New York Yearly Meeting minutes [Indian reports extracted]

A New York Yearly Meeting noted a communication from Philadelphia yearly Meeting in 1793, but NYYM did not appoint a committee on the “concern” to cooperate with the Meeting for Sufferings until 1795. Minutes do not begin until 1807, but these reports, extracted from the Yearly Meeting minutes, detail activities.

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Meetings and our Quarterly Meetings are desired to make an appointment to visit the families of Friends in the respective parts of the State and concern themselves with their welfare and the subject of meeting with whichever sympathy was felt with them in their scattered state. The situation and under a deliberate view thereof they appear appropriately and hope of usefulness in placing the subject in the consideration and care of the Meeting for families who on examination occupy their circumstances are authorized to afford them such assistance as may appear necessary. The Meeting and the following Friends are appointed to set with the Meeting for families on the consideration thereof: Peter Leary, John Cornell, Benjamin Havelock, Josiah and Abigail Dick, Joseph and Caleb Thomas, Caleb Hail, Joseph, Caleb, Thomas, Lucy, Ryness, Nathan, William, Valentine, Daniel, Titus, Joseph, Benjamin, Nathan, Henry, and Aaron. Abraham Underhill and Robert Lawrence on the committee as they may find their way therein.

A report is received from the Committee on the case stated by New Palmer during which being deliberatively attended to, received the concurrence of the Meeting and it is therefore concluded that acknowledgments in all cases be made to the Monthly Meeting by whom the person was discovered and where the records thereof are kept. If any person acknowledging resides in the compass of another Monthly Meeting, then if the Monthly Meeting to whom such acknowledgment is made be satisfied, it will be transmitted to the general body, that they respect the Monthly Meeting within the compass of which the person resides to take the necessary care in visiting him or her so acknowledging and inform them that sense of the sincerity of his or her acknowledgment, and when such acknowledgment is receive that the person be recommended to a Member of the Monthly Meeting where his residence is and in such cases persons so recommended be considered as having gained an settlement in such Meeting as there be no removal mentioned in the certificate or recommendation and the conclusion is directed to be placed in our Book of Discipline and in all our subordinate Meetings.

The attention of the Meeting was turned toward the situation and circumstances of the Indians on the Western parts of the State. It was not a question of their removal, but of their welfare and the subject of meeting with their need. Sympathy was felt with them in their scattered state. The situation and under a deliberate view thereof they appear appropriately and hope of usefulness in placing the subject in the consideration and care of the Meeting for families who on examination occupy their circumstances are authorized to afford them such assistance as may appear necessary. The Meeting and the following Friends are appointed to set with the Meeting for families on the consideration thereof: Peter Leary, John Cornell, Benjamin Havelock, Josiah and Abigail Dick, Joseph and Caleb Thomas, Caleb Hail, Joseph, Caleb, Thomas, Lucy, Ryness, Nathan, William, Valentine, Daniel, Titus, Joseph, Benjamin, Nathan, Henry, and Aaron. Abraham Underhill and Robert Lawrence on the committee as they may find their way therein.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock on Monday.
New Yorkyf The attention of the Meeting was turned towards the situation andyf circumstances of the Indians in the Western parts of the States andyf aconcern took place for the promotion of their Welfare and the Subjectyf spreading with weight much sympathy was felt with them in their Scatter dytf & remote situation and under a deliberate view thereof there appeareddyf apropriety and hope of usefulness in placing the Subject under theytf consideration and care of the Meeting for Sufferings who on examinationyf into their circumstances are authorised to afford them such assistance asyf may appear necessary to said Meeting and the following Friends areyf appointed to set with the Meeting for Sufferings in the considerationyf thereof viz Peter Lossingyf John Cornellyf Benjamin Havilandtyf Charles Frostyf John Casteyf Thomas Eddyf Isaac Leggesyf Joseph Talket William & attentiveyf Dan Titusyf Joseph Griffinyf Willis Seaman tyf Henry Hulltyf Abraham Underhill & Rich. Lawrence & Johnyf Ferrisyf Adjourned to the 9th hour on 2d day Mor.
The Meeting assembled according to adjournment. We find by the Minutes your Meeting for Sufferings that the concern of this Meeting relative to the Indians in the Western parts of this State had been attended to by that Meeting in concert with divers Friends appointed last Year to unite with that Meeting on this Subject that their care and attention thereto had induced an appointment to request that People to inform themselves of their situation and circumstances. The report of the Committee so appointed claimed the attention of that Meeting and made a concern for that People that led to a prospect of some further steps on their behalf and in an especial manner for the discouragement of Spirituous Liquors being introduced amongst them. But in attending to the prospect they did not open to sanction of the House and the Meeting of the Friends who were united with them. Hence appear to have been great and manifest their right to the concern and recommendation of this Meeting and its satisfaction to find by information now received that many express that People have been sensible of the sorrowful effects of the use of ardent Spirits, and this opens up the opportunity of advice and counsel and renewed efforts. The subject at this time, our deliberations rest on the appointment of a Committee to the said consideration of attention to the concern of this Meeting on the subject, and that they may forward in the same cautious as they may think, and that the following Friends are appointed viz:

