would turn with respect to a public opportunity, it seemed likely to be obtained, in the present Circumstance. I was therefore the more free to make use of private opportunities with the Members of the Legislature and others, which was to my own satisfaction & to them, as far as I saw: There being here now a large collection of those of the first rank, Gentlemen, so called, most of them being men in some office, civil or military. I thought the respect they showed me was marvellous. For my appearance, singular as it was, some of them confessed was instructing, that their own conduct and way of living was luxurious, which might be spared. Saying that I looked as well as they did, altho' they had great variety of roasted, baked & stewed provision &c., whilst mine was about half a pint of milk and
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The prospect seems gloomy, whether anything can be done at this time for their Relief of our distressed fellow Men, yet I would not have my friends here be discouraged: The Cause is Surely good; And I have no doubt but way will be made for this poor people's liberation, but what way, or how Soon must be left to the Lord. My mind was turned to think of trying for a religious public Meeting in the place which some of those we conversed with, spake in favour of, if the Way should be opened, and the Business they were met on would admit of it: It was also thought the house where they sat in would be the most suitable place; But after waiting a while to see how matters would turn with respect to a publick opportunity, it seemed scarce likely to be obtain'd in the present Circumstances. I was therefore the more free to make use of private opportunities with the Members of the Legislature and others; which was to my own satisfaction & to theirs, as far as I saw.

There being here now a large collection of those of the first rank, so called: most of them being Men in some Office, Civil or military. I thought the respect they shewed me was marvellous: For my simple Appearance, singular as it was, some of them confessed it was instructive to them; that their own Conduct and way of living was luxurious, & they allow'd much might be spared; Saying that I looked as well as they did, altho' they had great variety of roasted, baked, & boiled provisions &c; whilst mine was about half a pint of milk and as
as much water, morning, noon and night. Boarding at one house, we generally sat at one table. Some at first looked at me with astonishment, and tho' they had never seen the like, said, they believed, or did not know, but it was the right way of living, but would be hard for them to submit to, as they had private rooms, a number of them invited me (as it was at a tavern we were, & near 30 boarders) that if at any time I was weary of noise & crowd to be more retired, I might feel come into their rooms & sit with them, so that they should be pleased if I would make so free. All this seemed to be in my favour to furnish me, when my mind was so engaged, with opportunities to touch on their cruel laws, the hardships & inhuman cruelties to which the poor blacks were subjected in that government. I queried of them both; Things should be in such a severe way here, more than in any other Place that I had heard of. For I had seen thro' each of the Governments East and west, as well as New York and Virginia lately, and had not heard of any cruelty of the kind sanctioned by any other Legislative Body on the Continent. Some of them spoke of other States not having so many slaves in them, and less occasion for fear of their rising, &c., my answer to that was, Those who so cruelly oppress the slaves, have more occasion to fear their rising, &c. My bearing with them on the subject was in a way of plain dealing, and so well received that many of them kindly invited me to come and see them if I should come near their dwellings, for that it would give them pleasure (as they said) to entertain me. It was unexpected also to my companions myself, when he came to settle for our Tavern expenses, whilst there, the man would take no pay for my Boarding, he was so well pleased with the visit.
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This morning we proposed to leave Rawlegh Place Information. My companion had bought him a new horse, who was rather wild, & threw him after he mounted, at which I was concern'd fearing he was hurt; & could not proceed with me, but through favour we found he was not so much hurt as we had expected and we travelled near forty Miles that day; & the two days following so much as to make near 150 to Coreysound. The 13th, we met with Ministers & Elders of that Monthly Meeting Information, to confer on the Subject of visiting their families, which was united with, and two friends agreed to join me in their service; which we proceeded in, and in less than four days visited about 14 families, mostly to good satisfaction, besides attending their Meeting Coresound, (which is near the Sea-Coast). 17th. We had after that a comfortable & satisfactory Meeting Information there, amongst our friends by themselves; in which we were favoured with a measure of the Divine Presence owning us together. Here is a hopeful number of youth of both Sexes; and their appearance more in the Simplicity as to their Dress & otherwise: their apparel (I mean the Women's) was mostly Homespun, no black silk Cloaks nor Bonnets among them, I was comforted in their Company & parted with them in near love and fellowship; after which visited two other Families, & went on to my friend Horton Howards, whose Wife lay ill with the Consumption; I perceived her to be innocent, laying in a quiet frame of mind, as nearly fit to leave the World.