Beyond Penn's Treaty

New York Yearly Meeting minutes [Indian reports extracted]

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SUMMARY: 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 Quarterly Meetings are designed to visit the Families of Friends in their respective places, more fully to render our concern and exert our influence to the promotion of the Reformation; and the Friends appointed are desired to extend their sympathy to others, to the Committees of the Quakers as they may find their way therein. A report is received from the Committee on the case stated by Neminannah Peters, which being deliberatively attended to, received the concurrence of the Meeting, and it is therefore concluded that acknowledgments in all cases be made. In the Meeting, to whom the Person was known, and where the Records thereof are kept, and of the Person so acknowledging resides in the compass of another Monthly Meeting, that if their Meeting is with such acknowledgment is refused by satisfaction as to the general tone, that they request 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 their Sense of the sincerity of his or her acknowledgment, and when such acknowledgment is receive that the Person be recommended to a Member to the Monthly Meeting where his residence is and in such cases Persons so recommended be considered as having gained admission in such Meeting the there be no Removal Mentioned in the Certificate of recommendation and this conclusion is directed to be placed in our Book of Discipline and in all our Subordinate Meetings.

The attention of the Meeting was drawn to the situation and circumstances of the Indians on the Western parts of this State and concern took place for the welfare of their welfare and the Subject beneath with many much sympathy was felt with them in their scattered state. The situation and under a deliberate view thereof they appeared, a propriety and hope of usefulness in placing the Subject in the consideration and care of the Meeting for Safeguards who on examination of their circumstances are authorized to afford them such assistance as may appear necessary in the Meeting and the following Friends are appointed to sit with the Meeting for Safeguards on the consideration thereof and to examine into the case: Peter Leffing, John Cornel, Benjamin Hlavak, and Jacob, John, James, Thomas, John, Jacob, John, and Caleb, Teller with Valentine of the last, Titus, Lewis, Peter, Caleb, Simon, and Henry, Hale. Abraham Underhill, John, and Lewis, John, Ferris, Adjourned to the 9th of June at 2 o'clock.
The attention of the Meeting was turned towards the situation and circumstances of the Indians in the Western parts of the States. A concern took place for the promotion of their Welfare and the Subject spreading with weight much sympathy was felt with them in their Scatter'd remote situation and under a deliberate view thereof there appeared propriety and hope of usefulness in placing the Subject under the consideration and care of the Meeting for Sufferings who on examination into their circumstances are authorised to afford them such assistance as may appear necessary to said Meeting and the following Friends are appointed to set with the Meeting for Sufferings in the consideration thereof viz Peter Lossingy, John Cornellty, Benjamin Havilandty, Charles Frosty, John Castey, Thomas Eddy, Isaac Leggesy, Joseph Talket William & attentive Dan Titusy, Joseph Griffiny, Willis Seamany, Henry Hully, Abraham Underhill & Rich. Lawrence & Johny. Adjourned to the 9th hour on 2d day Mor.
Adjourned 16

Matters of the Meeting

Attention related to Inroads

27th

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

We find by the Minutes of our 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 company 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 was read. The attention of the Committee on that Meeting and especially on that People that led to a prospect of some further steps on their behalf and in an especial manner on the discouragement of Spirituous liquors being introduced amongst them. But in attending to the prospects, they found it not open to proceed therein for the present. The care and labour of that Meeting with the Friends who were united with them. These appear to have been great and manifest their regard to the concern and recommendation of this Meeting and its satisfactory to find by the information now before us, many among that People have been sensible of the erroneous effects of the use of ardent spirits, and their openness to advice and counsel, and the new wise weight attending the deliberations of the House, and that a committee should be appointed to attend on the subject at this time, our deliberations result in the appointment of a committee to the said consideration of attention to the concern of this Meeting on the subject and that they more properly with care and caution as way may open.

and there the following Friends are appointed viz.

