Some Notes Kept of a Journey

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Some account of Rachel Coope taken from notes that she preserved, from her letters and from personal knowledge. She was the daughter of Joshua and Edith Sharpless and was born the 3rd of May, 1771. About the 15th year of her age her mother was taken from her by death, and the charge of her father’s family as housekeeper, very much devolved upon her; the trial in both respects very sensibly felt, yet was enabled to conduct her charge with stability and prudence, and bear the loss of her dear mother, with a becoming fortitude. For several years the charge of the family rested upon her to which she attended like one of riper age. She was cheerful in her disposition, and of a lively active turn of mind, which being seasoned with the baptizing power of Truth, rendered her company agreeable and instructive.
About the 21st year of her age she was married to Benjamin Coope, and settled in the verge of Bradford meeting, of which she was a diligent attender, and increas’d in usefulness among them, labouring with friends in supporting Church discipline, and visiting those who miss’d their way. She several years acted as clerk to their meeting. In the year 1804 information was sent down from the yearly meeting to the quarterly and monthly meetings that the settlement made by friends among the natives on the Allegany river was now so advanced as to need assistance of females in instructing and exampleling their sex in domestic concerns. Requesting that if a suitably qualified friend & his companion should feel their minds engaged in the concern to come forward as volunteers. When it information was spread in the monthly and quarterly meetings of which she was a member her and her husband’s minds became
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in going out, and a valuable female friend who was a fellow labourer in the work. Going to reside with them, and they had but 3 hours on the 30th day about noon they arrived at John Bells in Kings settlement. She says John's wife seeing us, she we were strangers to each other yet she came running to meet with her cheeks bedewed with tears. The joy was mutual. How consoling the sight of a friend after so fatiguing a journey. Having been more than two days and nights in the wilderness, since we left the last house. After the journey has been trying yet I felt something so animating and encouraging to revive, and my heart was filled with so precious a sweetness, that it was a full compensation for our most trying season. Oh may I abide in the patience, with my eye single to Him, who knows what is best for us. On the eighteenth day after leaving home they arrived safe and in good health at Tunessah at the place of their destination. The next day
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Being at Philad. ony business a week before we set off – at a friends house we very unexpectedly met with WC-- who had something peculiarly encouraging to say to us; signifying that he felt so much sympathy and love to flow towards us when at dinner that he could not go up stairs without expressing it tho' several times attempted it-- he address'd my husband with an appeal of beloved brother be not diffident, for thou wilt be an instrument of good to that people. several times repeating the words go my dear friends and the Lord go with you. -- I thought it very
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We have three little wheels ready to run when we get flax.-- We purpose this winter putting up a house near us for those Indians who wish to learn, to spin & in.- They appear desirous to get more comfortable houses to live in- and for that purpose have bought many 100 ft. of boards.- When they men first came here, the cattle were all the Indians had their river.- They will now amount to several 100, a number of which are fine oxen which they have broke.
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he would support us if our eyes were fixed upon him. -- Thus as I endeavored to become resigned. I felt at seasons a comfortable consolation, and have experienced, even in this remote part of the country, a brook by way, that will refresh the weary traveler. -- Our religious opportunities are mostly attended with a lively savour. It is encouraging to hear that the petitions of those who have been & still are as valiants in our Israel are ascending on our behalf. - Surely it calls for grateful returns of thankfulness to the Author of all good. - The natives appear friendly disposed and are gradually increasing in ideas of civilized life. -- Some of them are much spirited cultivating their farms and in getting more comfortable houses. -- The concern feels weighty and important, and I have no doubt but it was rightly founded; and if those engag'd
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after the figure of a man, andytf painted,