Joseph Cooper, James Not, Sam Bowry, James Leavens, Levi Mather, Edmund Prior, Thomas Webber, Sam. Tyler, Ralph Weeks, John Murray, Thomas Edly, Cornelius Dool, Isaac Pow, Benjamin Wilbur, Peter Loring, Lady Weeks, Rich. Mott. George Barke, Mr. Barrow, Walter S. Brinkenb and John Lee, Samuel Foxman, John Smith, Robert Brown, Abraham Thorne, S. Judson, Leaman, Hugh Judge, Joshua Pease, Sam. Loring, Israel Wight, Elders Downs, George Embree, and the Meeting thereon as well as any of the Commit is desired to give their advice and assistance to the Committee should see occasion to call for it and to call on us for assurances in their favour of the Meeting proceedings I should see it advisable.
Newytf Yorkytf 27th. The Meeting assembled according to adjournmentytf. We find by the Minutes of our Meeting for Sufferings that the concern ofytf this Meeting relative to the Indians in the Western parts of this State hadytf been attended to by that Meeting in Company with divers Friends appointedytf last Year to unite with that Meeting on this Subject that their care andytf attention thereto had induced an appointment to visset that People toytf inform themselves of their situation and circumstances that the report ofytf the Committee so appointed claimed the attention of that Meeting andytf impress’d a concern for that People that led to a prospect of some furthereytf steps on their behalf and in an especial manner for the discouragementytf of the Spirituous liqueres being introduced amongst them but in attendingytf to the prospect way did not open to proceed therein for the present – Theytf care and labour of that Meeting with the Friends who were united with themytf therein appear to have been great and manifests their regard to theytf concern and recommendation of this Meeting and it is satisfactory to findytf by the information now before us that many amongst that People have becomeytf sensible of the sorrowful effects of the use of ardent Spirits, and theirytf openness to advice and council, and a renewed weight attending theytf Subject at this time, our deliberations result in the appoint-ment ofytf a Committee to the solid Consideration & attention to the concern ofytf this Meeting on the Subject and that they move forwards with care andytf caution as way may open and thereto the following Friends are appointed vizytf

Joseph Cooper, James Mott, Sam Bowneytf James Parsonsytf Trip Mosherytf Edmund Priorytf Thomas Wilberytf Sam Titusytf Refine Weekytf John Murraytytf Thomas Eddytf Cornelius Duelytf Isaac Thorneytf Browning Wilburytf Peter Lossingytf Elias Hicksytf Richrd Mottytf Garret Burlisytf John Barrowytf Walter Farringtonytf Willis Seamanytf Fideman Hullytf Joseph Griffinytf Robert Bowneytf Abraham Underhill & Gideon Seamanytf Hugh Judgeytf Joseph Pearsallytf Sam Learingytf Isaac Underhillytf Willm Odelytf Silas Downing & George Embrie and the Meeting for Sufferings is desired toytf give their advice and assistance of the Committee should see occasion toytf call for it and to call on our Treasurer for Money in their favour if theytf Meeting for Suffergs should see it advisable –ytf Adjourned to the 4th hour afternoon – ytf
A report from the Committee on Indian affairs is now read. A quiet took place thereon and renewed sympathy felt for that people and the furthert consideration thereof is refer’d to afuture session the report is as follows: viz. To the Yearly Meeting now seting The Committee appointed last year of Indian affairs now report that we have had in the course of the year past divers Meetings on the weighty subject refer’d to us and have at times been drawn into sympathy with the peculiar situation of the Natives and while deliberating on the best means that might be adopted for promoting their welfare if appear’d to the Committee that there would be a probable usefulness in selecting some of our number to pay them a visit and some Friends were accordingly named for their purpose but circumstances which afterwards took place presented them from proceeding on the journey and soon after this the advanced season of the year rendered it very difficult to proceed so that a visit has not taken place. It would have afforded satisfaction to us if we could have possess’d the Yearly Meeting with more full information of the state of the Indians which might have been done if the intended visit had been made. We can only now say that from some information obtained a number of the Indians have lately shewn a greater disposition towards sobriety of conduct and agricultural improvement that heretofore — And altho’ a sufficient attraction to this interesting concern will probably require patience and perseverance yet under the right direction we are induced to believe it will lend to the benefit and advantages of the Indians. Signed by direction & on behalf of the Committee, Samuel Bowne.
The Meeting gathered at the 2 hour

Renewed attention was given to the subject reported
from last sitting relative to Indian Affairs and as we
find that the present had a prospect of assuring a
perform which they had been prevented from going
this title the season was so far advanced and adverse
being expected for their encouragement in the addition
of further care this important subject is therefore continued
under their care with the following friends added when
in this concern viz: Thomas Titus Stephen Rogers
Leonard Lawrence George Bowes

The first is released from his service at his request

Wesley Dearer for three of the part

of our Discipline that directs the indiscriminate
reading of all Postcards at the close of a Meeting
for Worship as it gives aides into more nearly deliberate
view of the Subject which resulted in agreement to
our next yearly Meeting.

The Committee settle

with the Treasurer report balance on Oct 312.4.

Due to the Meeting and that they dont apprehend
any occasion for an additional sum to be raised this
year

Three Men destroyed forward last year

and left under the care and inspection of our Meet.

for Sufferings with one of our Horsack Monthly Meet.

Concerning our friend Rob Nesbit with the apprehension
of Daniel Quaker ended.

One of the Monthly Meet.

of Nine Partners concerning our friend Joshua Knight in

the concern of the deceased, Knight ended and one of
the Creek Monthly Meet concerning our Simeon Smith

Thur approved by Nine Partners.

Quakers were never produced from this trial as desired by them they

wont reply to an application to our concern

and are directed in Records

Adjoins to 11th hour tomorrow morning
Newy'tf Yorky'tf The Meeting gathered at the 2d hour - Renewed attention was given to they'tf Subject referr'd from last seling relative to Indian Affairs and as wey'tf find that the Comm.ee had aprospect of aservice for them to performy'tf which they had been prevented from going into 'till the season was too fary'tf advanced and a desire being witness'd for their encouragment in they'tf extention of further care this important Subject is therefore continuedy'tf under their care with the following Friends added to them in thisy'tf concern viz Thomas Titusy'tf Stephen Rogers - Leonard Lawrence & Georgey'tf Bowne - Elias Hicksy'tf is releas'd from this Service at his request -y'tf
to last year directed they have essay'd subscriptions for the same purpose, the amount of which is £1256 18 4. viz.