Joseph Con an, James Mott Sam Bowens James Lennos Epp

Mathew Edmund Prior Thomas Wiber Sam Field Ralph Weeks

John Murray Thomas Edms cornelius Dule Hare Thomas Dunning

Wller Peter Lesing Dadd Richards Hout Granzi Parker Tom

Barron Walter & Horning and Wiler Summan Edmund Hale Joseph

George Robert Bowens Abraham Smith Eliott Sycamor Seaman

Hugh Judge Joseph Pearsall Sam Draying Grea Smith Eliott

Wiler Edd Denton George Embree and the Meeting

When springs is desired to give this advice and assistance of the Committee should see occasion to call for it and to call on the assurance for Money in their favour of the Meeting of any

I should see it advise ability.

Adjourned to the 18th hour afternoon.
The Meeting assembled according to adjournment. We find by the Minutes of our 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 Company 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 visit that People to inform themselves of their situation and circumstances that the report of the Committee so appointed claimed the attention of that Meeting and impress’d 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 the Spirituous liquors being introduced amongst them but in attending to the prospect way did not open to proceed therein for the present. They care and labour of that Meeting with the Friends who were united with them appear to have been great and manifests their regard to their concern and recommendation of this Meeting and it is satisfactory to find by the information now before us that many amongst that People have become sensible of the sorrowful effects of the use of ardent Spirits, and their openness to advice and council, and a renewed weight attending them Subject at this time, our deliberations result in the appointment of a Committee to the solid Consideration & attention to the concern of this Meeting on the Subject and that they move forwards with care and caution as way may open and thereto the following Friends are appointed viz.


Hugh Judgey, Joseph Pearsall, Sam Learing, Isaac Underhill, Willm Odely, Silas Downing & George Embrie and the Meeting for Sufferings is desired to give their advice and assistance of the Committee should see occasion to call for it and to call on our Treasurer for Money in their favour if they Meeting for Suffergs should see it advisable. Adjourned to the 4th hour afternoon.
A report from the Committee on Indian affairs is now read as a solid quiet took place thereon and renewed sympathy felt for that People and the further consideration thereof is refer’d to a future selling the report is as follows viz To the Yearly Meeting now setting 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 probably 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 than heretofore – And altho’ a sufficient attraction to this interesting concern will probably require patience and perseverance yet under right direction we are induced to believe it will lend to the benefit and advantages of the Indians Signed by direction & on behalf of Samuel Bowne
The Meeting gathered at the 2nd hour. 

Renewed attention was given to the subject referred from last sitting relative to Indian affairs and as we found the Committee had a prospect of a service about to be performed which they had been prevented from going into the season was too far advanced and agreed to being witnesses for their encouragement in the calamities of their cause. This important subject is therefore continued under their care with the following Friends added thereto in this concern viz: Thomas Filley, Stephen Rogers, Robert Lawrence, George Board. 

Also, it is resolved that the Service at his request be held by the Preacher in view of that part of our Discipline that directs the indiscriminate reading of all Testimonies at the close of a Meeting for Worship as did the Quarterly Meeting at a preceding full meeting of the Subject which resulted in reference to our next yearly Meeting. The Committee settle with the Treasurer account at balance at £312. 4. 0. 

Respite from the indentures to be paid for the Meeting, and that they not apprehend any occasion for an addition to be raised this year. 

Three Memos to be brought forward last year and left under the care and inspection of our Meet for Sufferings with one of our three associate Monthly Meetings concerning our Friend Bell Neilson with the apprehension of Hope cutting his hair. 

Four Memos concerning our friend Joshua Knight under a one of the Monthly Meeting of New Partners concerning our friend Joshua Knight with the concurrence of the Quarterly Meeting from another of the Creek Monthly Meeting concerning Mr. Siders. 

Thus approved by New Partners, receipts were now produced from the Monthly as altered by them, they were read to a weighty attention and our concurrence was directed to Records. 