so as to look frightful, which they call'd

the Greatytf Spirit. They had set times of

worshiping and dancing before it.ytf But

as their minds became more enlighten'd

some of them grewytf uneasy with

this image, and they had many confer-

ences whatytf should be done with it; but

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for it. Hence after much debate, Henry Obail, son of Cornplanter being permitted to speak, said, why this image you worship was once a little sprout that grew out of the ground it could neither hear nor speak - well it was made like a man and we worship it still it can neither hear nor speak - is this the sort of Great Spirit we worship, can't hear can't speak - give me leave and I will make way with it.- After length it was given up to him, and he tumbled it into the river & it floated away -- but they watched him thinking some evil would happen him for so doing -- Notwithstanding their image is gone they still continue regularly twice a year their dances, offering sacrafices, sometimes burning tobacco & In 12mo 23y From her diary. It has been snowing more or less these two days -- At this lone-
was almost ready to run counter to secret impressions; but knowing my peace consisted in obedience, and remembering how it was with good old Jacob, when he left his father's house to go into a strange country, that in the course of his journey, when alone, he had to acknowledge, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not," and how he was preserved and blessed, so that on his returning, "I am not worthy of the least of thy mercies, for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." As these considerations revived with renewed faith, that the Divine presence is still the same that ever it was, to those who are truly devoted to serve the Most High;—my faith was a little strengthened, the mountains gradually disappeared, and a belief increased, that if it was the Lord's will for us to go.
some hour when the watery cloudsytf are discharging their whitened substance and the trees of theytf forest are clad with the icy snow- while my mind is unmolestedytf with the cares of this life - and my thoughts absorbed in awfullytf meditation- may I view all temporary scenes as fading toys, andytf revere that hand from whom all good comes- Now at this solemnnytf period attend O my soul in humility wait to be learn'd by this ytf inward teacher -- O my faultering mind, how long wilt thou beytf blundering along in thy journey Heavenward. thou hast often seenytf this insufficiencetf human frailty therefore in full confi- ytf dence, rely on that Power which at sea- ytf sons, thou hast felt to beytf precious.-- And now O Lord permit me to intercede for a renewal ofthytf holy aid, that when thou in thy wisdom may see mete to hide,ytf as it were, thy face from ytf
he would support if our eye were fixed upon him. Thus as I endeavored to become resigned. I felt at seasons a comfortable consolation, and have experienced, even in this remote part of the country, a brook by the way, that will refresh the weary traveler. Our religious opportunities are mostly attended with a lively savour. It is encouraging to hear that the petitioners of those who have been as valiant in our Israel are ascending on our behalf. Surely it calls for grateful returns of thankfulness to the Author of all good.

The natives appear friendly disposed, and are gradually increasing in the idea of civilized life. Some of them are much spirited in cultivating their farms and erecting more comfortable houses.

The concern feels weighty and important, and I have no doubt but that it was rightly founded; and if those engage
me I may be enabled, in patience
ytf and humility to wait for thy coming;
and when thou art pleased to beytf near
and feed me I may not slide from
the true path; for in theeutf and thee
alone is safety.-ytf 1806 1 Month 7thytf ytf All things as to the out-
ward glide comfortably along but I
haveytf often to pass thro’ seasons of deep
humiliation. -- Thou only Lord knows the
anguish of my spirit andytf sincerity of
my heart, that I desire above all things
to servetyf thee but, the cross and the assault
of the enemy. - Will I never beytf able to
overcome the many hindering things!
Thou hast at seasons Oytf Father clearly man-
ifested to me thy will-- and sweet peace
hasytf accompanied faithfulness thereto
Then Oh my soul why dost thouytf doubt.
dwell low; in humility wait. let not
thy faith fail, thatytf so in the littleness thou
mayest be enabled to do the Lordsytf will.ytf
therein are careful to dwell near the Divine direction they will be preserved; and may at a future day have to view their labours with satisfaction.