Westbury Quarter £100 2 14 0 —— £ 5 4 5 of which is on interest from first month last, £25 in both, and the balance paid to the Treasurer. Purchased £85, which is paid. Nine Portners £168 3 0 and which remains on interest, except £24 which is paid to the Treasurer and Boston reports £21 1 4 which is also paid.

The Committee continue on this Meeting a concern relative to the Indian Nations in the western parts of this State, and make the following report in writing viz.

"The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on its concern relative to Indians affairs, report that they have so far paid attention thereto, that a visit hath been paid by some of their number to the Indians of Cocknow and Fort Lodge, Onida, and part of the Sioux and other tribes, by whose report it appears that several of these tribes have of latter time not only appear'd disposed of the majority of their becoming more acquainted with habits of civilization, but have given some proofs of industry, and attention to agricultural pursuits, which gave encouragement to hope, that by a little more perseverance therein, they may be enabled to acquire a more certain, and comfortable livelihood, tho' at present they are mostly poor, and in straitened circumstances, and particularly during the Committee were there, by reason of an unusually severe season, the last autumn, and a very trying long winter, which induced them to appeal some of the most necessary
Newytf Yorkytf The Committee continued on this Meetings concern relative to the Indianytf Natives in the western parts of this state, make the following report inytf writing viz -ytf Newytf Yorkytf The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on its concernytf Relative to Indian affairs, report that they have so far paidytf attention thereto that a visit hath been paid by some of theirytf number, to the Indians of Brothertown, Stock-ytf bridge, Oneida, andytf part of the Tuscorora Tribes, byytf whose report it appears, that several of these tribes have ofytf latter time not only appear'd convinced of the necessity of theirytf becoming more acquainted with habits of civilizasion, but haveytf given some proofs of industry, and attention to agricultural pur-ytf suits, which gave encouragement to hope that by a perse-ytf virance therein, they may be enabled to acquire a moreytf certain, and comfortable livelihood, tho' at present they areytf mostly poor, and in streighned circumstances; and particularytf lysed, while the Committee were there, by reason on an unfavourytf -able season, the last summer, and a very trying long Winterytf which induced them to afford some of the most necessitous
1748

"Some benevolent assistance, mostly to secure Bread Corn,
that dews of the Indians appear to be religious sober minded
persons, and very sensible of the pernicious effects of strong
drink, and converse for their People on that account—
that they yet their state gave way to that practice — That they
sent several young Men from Pennsylvania, Members
of our Society residing amongst them, from their own cousin
and under the direction of a Committee of the Yearly
Meeting of Philadelphia), for the instruction and Improve-
ment of the Indians, who informed them, that at the time
they met with many discouragements, yet on the whole there is
an improvement amongst them, that the Indians form a
desire that their Children may have some school learning,
and have several schools amongst them, one of which is taught
by me of the foundation Friends; the others by their own
people; several of the Indians, express'd the Satisfaction they
had in the visit paid them by our Friends in 1795, signify-
ing that it had been useful to them, which appears to have
been the case — The Indians received the visit kindly,
express'd their gratitude for this further attention of care
and regard for them — That the the visit was attended
with some fatigues yet they had a good degree of satisfac-

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"Sign'd by direction, and on behalf of the Committee
John Barow
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People is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the comfortable quiet
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some pecuniary assistance, mostly to procure Breadyt\text{f} Corn; that divers of the Indians appear to be religious soberyt\text{f} persons, and very sensible of the pernicious effects ofytf drink, and concern'd for their People on that acctount-ytf yet others still gave way to that weakness - That they foundytf several young Men from Pensylvania\text{f} Members of our Society residing amongst them, from their ownytf and under the direction of a Committee, of the Yearlyt\text{f} Meeting of Philadelphia, for theytf instruction and Improve\text{-ment of the Indians; who informed them,ytf that altho they met with many discouragements, yet on the wholeytf there is an improvement amongst them, that the Indians form aytf desire that their Children, may have some School learning,ytf have several Schools amonst them, one of which is taught byytf one of the forementioned Friends; the other by their own People;\text{yf} several of the Tribes, express'd the satisfaction they had in theytf visit paid them by our Friends in 1795, signify-ing that it hadytf been useful to them, which appear'd to have been the case - Theytf Indians viewed the visit kindly, express'd their gratitude for thisytf further attention of care and regard for them - That tho the visitytf was attended with some fatauge yet they had a good degree ofytf satisfac-tion therein -ytf Sign'd by direction, and on behalf of the Comittee John Barronytf The care and attention manifsted by the Committee, to those people isytf satisfactory to the Meeting; and the comfortable quit that
that attends the present consideration, together with a free communication of concerning sentiments, pointing them to leads to the formity of an appointment, to continue a care to the subject. and in encouraging them to step forward therein, in the way that may appear most likely to contribute to the well doing of the Indians, and answer the present views of this Meeting, particulary in encouraging to turn their attention to agricultural im-
provements, and a state of civilization, and should a suitable friend or two, from a concern to be useful to these People, be dis-
hard to step forward in residing among them, for a time, in order to effect these desirable purposes, that the committee encourage and make way thither. And in occasion will probably require some pecuniary aids. for this and other purposes, the Committee with the advice and approbation of our Meeting for Sufferings are authorized to call on the Members for Treasures to answer such demands, and to the advice the following friends are appointed Mr John Bower, Samuel Storing, Charles Frost, Gidem Lamon
Samuel Bonner, John Murray, Thomas R. Robinson, Peter
Plyning, John Knowles, James Mott, Tiddmon Hull, John
Ruthen, Robert Bonner, and others Hull.