Adjourned to live hours tomorrow morning.
The Meeting gathered at the 2d hour - Renewed attention was given to the Subject referred from last session relative to Indian Affairs and as we find that the Committee had the prospect of a service for them to perform which they had been prevented from going into 'till the season was too far advanced and a desire being witnessed for their encouragement in the extension of further care this important Subject is therefore continued under their care with the following Friends added to them in this concern viz Thomas Titus, Stephen Rogers, Leonard Lawrence & George Bowne - Elias Hicks is released from this Service at his request.
to last year directed they have essay'd Subscriptions for the same purpose, the amount of which is £1256 18 4. In the York Quarter £100 2 14 0 — £ 5 of which is on Interest from first Month last, £20 in Body, and the balance paid to the Treasurer. Present £85 which is paid. Nine Storms £168 3 0 and what 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 Nation in the western parts of this State, make the following report in writing:

The Committee appointed by the yearly Meeting on its concern Relating to Indians affairs. Report that they have so far paid attention unto that as visit hath been paid by some of their number, to the Indians of Corinth town, Stock Bridge, Onida, and part of the Seneca tribes, by whose report it appears, that several of these tribes have of latter time not only appeared amicable of the majority of them becoming more acquainted with settle of civilization, but have given some proofs of industry, and attention to agricultural pursuits, which gave encouragement to hope that by a little 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 particular ly, while the Committee were there, by reason of an unseasonable Season, the last summer, and a very trying long Winter, which induced them to afford some of the most necessary...
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drinks, and construe for their People on that account.

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of the Society residing amongst them, from their own concern

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 they had

sent with many discouragements, yet on the whole there is

not an improvement amongst them, that the Indians there

desire that their Children may have some school learning,

have several Schools amongst them, one of which is taught

by me of the Pennsylvania Friends; the other by their own

people; several of the Forbes, enjoyed the satisfaction they

had in the visit paid them by our Friends in 1795; signifi-

ing that it had been useful to them, which appears to have

been the case — The Indians received the visit kindly,

expressing 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-

tion.

John Brown

Sign'd by direction, and on behalf of the Committee

The care and attention manifested by the Committee to these

people is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the comfortable quiet
some pecuniary assistance, mostly to procure Breadt Corn; that divers of the Indians appear to be religious sobery persons, and very sensible of the pernicious effects of strong drink, and concern’d for their People on that account yet others still gave way to that weakness - That they found several young Men from Pennsylvania Members of our Society residing amongst them, from their own concern and under the direction of a Committee, of the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, for the instruction and Improvement of the Indians; who informed them, that altho 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, have several Schools amongst them, one of which is taught by one of the forementioned Friends; the other by their own People; several of the Tribes, express’d the satisfaction they had in the visit paid them by our Friends in 1795, signifying that it had been useful to them, which appear’d to have been the case - They Indians viewed the visit kindly, express’d their gratitude for this further attention of care and regard for them - That tho the visit was attended with some fatigue yet they had a good degree of satisfaction therein - Sign’d by direction, and on behalf of the Committee John Barron The care and attention manifested by the Committee, to those people is satisfactory to the Meeting; and the comfortable quit that
that attends the present consideration, together with a free communication of concerning sentiments pointing thence leads to the propriety 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 welfare of the Indians, and answer the present view of this Meeting, particularly in endeavoring to turn their attention to agricultural improve-ments, and a state of cultivation, and should a suitable friend or two, from a concern to be useful to these People, be des-pired to step forward in residing among them for a time, in order to effect these desirable purposes, that the committee encourage and make way for — And at 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 this Meeting Treasurer to answer such demands, and to the service the following friends are appointed Mr John Beene, Samuel Seaving, Charles Foss, Gideon Eman-
s Samuel Beene, John Murray, Thomas P Robinson, Peter Stephenson, Robert Jackson, James Matt, Tidmouth Hill, John Ruther, Robert Beene, and Peter Hull —

Addendum to the third Day tomorrow afternoon

5th Month 30th The Meeting assembles pursuant to adjournment. — The Representatives present as at the first sitting