Mrs. 30th. In answer to her brother J. S. who desired to be informed of the customs & manners of the natives, says. Since the young men resided here, the natives had a great image cut out of a Pine tree and made after the figure of a man, and painted, so as to look frightful, which they call the Great Spirit. They had set times of worshipping and dancing before it. But as their minds became more enlightened some of them grew uneasy within this image, and they had many conferences what should be done with it, but they were fearful of destroying it, lest some evil should befall them. At length one of their chiefs proposed taking it into the woods and planting some beans and corn by it, to shew their good will.
23rd and first of the week— My mind
when favor'd to get into the quiet has
enjoy'd comfortable state of tranquility;
but thro' sundry requests of the natives
also as the white people in passing up &
down this river make this house a stoping
place—and many travelers latterly calling
some being detain'd—occasioned us
some difficulty in sitting quietly down
in our religious opportunities. Oh that
we may be enabled thro' difficulties to
dwell near that fountain, from whence
preservation flows—From her Diary—forward 9 leaves:

2 Month 22nd To her sister MS. When I wrote
to father I mentioned that we expected
to build a house near this, for a school
house which is now accomplished, and
altho’ the weather much of the time since
has been stormy and river difficult
to cross, yet have not been unemploy'd. As soap making is a novel to most
for it. Hence after much debate Henry Bull, son of Complanter being permitted to speak, said, Why this image you worship was on a little sprout that grew out of the ground; it could neither hear nor speak; well it was made like a man and we worship it still; it can neither hear nor speak; is this the sort of Great Spirit we worship, can't hear, can't speak; give me leave and I will make way with it. At length it was given up to him, and he tumbled it into the river & it floated away; but they watched him thinking some evil would happen to him for so doing. Notwithstanding their image is gone they still continue regularly twice a year their dances, offering sacrifices, sometimes burning tobacco &c."

12 mo. 23 From her diary. It has been snowing more or less these two days.

25th Various reflections pass'd thro' my mind to day as I sat knitting, of which the following is a part—"A. Thou lone—"
of the Indians nay many of them
ytf seldom or never wash their clothes or even
their hands or face- Toytf impress their
minds with habits of cleanliness appear'd
ytf to us the first necessary and important
step- accordingly in the falltyf we proposed
to them, to save their ashes and fat, and when
ourtyf house was ready we would teach them
to make soap – for when they bringyf their grists
to mill in their canoes the materials could
easily beyf brought with in them – for they
ytf generally live 10 or 12 m each way generally on the
oppesiteyf side of the river. tho’ theiryf principal
town is within 3 m.- There has been several
girls out ofyf 6 or 8 families who have at
different times attended, and whoyf appear'd
anxious to learn- they were much pleas'd
with having ayf considerable quantity of
good soap to take home with them.
betweenyf whiles they nit and spin a little.
they bring provisions and cook forytf themselves;
we shew'd them our way to make indian bread
ytf
some hour when the watery clouds are discharging their whitened substance and the trees of the forest are clad with the icy snow—while my mind is un molested with the cares of this life—and my thoughts absorbed in awful meditation—I may view all temporary scenes as fading toys and revere that hand from whom all good comes. Now at this solemn period attend, O my soul, in humility wait to be led by this inward teacher. O my fumbling mind, how long wilt thou be blundering along in this journey heavenward? thou hast often seen the insufficiency of human frailty; therefore in full confidence, rely on that Power which all sees, thou hast felt to be precious.

And now, O Lord, permit me to intercede for a renewal of thy holy aid, that when those in thy wisdom may see me to hide as it were, thy face from
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ytf expectedly pass thro’ the entry at West Town
ytf what an admiration it would raise- for the
contrast is great.- andytf their is a satisfaction
in trying to instruct them- notwithstanding-
ytf ing their great ignorance- their souls also
are equally as precious inytf the sight of the
Supreme Being as ours. -- At unexpect-
edlyytf receiving a packet of letters she says
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ing in all things to be instructed whether
to be fullyt f or empty, to abound or suffer
want - I find you have entertain'dytf an
idea that I have enjoy'd some comfot-
able hours since myytf residence in this
solatery abode, which has truly been
the case:ytf but alass! an uninterrupted
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and humility to wait for thy coming;
and when thou art pleased to be near
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my heart, that I desire above all things
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Thou hast at seasons O Father clearly
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dwell low in humility wait. Let not
my faith fail, that so in the littleness thou
mayest be enabled to do the Lord's will.
sunshine is not always best for us.  
The time of the arrival of the last packet, and the preceding week was a proving season-- here I was, no change of society, no neighbouring meeting where perhaps I might receive a crum - Well it will cause me to get deeper and to know that my dependance must be on Divine help. -- I trust it was a season of renewed instruction to me. 3 Month 22nd Your yf  