Adjourn'd to the third day tomorrow afternoon. 5th Month 28th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present, as at the first sitting. The Committee last year appointed, to perform a visit.
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and make way therefor - And as occasion will probablytf require
some pecuniary aid, for their and other purposes, the Committeeytf
with the advice and approbation of our Meeting for Sufferings
areytf authoritative to call on their Meetings Treasurer to answer such
demands,ytf and to the service the following Friends are apointed
Viz John Barron, Samuelytf Learing, Charles Frost,ytf Gideon Seaman,
Samuel Bowne, John Murray,ytf Thomas R Robinson, Peter
Lossing, Tripytf Mosher, James Mott, Fiddeman Hull, Johnytf
Barker, Robert Bowne, andytf Oliver Hull -ytf Adjourn'd to the third Hour tomorrow afternoonytf
John Seaving, Edmund Willis & Trip Mercer—were requested to attend to the business which may come before them, agreeable to former Instructions, and the principles upon which that Meeting was founded, to meet at the time, and place the late Meeting for sufferings adjourned to, to take up, & pursue the business left on the minutes of that Meeting—and as the Meeting for sufferings under the former appointment is now dissolved by the present conclusion, our deacons are desired to proceed in the choice of four friends each to be members agreeable to what hath been proposed, and in order that the deacons may clearly understand the alteration which hath now taken place, relative to the manner of constituting the Meeting for sufferings and may proceed agreeable there to, it is thought proper they should be furnished with the report of the committee and the minutes of this Meeting on the subject, which our Clerk is desired to attend to.

The Committee appointed to the important concern, appertaining to the welfare of the Indians made the following report in writing:

"That during the last year they have several times met, and the subject of this concern has engaged their attention, and that one of their number, in company with our friend, Hugh Judge, has paid a visit to some of the tribes situated in the Oneida country since last year, to a good degree of satisfaction; having reason to believe there is a progressive improvement in civilization and agricultural pursuits."

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having course to believe that his undertaking originated in a right concern. Another School was also taught by a woman friend, whose devotedness and attention to this arduous undertaking, gives reason to hope that considerable benefit will result from her labours. Yet we observe with concern, that owing to a disposal of some of their Land to the State, adjoining to the main road, leading through their settlements, which by the introduction of Taverns, opening an easy access to the use of ardent Spirits, which has hitherto proved painful detriment to their civil & religious improvement, for altho many of them appear sensible of its baneful effects, and consider it as their most potent Enemy, yet their weakness is such, through the power of habit, that when it is introduced amongst them, they give way. Yet from the covering of solemnity, & heart felt sympathy generally felt on the opening of this weighty concern for their wellfare, the evidency of revival of it at times in our deliberations on the subject, affords encouragement for friends to persevere in their benevolent designs, apprehending it may be ranked amongst those cases, where obstructions ought to stimulate to an increase of care & attention. The Meeting in renewed attention to the subject relative to that People, and the communication & feelings thereon, evidenced a revival of concern, & satisfaction with the report of the Committee - who are desired to continue their care, & attention thereto, agreeable to the minute made on this subject last year, with a hope they may encouraged to persevere in the work under right direction - and as their number is small, & reside much scattered, it is thought a usefulness might
same from an addition being made to the Committee, and the following names being proposed were united with, & accordingly appointed to that service 1798—Shadrach Rickson, Ebenezer Howard, Benjamin Cornwall, Mellett Seaman, Thomas Franklin, High Judge, Andrew Cock, Thomas Eddy, Browning, Wither, Sebulon Hexie, Isaac Segget, & David Wright.

Adjourned to the 5th hour afternoon.

About the time adjourned to, the Meeting against the reports from the Quarter it does not appear, that any sufferings hath taken place, for any breach of our Christian Testimony since last year, except the case stated from Easton of demand of £9.12 on account of Military Services, for which was taken by constraint to the amount of £56.6.

It does not appear by reports from the Quarters, that any friend hath accepted of a Post of Profit or Honor in the government since last year, save that one Meeting mentions that none holds any Post.

Two of our Quarters report their Quota of the £300 directed to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, raised and paid as directed— the other Quarters report their raised, and which the Treasurer informs he hath received.

We have received information from our respective Quarters, that they have subscribed towards the Board for the Education of the Children of Friends in low circumstances, who may be placed at the Boarding School Nine Paxton, the Sum of £171. in cash, & £305. 18. in Annuities,
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Shadrach Ricketson, Ebenezer Haviland, Benjamin Cornwall, Willett Seaman, Thomas Franklin, Hugh Judge, Andrew Cock, Thomas Eddy, Browning Wilbor, Zeubuly Henry Leggett & David Haight

Adjourned to the 5th hour Afternoon
also £3.12.6 on the former recommendation—also except from one Quarter, is reported to be either forwarded to the Treasurer of the School, or to the Agent there for.

Easton Quarter suggests for the consideration of this Meeting, whether from their remote situation some way might not open for holding the Yearly Meeting in a more central situation—the subject claimed attention, and sympathy was expressed with friends so circumstanced; but it did not lead to a prospect of change.

Our Meeting for Suffring is directed to procure 2500 copies of the London prints Epsay, and apportion them to our Quarters.

Epsay's of endorsements for the Certificates of the Minutes of our friends Chaddley, Albiston, Choir, Anthony, Jr. Whitall, Thomas Malmsby, Jonathan Evans, Zacharias Neillson, were produced by the friends meet appointed, and being approved, our Clerk is directed to endorse and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow morning 3.17 of 3. The Meeting again assembled.

The subject relative to the Indians being renewed, it is thought an advantage would result from endorsing to render the concern more diffuse—and a prospect opening to spread the consideration thereof in our Quarterly Meetings, which being united with, copy of this Minute is accordingly directed to our Quarters.