The Committee last year appointed to perform a visit
that attends the present consideration, together with a free communication of concurring sentiments pointing thereto leads to the prosperity 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 present views of this Meeting, particularly, in endeavouring to turn their attention to agricultural improvements, and a state of Civilization, and should a suitable Friend or two, from a concern to be useful to those People, be disposed to step forward in residing amongst them for a time, in order to effect those desirable purposes, that Committee encourage and make way therefor - And as occasion will probably require some pecuniary aid, for their and other purposes, the Committee with the advice and approbation of our Meeting for Sufferings are authoritative to call on their Meetings Treasurer to answer such demands, and to the service the following Friends are appointed Viz John Barron, Samuel Learing, Charles Frost, Gideon Seaman, Samuel Bowne, John Murray, Thomas R Robinson, Peter Lossing, Tripy Mosher, James Mott, Fiddeman Hull, Johnny Barker, Robert Bowne, and Oliver Hull - Adjourn'd to the third Hour tomorrow afternoon
John Searing, Edmund Williss & Tripi Morson, who are 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 same appointment is now dissolved by the present conclusion — Our Quakers are desired to proceed in the choice of four friends each by member agreeable to what hath been proposed, and in order that the Quakers may clearly understand the alteration which hath now taken place, relative to the manner of constituting the Meeting for Sufferings, and may proceed agreeably thereto — 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 cause to believe that his undertaking..."

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 disposition of some of their land to the State, adjoining to the main road leading through their settlements, which by the introduction of Farms, opening an easy access to the use of ardent spirits, which has hitherto proved so painfully detrimental to their civil and religious improvement for all the 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 among them, they give way. Yet from the covering of solemnity, the heart felt sympathy, generally felt on the first opening of this weighty concern for their welfare, the evident revival of it at times in our deliberations on the subject, affords encouragement for friends to pursue in their benevolent designs, apprehending it may be handed amongst these cases, where obstructions ought to stimulate to an increase of care and attention.

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are from an addition being made to the Committee, and the following names being proposed were added with according-appointed to that servic 298—Shadrack Rickerson, Ebenezer Howard, Benjamin Cornell, Willett Seaman, Thomas Franklin, Heath Judge, Andrew Cock, Thomas Eddy, Browning Wilcox, Zebulon Hoax, Isaac Seggett, David Wright.

Adjourned to the 5th hour afternoon.

about the time adjourned to, the Meeting against

My report from the Quakers, 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 a demand of £9.12 on account of Militia Services, for which was taken by detaint to the amount of £55.6.

It does not appear by report from the Quakers, that any friend hath accepted of a Post of Profit or Honor in the government since last year, save that one Meeting mentions, that more holds any Post.

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

We have received information from our respective Quakers, that they have subscribed towards the Board of tuition of the Children of Friends in low circumstances, who may be placed at the Boarding School Nine Pating, the Sum of £17. in cash, & £308. 18 in Annuities,
arise from an addition being made to the Committee -
and the following names being proposed were united
with, &c. accordingly appointed to that service viz. &c.
Shadrach Ricketson, Ebenezeryt &c. Haviland, Benjamin
Cornwall, Willett Seaman, &c. Thomas Franklin, Hugh
Judge, Andrew Cock, &c. Thomas Eddy, Browning
Adjourned to the 5th hour Afternoon.
also £3 12 6 on the former recommendation — all which except from one Quarter, is reported to be either forwarded to the Treasurer of the School, or to the Agent therefor.

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 in circumstances, but it did not lead to a prospect of change.

Our Meeting for Suffring is directed to procure 2500 copies of the London print of Quire, and apportion them to our Quarter.

Essays of endorsements for the Certificates. Minutes of some of our friends Chaddock, Albright, Chisholm, Anthony, Mr. Whitall, Thomas Walmsley, Jonathan Evans, and Jacob Neckson, were produced by the friends present, opening to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow morning, 91 of 5 m. The Meeting again assembled.

The subject relative to the Indians being renewed, it is thought an advantage would result from endorsement 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 minutes is accordingly directed to our Quarters.