Dear cousin, Previous to the reception of thy letter, the tidings of the decease of your precious sister had reached us- and I feelingly sympathiz'd with you. Truly it must be a great consolation in believing she was prepar'd for her awful change, which I have no doubt was the case. Oh that it may have an awakening tendency on those of her contemporaries who attended the solemn scene. Tryals of this sort and many others frequently occur during yf
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1mo. 29th From her diary—began G leaves.

2mo. 22nd To her sister E. When I wrote to father I mentioned that we expected to build a house near this, for a school house which is now accomplished; and altho' the weather much of the time since has been stormy and the river difficult to cross, yet we have not been unemploy'd as soap making is a novelty to most
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and enclosed fields, but they longyf esta
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their cornfield is notyf easily relinquish'd.
With respect to ourselves we enjoy goodyf health,
live agreeably, have a comfortable hose &c.
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The Indians on this river hadytf not receiv'd a visit from him since he was intrusted with hisytf office- and we being entire strain-
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6mo 20 from her diary — A fine refreshing rain after a week of warm dry weather all kinds of vegetation is renewed but my poor mind feels dull and languid, and the necessity of having faith and patience under every dispensation
Transcription

giving me for drink- buttermilk (howyt[differ ent from thy dinner at Aunt]s) in the mean
time two girls (perhaps 10 and 12 years of age) who had frequently been at Tunesassah came
inviting me to their house. they ran before and prepared a seat for me by their mo-
ther who was sitting at the door weaving a belt curiously decorated with beads.
The eldest impatient to try her handy at knitting-and her sister clos[t by on her knees clos]
by gazing with pleasing attention to see the dexterity of her fingers- in a few minutes she performed much better than
the woman did in half an hour-- when she got in the way of it I left it with her and made several visits in the upper
part of the town. When I return'd she told me by her fingers that she had knit six needles and that 30 stitches were on a
needle-- she reluctantly parted with it but time urged me homewards, having on my way several calls to make.
That may be allotted me. That Nero's rights and depths. I may at seasons, be foun
to partake, if but a crumb of that bread, that nourishes and strengthens the soul; is what my spirit earnestly breaths for.

To her sister ES:—The recital of thy short excursion in the country—revived a recent visit made by me to Cold Spring an Indian town—and I was led to view the contrast. As true a picture of mine cannot be formed in ideas, as thine can in mine. however to make a beginning—As the cornfields have lately called the attention of the women from their spinning it afforded us some leisure and I seized the opportunity to visit them in their own houses. Jacob Taylor going on business to the town, and offered to escort me there—when we came to the river an Indian with a canoe being there who cheerfully took us across. I had a pleasant walk up the river, viewing the
I had victuals at another place set for me which my paper, as I have view some other thing to mention to thee, will give me no room to describe. I got thro’ and to the fording place about six- where 2 families live who in turn were to share of my visit and who expected to take me across the river - but my expectations were erroneous for the houses were shut and no one to take me over--here alone, I took my seat and bundle of shingles waiting for an event - with which in ½ an hour I was finished, for an Indian coming to the opposite side got a canoe and took me over and I returned much pleased with my visits--