Endorsements on the Certificates of the Minutes of our friends Ruth Ann Rutter, Sarah Cragston, Rebekah...
Newytf Yorkytf 31st of 5th mo. The Meeting again assembled -ytf The subject relative to the Indians being revived, it is thought anytf advantage would result form endeavour to render the concern more diffusiveytf - and aprospect opening to spread the consideration thereof in ourytf Quarterly Meetings, which being united with, a copy of this Minute isytf accordingly directed to our Quarters. ytf
The Yearly Meeting, as to the manner of arranging the business, so as to afford satisfaction to friends, and leave the Committee clear with respect to the due and proper application there of. We annex an account of a statement of the accounts of the Institution, together with a state of its funds — all which are submitted to the Yearly Meeting — signed by direction for behalf of the Committee by Peter Sepeing

N. Hastings 5th S. 1800

The foregoing report appeared to afford satisfaction to the meeting — and as there are divers subjects therein suggested for the consideration of this meeting, it is concluded the report with the statement be referred to a committee for a careful investigation, and to which service the following friends are appointed viz: Eliza Hicks, Robert Bourne, Oliver Hall, Thomas Everitt, Isaac Smith, David Valentine, Gideon Sisson, Dr. Wells, Silas Downing, John Murray, Jacob. Weller, Isaac McHoul, James Mott, Jonathan Carpenter, John Griffen, Jr., Joseph Lancaster, Jeremiah Taber, Reuben Haight, Isaac Thorne, Jr., Brazilla Bunker, Isaac Hallock, Charles Webb, Samuel Doland, Jr.

Mr. Thorne, Peter Lawson, Enos Doland, Adam Handings, John Griffen, Jr., Jonathan Griffen, Jr., Bourne, who are desired to report thereon to a future sitting.

The Committee on the concern of this meeting relative to the welfare of the Indians, now made the following report on that subject:

The Committee appointed by the Yearly
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Newytf Yorkytf The Committee on the concern of this Meeting relative to the welfare of theylf Indians, now made the following report on that subject - viz. -ylf Newytf Yorkytf The Committee appointed by the Yearly
Meeting on its concern relative to Indian affairs, Report—

That during the course of last Year, we have frequently met, and the subject of our appointment weightily claimed our attention, often leading our minds into amar sympathy with the Natives; and altho' the exercise presented at times many discouragements, yet as we were from time to time made sensible that the concern was ours, we were encouraged to believe, that as friends attend to the pointings of duty, and persevere therein, that they might be very useful to this People. — In the course of last Year, two of our number, of the not appointed particularly to the service, paid a visit to some of the Tribes, from religious concern, which was to the satisfaction of the friends, and appeared very acceptable to the Indians.

The Stockbridge Tribe expressed a desire that some suitable Person might be sent among them to instruct some of their young Men in the Blacksmith's business. As it may be difficult to meet with a Friend, suitable free, to reside among them, the Committee turn their attention to endeavour to secure them by proving suitable places, where some of their youth might be placed to get instruction in that Trade, and as this may greatly forward them in civilized life, it is desirable that friends generally may aid the Committee in finding places for them. — After having made some progress in improving the general state of things in the settlement in and about Bruda, we find that friends of Pennsylvania early Meeting have withdrawn their members.
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was for sometime residid with the Indians there, in view of extending their service to the country as those Indians are now left by Friends, who have at a considerable expense helped them with Farming utensils, and assisted them in erecting Mills and other improvements, their labour may in some degree be lost, unless attended by Friends of this Yearly Meeting and as those Tribes are much more convenient to us, the Committee are desirous they may claim the sympathy of attention of Friends — all which is submitted — signed by direction of behalf of the Committee —

Sam. Bowd —

5 mo 26 1800

In attending to the preceding report, the Meeting was led to the expression of a renewed feeling towards that injudicious People, and an satisfaction with the attention proceedings of the Committee and they are encouraged to continue their care and solicitude for the promotion of the religious & temporal good of that part of the human race, agreeable to the concurrence of this Meeting as expressed in a minute on the subject in 1798 —

The Meeting was led to a consideration of our usual annual practice of directing a number of the printed general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London to be reprinted, and spread among the members of this Yearly Meeting — and a communication of sentiments thenon, open to a prospect of greater usefulness which might probably result from this meetings ensuing from time to time an Epistle in lieu thereof to convey to our subordinate
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feeling towards that injured People, and asatisfactionytf
with the attention & proceedings of the Committee -
and they areytf encouraged to continue their care and
solicitude for the promotion of theytf religious & temporal
good of that part of the human Race, agreeably toytf the
concern of this Meeting as expressed in a Minute on the Subject inytf 1798.ytf
New Portrafs. Dexter states, that one of its members, has accepted the a
ceat, in the Legislature of this state, and Easton that one of their members has
accepted the office of surgeon.

The Friends appointed last year, to receive the contributions, from the
monthly Meetings, for the relief of the sufferers in Great Britain, and
Ireland, report the sum of £237 8 6d, currency, for which they had recei-
ded, to the Meeting for Receipts in London £147 1 10d.

Adjourn to the tenth next Monday morning.

27th of the month. Friends met, agreeable to adjournment.

The committee on the concerns, relative to the Indian Meeting,
induced a report in writing, to obtain the deliberate attention of the
Meeting, and is satisfactory, — by this report it appears, that the agents
Friends being ready to take refuge, is encouraging, as by the informa-
tion of two Friends of the committee, that have made a visit to several
of the tribes, since last year, they appear, progressing in the knowledge
of agriculture, and a disposition to civilization; the committee con-
cluded, that attention to the subject, is requested, and they encourage to
step forward, in a way, that may appear most likely to answer the
views of this Meeting, in promoting the welfare of that people.