Endorsements on the Certificates. Minutes of our friends Ruth Ann Rutter, Sarah Carson, Rebekah.
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The Yearly Meeting, as to the means 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 therefore annex a statement of the Accounts of the Institution, together with a state of its Funds—all which are submit to the Yearly Meeting—Signed by direction from behalf of the Committee by Peter Leffing
Ruth Hallock—
Nine Partners 3mo 7 1800


Mr. Thorne, Peter Lawson, Enos Dorland, Adam Bickings, John Gifford, Jonathan Giffen Jun. 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 Meeting
The Committee on the concern of this Meeting relative to the welfare of the Indians, now made the following report on that subject - viz. York The Committee appointed by the Yearly
Meeting on its concern relative to Indian affairs.

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 sincere sympathy with the Natives, and also the exercise presented at times many discouragements, yet as we were from time to time made sensible that the concern was owned, we were encouraged to believe, that as friends attend to the pointings of duty, and pursue therein, that they might be very useful to this People — In the course of last Year two of our number, at the not-appointed particularly to the service, paid a visit to some of the Tribes, for 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 Blacksmiths business — As it may be difficult to meet with a Friend, suitable to reside among them, the Committee turn their attention to endeavour to send them by proving suitable places, where some of their youth might be pleased 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 Bruder, we find that friends of Pennsylvania Daily Meeting have withdrawn their members.
Meeting on its concern relative to Indian Affairs. That during the course of last year, we have met, and they subject of our appointment weightily claimed our attention, often leading our minds into a near sympathy with the natives; and although the exercise presented at times many discouragements, yet as we were from time to time made sensible that the concern was owned, we were encouraged to believe, that as friends attend to their 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, altho not appointed particularly to the service, paid a visit to some of the Tribes from a religious concern, which was 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 Blacksmiths business - as if may be difficult to meet with a Friend, suitable & free, to reside among them, the Committee turned their attention to endeavour to serve them by procuring 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 settlement in and about Oneida, we find that friends of Pennsylavania Yearly Meeting have withdrawn their members.
was for sometime residid with the Indians there, in the view of extending their services further to them. 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 and attention of Friends — all which is submitted. Signed by direction on behalf of the Committee —

Samson Bowdoin

5 mo. 26 1800

In attending to the preceding report, the Meeting was led to the expression of renewed feeling towards that injured People, and a satisfaction with the attention, proceedings of the Committee, and they are encouraged to continue their care and solicitude for the promotion of the religious and temporal good of that part of the Human Race, agreeable to the concern 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, then on, 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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concern of this Meeting as expressed in a Minute on the Subject 1798.
New Dutchess Quarterly, that one of its members, has accepted the a
seat, in the Legislature of this state, and Easton that one of their members has
accepted the office of supervisor.

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 3s 6d currency, for which they had recei
ved, to the Meeting for Sufferers in London £147 1s 10d.

Adjourn to the tenth hour tomorrow morning.

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

The committee on the concern, relative to the Indian Meeting,
induced a report in writing, it obtains the deliberate attention of the
Meeting, and is satisfactory. This report it appears, that the Hon. Yoi
officers being agreeable to their request, 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-
tinue attention to the subject is requested, and they encouraged to take
steps forward, in a way that may appear most likely to answer the
wishes of this Meeting, in promoting the welfare of that people.

In the attention given to this concern, the meeting was led to
consider that in funds endeavoring to be useful to them, some major
expenses are attendant, and a prospect was opened and united with
recommending to the Quarterly Meetings, the opening subscription to
raise a fund for the promotion of conclusive as a purpose, and it is
requested that the money raised by voluntary contributions, in the
Quarterly be by them placed in the hands of the Treasurer to the Com-
mmittee, and so amount repeated next year.

The funds to unite with the women's starting appointment,
in praying and moments for the certificate and minutes of our ladies
attending from Negroeing Yearly Meetings, produced them, they
were...
The committee on the concern, relative to the Indian Natives, produced a report in writing, it obtain'd the deliberate attention of the Meeting, and is satisfactory. By this report it appears, that the prospect of friends being useful to those people, is encouraging, as by the information of two friends of the committee, that have made a visit to several tribes, since last year, they appear, progressing in the knowledge of agriculture, and a disposition of civilisation; the committee continued their attention to the subject, is requested, and they encouraged 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, the meeting was led to consider, that in friends endeavouring to be useful to them, some necessary expenses are attendant; and a prospect was open'd and united with recommending to the Quarterly Meetings, the opening subscriptions to raise a fund for the promotion of so desirable a purpose, and it is requested, that the Money raised by voluntary contributions, in the Quarters, be by them placed in the hands of the Treasurer to the Committee, and the amount reported next year.
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 them to a few of the Indian settlements, whose report, together with the accounts received from a friend resident amongst the natives, furnishes encouragement and gives reason to believe, that the cause of the Mag towards that people has been useful. 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 very first of this concern most 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 accounts report a statement in writing as follows viz.

Agreeable to appointment we have examined the Treasurer accounts and found due to him, after paying the balance due for the Meeting House in New York, the sum of Sixteen pounds two shillings and four pence, and the Committee
A report in writing was received from the Committee on the Indian concern, by which it appears that those friends have given attention to the subject that a visit has been made by me of their number since last year to diversy of the Indians settlements, whose report, together with the accounts received from a friend resident amongst the Natives, furnishes encouragement and gives reason to believe, that the case of this May towards that People has been useful; the Committee also state that as our friends of Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting, have with -drawn their attention from some of the Tribes, heretofore 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 more immediately claim’d their attention - the information contain’d in the Report, appears to afford satisfaction, and the Committee are continued to 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 these Indians.
Adjourned to the 11th from tomorrow morning —

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

It appears by the report of the committee, continued by last year's meeting, on its concerns relative to the Indian nations, that the subject, hath divers times engaged their close attention, and that as much has been judiciously done by some of their number, to satisfy the public mind, that the Committee has been engaged in improving our agriculture, and School learning, and that there is reason to believe, some of their minds, are at times impelled with religious thought attacks the subject sincerely desirous of the attention of the Meeting, under which a desire is expressed respecting, 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 Metc. William Hicks, Adam Metc. Joseph Bird, Charles Metc. Leonard Bird, John Griffin Job, and Isaac Horne Art. are added to the Committee, and Charles Job, is at the request received from the appointment.

The Committee yesterday appointed to take into consideration the Estates, as now settled on the Tincury, by this Meeting, report on the result of their deliberation, that when one hundred pounds, is divided by this, or recommended by the Meeting for outlaying the quarterly Meeting of Westbury May 28th. Purchased Quarter $21 Nine Pounds $21. Tenor $12 and Stanford Quarter Ten Pounds, and in the same proportion for 1801.
New York 5th day morning 28th the meeting again assembled. It appears by the report of the Committee, the Meeting, on its concern relative to the Indian natives, that the subject hath divers times engaged their close attention, and that a visit has been perform'd by some of their number, to satisfaction, those People being improveing in agriculture, and School learning, and that there is cause to believe, some of their minds, are at times impress'ed with religious thoughtfulness; the subject renewedly claim'd, the attention of the Meeting, under which, a desire is afresh witness'd, 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, Willett Hicks, Adam Mott, Joseph Bird, Charles Webb, Leonard Cook, John Griffin, Jun. r and Isaac Thorne Jun. are added to the committee; and Charles Frost, is at his request releas'd from the appointment.
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 3s. — and the expenditures including all Sixty pounds for improvement. Repairs. Seventeen hundred & thirty pounds 7/11 leaving a balance of three pounds 15s. — 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

Nine Partners 5th. 12th 1804.

James Mott
Hannah Field

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 desirous to continue their care and attention, and they encouraged to perseverance 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 unite 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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relative to the Indians situated on the borders of this State. Resolves,
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 impressed
with a belief, that there is encouragement for friends to persevere
in endeavors to promote the Objects which first engaged the
attention of the Early Meeting — Civilization & Agricultural
improvements appear gradually progressing, and there are those
amongst them who appear to have their minds imbued with
adequate religious thoughtfulness; and the Committee conceive
it 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, seem to claim their sympathy & affectionate
regard, and as they are equally entitled to our attention 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 Early Meeting —
New York 5th month 29, 1804
Signed by direction Von uchad for Committee
The Franklin Clark —

The foregoing communication was from the Committee
on this interesting concern, appeared to afford the Meeting,
not only satisfaction, but a comfortable prospect, that as
friends continue to bear in mind the situation of that
injured People, and of the motives which led to it concern,
we shall be enabled to pursue therein, stimulate
the Committee to move forward as way may open in
promoting their Welfare.