In the attention given to this concern, this meeting was led to
consider, that infirmities, which are to be useful to them, some major
expenses are attendant; and a prospect was opened and united with
the recommending to the Quarterly Meetings, the opening subscription to
raise a fund for the promotion of desirable purposes, and it is
resounded, that the money raised by voluntary contributions, in the
Quarter, be by them placed in the hands of the Treasurer to the Com-
mmittee, and the amount reported next year.

The Friends, to unite with the women's starting appointments,
in paying subscriptions, for the certificates and minutes of our sisters
attending from Neighboring Yearly Meetings, produced them, they
Newyf Yorkyf 27th of the month friends met agreeable to adjournmentyf The committee on the conern, relative to the Indian Natives, produced ayf report in writing, it obtain'd the deliberate attention of the Meeting, andyf is satisfactory, - by this report it appears, that the prospect of friendsyf being useful to those people, is encourageing, as by the informa-tion ofyf two friends of the committee, that have made a visit to several of theyf tribes, since last year, they appear, progressing in the knowledge ofyf agriculture, and a disposition ot civilisation; the committees conti-nuedyf attention to the subject, is requested, and they encouraged to stepyf forward, in a way, that may appear most likely to answer the views of thisyf Meeting, in promoting the welfare of that peopleyf In the attention given to this concern, the meeting was led to consider, that in friends endeavouring to be useful to them, some necessa-ryf expenses are attendant; and a prospect was open'd and united with ofyf recommending to the Quarterly Meetings, the opening subscriptions to raiseyf a fund for the promotion of so desireable a purpose, and it is requested, that the Money raised by voluntary contributions, in the Quarters, be byyf them placed in the hands of the Treasurer to the Com-mittee, and theyf amount reported next yearyf
A report in writing was received from the Committee on the Indian concern, by which it appears that three friends have given attention to the subject, that a visit has been made by one of their number since last year to some of the Indian settlements, whose report, together with the accounts received from friends resident amongst the Natives, furnishes encouragement and gives reason to believe, that the case of the Natives towards that people has been urgent. The Committee also state that some friends of Pennsylvania yearly Meeting, have with drawn their attention from some of the tribes, and gone under their care; and extended their views to the westward, they find it increasingly incumbent on them to continue their care to those tribes, who have from the early part of this concern now immediately claimed their attention — the information contained in the report appears to afford satisfaction, and the Committee are continued in the service, and encouraged to attend to the concern, in such way as may appear most likely to answer the views of the Meeting, in promoting the welfare of their Indians.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts report a statement in writing as follows viz —
Newytf Yorkytf A report in writing was received from the Committee on the Indian concern, ytf by which it appears that those friends have given attention to the subject, ytf that a visit has been made by me of their number since last year to diversytf of the Indians settlements, whose report, together with the accountsytf received from a friend resident amongst the Natives, furnishes encourage-ytf ment - and gives reason to believe, that the case of this May towardsytf that People has been useful; the Committee also state that as our friendsytf of Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting, haveytf with -drawn their attention from some of the Tribes, heretofore underytf their care; and extended their views to the westward, they find itytf increasingly incumbent on them, to continue their care to those tribes, whoytf have from the early part of this concern more immediately claim'd theoirytf attention - the information contain'd in the Report, appears to affordytf satisfaction, and the Committee are continued to the service, andytf encouraged to attend to the concern, in such way as may appear mostytf likely to answer the views of the Meeting, in promoting the welfare ofytf these Indiansytf
Adjourned to the 16th from tomorrow morning.

5th day morning 28th. The meeting again assembled.

It appears by the report of the committee, continued by last year.

By meeting, on the concern relative to the Indian nations that the subject hath diversion engaged their closest attention, and that a visit has been paid by some of their number, in satisfaction, their people being improving in agriculture, and school learning, and that there is cause to believe, some of their minds are at times impressed with religious thoughts. The subject received the utmost attention of the meeting, under which a scheme is also entertained for the religious and temporal welfare of that part of the human race. The committee are continued to the service, and encouraged to move forward in the concern, as may appear to them most likely to answer the views of Friends, in promoting the good of that people. Richard Mott, William Hicks, Adam Mott, Samuel Bird, Charles Mott, Leonard Calk, John Griffin Fort, and Isaac Horns Judson, are added to the committee; and Charles Fort is at his urgent request, from the appointment.

The committee yesterday appointed to take into consideration the duties, as now settled on the Quakers, by this meeting, report as the result of their deliberations, that when one hundred pounds, is divided by this, or recommended by the meeting, for outgoings, the Quarterly Meeting of Westbury May 12th, Raisins, Sugar, £21. Nine Pounds £21.21. Renton £12 and Stanford Quarter Ten Pounds, and the same proportion for
Newytf Yorkytf 5th day morning 28th the meeting again assembledytf It appears by the report of the Committee, of the 5th Meeting, on its concern relative to the Indian natives, that the subjectytf hath divers times engaged their close attention, and that a visit has beenytf perform'd by some of their number, to satisfaction, those People beingytf improveing in agriculture, and School learning, and that there is cause toytf believe, some of their minds, are at times impress'ed with religiousytf thoughtfulness; the subject renewedly claim'd, the attention of theyytf Meeting, under which, a desire is afresh witness'd, for the religious, andytf temporal welfare, of that part of the human race, the committee areytf continued to the service, and encouraged to move forward in the concern, asytf may apear to them most likely to answer the views of Friends, in promotingytf the good of that People, Richard Mott,ytf Willett Hicks, Adamytf Mott, Joseph Bird,ytf Charles Webb, Leonard Cook, John Grifinytf Jun.r and Isaac Thorne Jun.rytf are added to the committee; and Charlesytf Frost, is at his request releas'd from the appointment.ytf
The Committee appointed to the superintendence of the Boarding School at Nine Partners, Report.—That during the past year frequent visits have been made to the School by its sub Committees, and from their reports it appears, that there has been generally an agreeable improvement in the learning of the Scholars, and good order and harmony maintained amongst them, and the Family at large; and it is observed with satisfaction that contentment seems prevalent amongst the Children; their average number during the year has been between Seventy and Eighty.