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The Committee on the appeal of John Hallcock
report they have attended to their appointments, and had
examin'd the proceedings of the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings.
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, 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 impress'd with a 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 a degree of religious thoughtfulness; and the Committee conceive it right for them to mention, that this appear to be the case in a particular manner amongst a number of the Indian Women at 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 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 their situation of that injured People, and of the motives which led to their concern, we shall be enabled to persevere therein, & stimulate their Committee to move forward as way may open in promoting their welfare.
The Committee on the concer of this Meeting relating to the Indian Nations, more particularly those situated on the Frontiers of this State, now made the following Report 20th.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed on the concer of the Yearly Meeting relating to the Indians, have had a great number of opportunities of conference with them during the course of last year, and have given such attention to the subject as any occasion - Three of the Committee were appointed to visit this People reform. They spent about a week among the Brothertown, Stockbridge, and Oneida Tribes, and infused, that all in some respects things among them look discouraging, this will very accet upon their present Liquors, from the Whites settled around them, induces too many to the excise; let me, which joined to their common habit of Indolence, greatly obstructs the cultivation of their Land, and improvement in other respects; yet they found in each Nation those that were sober and industrious, and making agreeable improvements. That notwithstanding the many difficulties and discouragements they labour under, the Committee thought they were to making advancement in Agriculture, and that they were 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 on the whole they believe, a continuance of care suitably extended towards that People may probably be attended with salutary effects —

A communication in Writing from the Brothertown Tribe, signed by a number of both Sexes, and addressed to this Committee hath been received, and we apprehend it proper to subjoin a copy of it to this Report. That the Yearly Meeting may have it read aloud 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 we care — the Committee thought it right to communicate with several of the Tribes through the medium of Spitters, which being prepared, were accordingly transmitted to the Brothertown, Stockbridge, and Oneida Nations — And at the same time the concern to be interesting yet it must be acknowledged, the work of Civilization is a gradual one, and that a considerable time necessarily must elapse ere much
The Committee on the concern of this Meeting relative to the Indian Natives, more particularly those situated on the Frontiers of this State, now made the following Report vizs. To the Yearly Meeting - The Committee appointed on the concern of the Yearly Meeting relative to the Indians, have had divers opportunities of conference thereon during the course of last year, and given such attention to the subject as way open'd - Three of the Committee appointed to visit that People report - They spent about a Week among the Brothertown, Stockbridge, and Oneida Tribes, and inform, That altho in some respects things among them look discouraging, their easy access to spirituous Liquors, from the Whites settled around them, induces too many to the excessive use thereof, which joined to their common habit of Indolence, greatly obstructs the cultivation of their Land, and improvement in other respects; yet they found in each Nation those that were sober and industrious, and making agreeably improvements - That notwithstanding the many difficulties and discouragements, they labour under, the Committee thought they were making advancement in Agriculture; and that there were 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 on the whole they believe, a continuation of care suitably extended towards that People, may probably be attended with salutary effects. A communication in Writing from the Brothertown Tribe, sign'd by a number of both Sexes, addressed to this Committee hath been received, and we apprehend it proper to subjoin a copy of it to this Report, That the Yearly Meeting may have it read should friends incline to it. Being impressed with a desire to aid and encourage our brethren they Indians to pursue those Things which will be promotive of their present & future welfare - the committee thought it right to communicate with several of the Tribes through the medium of Epistles, which being prepared, were accordingly transmitted to the Brothertown, Stockbridge, and Oneida Nations - And altho we still feel concern to be interesting, yet it must be acknowledged, the work of Civilization is a gradual one, and that a considerable time necessarily must elapse in much
The attention of the Meeting being sensibly concurred with, and good wishes for the welfare of our Indian Brethren, attended with the expression of satisfaction and 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 they may be enabled from time to time, to extend such care towards that part of the human race, as may be needed; as it is desirable that the Committee should be furnished with the means of aiding those People in an economical way, as circumstances may render it proper and expedient, in order more fully to carry into effect the benevolent views of this Meeting, it was proposed that propriety in authorizing the Committee to circulate subscriptions among friends in this Monthly 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 concurred, and appoints Matthew Franklin, Samuel M'N. of Mariamont, Abra. I. Underhill and Samuel Parson. —