On examining the Accounts it appears that the amount of Board & Tuition for the last year is Seventeen hundred & thirty-four pounds $3$. and the expenditures including at Sixty pounds for improvement—Repairs—Seventeen hundred & thirty pounds $7/11$ leaving a balance of three pounds $15/11$ in favor of the Institution.

On considering the manner of applying the Interest on the permanent Fund, we suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of offering one half third of the present year to the Quarterly Meeting of Stanford, and the other half to the Quarterly Meetings of Nine Partners & Easton, should those Meetings furnish Children of the description intended to be benefited by this Fund.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Committee.

Jas. Mott, Hannah Field.

Nine Partners, 5th 12. 1804.

On friends expressing their sentiments relative to the tenure of the foregoing Report, it appeared to afford satisfaction to the Meeting, and the Committee are desired to continue their care and attention, and they encouraged to persevere in promoting the prosperity of the Institution—And with respect to their proposal relative to the appropriation of the Interest arising from the permanent Fund, the Meeting units therewith, and the Treasurer of the School is desired to pay the one half third of the Quarterly Meeting of Stanford, & the other half to Nine Partners & Easton.

The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting relative to the Indians situated on the borders of this State, made the following Report — To the Yearly Meeting. The Committee on the concern
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That in the course of their attention to the service much has not been done
in the course of the present year, although it may be acknowledged
the field for exercising our benevolence, and promoting the good of that
people seems to be more enlarged. — Three of our number have
visited several of the tribes, and from accounts communicated by
them, as well as from other communications, we are fully informed
with ability, that there is encouragement for friends to prosecute
in endeavoring to promote the objects which first engaged the
attention of the yearly Meeting — Civilization & Agricultural
improvements appear gradually progressing, and there are those
among them who appear to have their minds impressed with
a true of religious thoughtfulness; and the Committee conceive
it is right for them to mention, that this appears to be the case in
a particular manner amongst a number of the Indian Women
at Stockbridge, who in the course of several visits paid them by
different friends, seemed to claim their sympathy & affectionate
regard, and as they are equally entitled to our assistance as the
Men, and it may be the means of increasing usefulness to
both, the Committee suggest to the Meeting, the propriety of
spreading this concern before the Women's yearly Meeting —
New York & month 29th 1804
Signed by direction by order of Committee,
relative to the Indians situated on the borders of this State, Report, that in the course of their attention to the service much as not been done in the course of the present year, although it may be acknowledged, field for exercising our benevolence, and promoting the good of that People seems to be more enlarged. - Three of our number have visited several of the Tribes, and from accounts communicated by them, as well as from other communications, we are fully impress'd with belief, that there is encouragement for friends to persevere in endeavouring to promote the Objects which first engaged their attention of the Yearly Meeting - Civilization & Agricultural improvements appear gradually progressing, and there are those amongst them who appear to have their minds impressed with degree of religious thoughtfulness; and the Committee conceive right for them to mention, that this appear to be the case in a particular manner amongst a number of the Indian Women Stockbridge, who in the course of several visit paid them by different friends, seem'd to claim their sympathy & affectionate regard, and as they are equally entitled to our assistance as the Men, and it may be the means of increasing usefulness to both, the Committee suggest to the Meeting, the propriety of spreading this concern before the Women's Yearly Meeting - New York 5th month 29th 1804

Sign'd by direction & on behalf of Committee Tho. Franklin Clerk. The foregoing communication rec'd from the Committee on this interesting concern, appeared to afford the Meeting, not only satisfaction, but comfortable prospect, that as friends continue to bear in mind the situation of that injured People, and of the motives which led to the concern, we shall be enabled to persevere therein, & stimulate Committee to move forward as way may open in promoting their welfare.
The Committee on the concurrence of their Meeting relative to the Indian Nations, more particularly those situated on the frontiers of this State, now make the following Report of 1805.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee appointed on the concurrence of the Yearly Meeting relative to the Indians, have had divers opportunities of conference with them during the course of last year, and have given such attention to the subject as way opened. Three of the Committee appointed to visit that People report they spent about a week among the Britotown, Stockbridge, and Omida Tribes, and inform that although in some respects things among them look discouraging, their access to spirituous liquors from the Whites settled around them, induces too many to the excessive use of it, which joined to their common habit of indolence, greatly obstructs the cultivation of their land, and improvement in their respects; yet they found in each Nation those that were sober and industrious, and making advantageous improvements. That notwithstanding the many difficulties and discouragements they labour under, the Committee thought they were making advancement in Agriculture; and that there even among them, who are not only sober and industrious, but religiously disposed, particularly among the Females, and visits from friends appeared to be very acceptable, and particularly so to this Class, and that in the whole they believe, a continuation of care suitably extended towards that People may probably be attended with salutary effects.

A communication is等着 from the Britotown Tribe, signed by a number of both sexes, and addressed to this Committee, that has been received, and we apprehend it proper to subjoin a copy of it to this Report. That the Yearly Meeting may have it read and friends incline to it.

Being impressed with a desire to aid and encourage our Brethren the Indians to pursue those Things which will be promotive of their present Welfare and future, the Committee thought it right to communicate with several of the Tribes through the medium of Writings, which being prepared, were accordingly transmitted to the Britotown, Stockbridge, and Omida Nations. And at the same time, the concern to be inducing, yet it must be acknowledged, the work of Civilization is a gradual one, and that a considerable time necessarily must elapse ere much.
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The attention of the Meeting being strongly impressed with a solicitude for the welfare of our Indian Brethren, attended with the expression of satisfaction & concurrence with the foregoing Report, a desire and concern was evidenced to prevail that friends on that Committee may be encouraged to prosecute in the Work assigned them, that so they may be enabled from time to time to extend such care towards that part of the human race, as may be open for it — & as it is desirable that the Committee should be furnished with the means of aiding those People in an eminently way, as circumstances may render it proper expedient, in order more fully to carry into effect the benignant views of this Meeting, it is agreed to a prospect of propriety in authorizing the Committee to circulate subscriptions among friends in this Yearly Meeting as extensively as they may think proper for raising a Fund for that purpose. It being suggested that an addition of a few names to the Committee would probably be useful, with which the Meeting concurs, and appoints Matthew Franklin, Samuel M. of Mamaroneck, Abr. J. Underhill and Samuel Parsons.

Adjourn'd to the 4th hour tomorrow afternoon

Fourth Day Afternoon, 29 of Apr. The Meeting again met.

P. Willis: A Testimony of Thomas Willis, concerning his wife Phile, forwarded from the Meeting for Sufferings, was now read, it received the attention of the Meeting, and from the expression of satisfaction therewith, is approved, is directed to be placed on record.

Also a Testimony of the Monthly Meeting of Greenbush concerning Mary Wilbor, forwarded from the Meeting for Sufferings was likewise read, being approved, is directed to be placed on record.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings for the last year, were produced and read — On friends expressing their sentiments, relative
fruit may be the result of the labour bestowed, yet while there is an evidence of the rectitude of the concern, there is reason to hope, Friends may be enabled to facilitate the gradual improvement of the Natives to an amore civilized State - and that in the issue they will have no cause to regret the part they have taken, in order to promote their present and future wellbeing. Sign'd by direction & on behalf of the Committee. Tho. Franklin

New York 5th month 26th 1805. The attention of the Meeting being feelingly & renewedly impressed as solicitude for the welfare of our Indian Brethren, attended with the expression of satisfaction & concurrence with the foregoing Report, a desire and concern was evidenced to prevail, that friends on that Committee may be encouraged to persevere in the Work assigned them, that so they may be enabled from time to time, to extend such care towards that part of the human race, as way may open for it - & as it is desirable that the Committee should be furnish'd with the means of aiding those People in a pecuniary way, as circumstances may render it proper & expedient, order more fully to carry into effect the benevolent views of this Meeting, it open'd to a prospect of propriety in authorizing the Committee to circulate subscriptions among friends in this Yearly Meeting as extensively as they may think proper for raising a Fund for that purpose. - It being suggested that an addition of a few names to the Committee would probably be useful, with which the Meeting concurs, and appoints Matthew Franklin, Samuel Mott, of Mamaroneck, Abram. Underhill and Samuel Parsons. Adjourn'd to the 4th hour tomorrow afternoon.
to encourage the Committee to a faithful discharge of the important trust reposed in them, and that they perceive in their exertions to promote a careful system of economy, in order to lessen every unnecessary expense, so as that they may be enabled to bring the amount for board and tuition to be equal to the annual expenditures of the School, which will tend to the reputation of the Institution and afford encouragement to friends at large.

The proposal of the Committee relative to the appropriation of the Interest on the permanent Fund, is concurred with by the Meeting.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting relative to divers Tribes of Indians, furnish us with a report on that subject, which was read, and is as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting relative to the Indian Natives report — That during the last year we have had several conferences together, and have met our minds engaged in sympathy with, and earnest desires for the promotion of the civil and religious welfare of that people, so as to engage the attention of several of our number who have visited them, and from the report received from them, there appears an openness to receive the advice and counsel of friends — And as the use of spiritsuous liquors continues to retard their improvement, yet we have reason to believe that a number of them are guarded in that respect, and we think they progress in the arts of civilized life — They give us a pleasing account of one School being taught by an Indian at Stockbridge, and another School House erected at the same place — The School at Brotherton is kept up, and another School House erecting — We are enabled to believe, the care and attention of friends have been useful to them — Subscriptions for raising money applicable to the education of the Yearly Meeting, has been forwarded to friends in the usual
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parts of the Yearly Meeting, but we have as yet received but little
information; and the Committee apprehend it may be right for them
at this time to suggest to the Yearly Meeting, that they continue
to feel solicitous that a Fund may be raised, so as to encourage
some suitable friends to go about among them, as one principal
means of promoting their welfare — New York 8th. 25. 1806.
Thomas Franklin Ely.

The communication now received from the Committee on this
concern, affords satisfaction to the Meeting; and as the work
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yet it is desirable that friends may not be discouraged, in the
extension of such further care towards them as may be open to
and from what is felt and expressed in the Meeting, during its
deliberation on this interesting subject, the Committee are
requested to give renewed attention thereunto, and avail themselves
of every prudent means, which may be within their reach, to
promote the comfort and good of that People — And as it appears
by the report, there has not been much raised during the last
year, in order the better to carry into effect the benevolent views
of this Meeting, it is proposed that the subject be recommended
to the attention of our Quarterly Meetings, as the most likely way
to encourage friends to liberality equal in some good degree to
raise a fund for the important purposes contemplated by the
Committee, (one principal object being to encourage friend and
his family to go, and reside among them) and the Meeting
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and that Subscriptions be opened accordingly by our Monthly Meetings,
and that the money which may be raised be forwarded to Thomas
Franklin in New York Treasurer to the Committee — John
Dean Joseph Talcott being proposed as additional Member, the
same is united with, they accordingly appointed therein, and
Willett Seaman at his request is released from that appointment.

Adjourned to the 9th Hour tomorrow morning.
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