Adjourned to the 14th hour tomorrow Afternoon
Fourth Day Afternoon, 29 of 1st Mo: 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 revived the attention of the Meeting, and from the expression of satisfaction therein, is approved, desired to be placed on record. — Also a Testimony of the Monthly Meeting of Easton concerning Mary Wilber, forwarded from the Meeting for Sufferings was likewise read, being approved, is directed to be placed on record. —

M. Willis — 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, and thus enable them to take the lead in their own government.

New York 5th month 26th 1805.

Tho. Franklin Clky

The attention of the Meeting being feelingly & renewedly impressed with 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 may be considered necessary.

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 Underhilly, 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 preserve
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 the
Indians 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 set our minds
engaged in sympathy with, and earnest desires for the promotion
of the civil, 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 Spirituous 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 an pleasing account of one School
being taught by an Indian at Stockbridge, and another School
Hour existing at the same place — The School at Stockbridge
is kept up, and another School Hour existing — we an anxious
to believe, the care and attention of Friends have been useful to
them — Subscriptions for raising money, applicable to the support
of the Yearly Meeting, has been forwarded to friends in the usual
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 - viz.

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 felt our minds engaged in sympathy with, and earnest desires for the promotion of the civil & 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 council of friends - And altho the use of spirituous 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 erecting at the same place - The School at Brotherton is kept up, and another School House in erecting - we are encourag'd to believe, the care and attention of friends have been useful to them - Subscriptions for raising money, agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, has been forwarded to friends in the several
parts of the Yearly Meeting, but we have as yet received but little
money; 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 beside among them, as one principle
means of promoting their welfare — New York 8, 1806.

Thomas Franklin.

The communication now received from the Committee on this
concern, affords satisfaction to the Meeting; and although the work
of civilization, and promoting the welfare of that poor and injured
people is a gradual one, and attended with many difficulties,
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 thereon, 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 a friend and
his family to go, and reside among them) and the Meeting
appearing to be united with the proposal, it is therefore recommend
to our Quarterly Meetings, as a subject deserving of the attention of Friends,
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 unite with, they accordingly appointed trustees — and
Willett Seaman at his request is released from that appointment.

Adjourned to the 9th Hour tomorrow Morning.
parts of the Yearly Meeting, but we have as yet received but little thereon; 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 & reside among them, as one principle means of promoting their welfare - New York 5th mo 25. 1800 by Thomas Franklin Clky The communication now received from the Committee on this concern, affords satisfaction to the Meeting; and altho the work of civilization, and promoting the welfare of that poor and injured people is a gradual one, and attended with many difficulties, yet it is desireable that friends may not be discouraged, in the extension of such farther care towards them as may open for it; and from what is felt and expressed in the Meeting, during its deliberation on this interesting subject, the Committee requested to give renewed attention thereto, and avail themselves of every prudent means, which may be within their reach, to promote their comfort, & 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 aliberalty equal in some degree to raise a fund for the important purposes contemplated by them Committee, (one principal object being to encourage a friend, and his family to go, and reside among them) and the Meeting appearing to be united with the proposal, it is therefore recommended to our Quarterly Meetings, as a subject deserving of the attention of Friends, and that Subscriptions be open'd 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 Members, the same is united with, & they accordingly appointed thereto, - and Willett Seaman at his request released from that appointment. Adjourned to the 9th Hour tomorrow