We had assistance of 10 or more Indians for 2 day in raising a barn - the day of the eclipse proved to be one- the Indians had been told time before that on this day the sun would grow dark- but said “they were sure white people could tell no such things,” however
mountains on the opposite side intermixed with narrow valleys clothed with spontaneous herbage for the nourishment of the dwellers—when we arrived in the suburbs of the town we were hailed by some of the inhabitants to know where we were bound to—Jacob informed them that I purposed spending the day among them, and by and by would call on them—as his business did not lead him far thro' the town, I was bound too then left me. I have found it to be a pleasant covering for the feet in dry weather—and my last summer pair being worn out, I called on this woman who made them, to be speak another pair—when I came to the door, I saluted her in their way, schano at schano she replied—looking pleasantly—her five little folks being around. I invited myself in, also to a seat which I took on the end of a long bench—the day was warm yet she was churning close by the
when the obscuration began itytf continued
growing darker and darker untill for a
few minutes itytf became total the atmos-
phere resembled dark twilight and a
numberytf of stars made their appearances.
well says one of the Indians theytf white
folks does know more than us--ftyf another
said he expected a great many of the
women were a crying,ftyf and he had a mind
to cry too for it look so strange.ftyf ytf Copied
ftyf 6 Month 30th To her brother NS.
ftyf After passing thru a long winter & part of the spring with
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but little intercourse,ftyf we were favoured to
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ftyf ter and part of the spring) to receive
a number oftyf letters and was were much
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mind. “Good Master what good thing shall
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ing several things he added “go selly that thou
hast and come & follow me.” this was a hardy
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giving me for drink—butter milk (how different from my dinner at Aunt's) in the mean-
time two girls (perhaps 10 and 12 years of age) who had frequently been at Tunessahaham-
inviting me to their house. They ran before and prepared a seat for me by their mo-
ther who was sitting at the door weaving a belt curiously decorated with beads.
The eldest impatient to try her hand at knitting—and her sister on her kera-
cloth by gazing with pleasing attention to see the dexterity of her fingers—in a few
minutes she performed much better than the woman did in half an hour—when she got in the way of it. I left it with her and made several visits in the upper
part of the Town. When I returned she told me by her fingers that she had knelt
six needles and that 30 stitches were on a
needle—she reluctantly parted with it but time urged me homeward having
on my way several calls yet to make.
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I had rituals at another place set for me which my paper, as I have in view some other thing to mention to thee will give me no room to describe. I got there and to the sorting place about size where 2 families live who in turn were to share of my visit and who I expected to take me across the river. But my expectations were erroneous for the houses were shut and no one to take care of, or help me. I took my seat on the middle of the shingles waiting for some favorable event which in 3 or 4 hour I was furnished for an Indian coming to the opposite side got a canoe and took me over and I returned much pleased with this visit.

We had the assistance of 10 or more Indians for 2 day in raising a barn the day of the eclipse proved to be one. The Indians had been told some time before that on this day the sun would grow dark. But some said they were sure white people could tell no such things; however
again be with you-- In regard to thy debilitated situation and want of health or whether we shall again meet in mutability, I hope submission and fortitude will be my companions and not only in that, but the varied dispensations that may be my lot to encounter, but dear father pleas to accept of the feeble breathings of thy daughter, that as thy natural abilities fail, and infirmities with age come on thou mayest be preserved a live in that that endure beyond time. -- I was pleased to hear from my dear aged grandmother and wish to affectionately remembred to her. I have often reverted to sensations impressed on my mind when in company with some dear friends near their close of time here, also on visiting some infirm ones who were confin'd and for these I often feel a lively sympathy.
when the discurtions began it continued growing darker and darker until for a few minutes it became total. The atmosphere resembled dark twilight and a number of stars made their appearance. It is well says one of the Indians the white folks does know more than us—another said he expected a great many of the women were crying, and he had a mind to cry too for it looked so strange.

Feb. 10th To her brother N.S.

After passing thru a long winter part of the thing we were favoured after passing thru our little intercourse we were favored with a little intercourse there a long dinner and part of the spring. To receive a number of letters and was much pleased with finding among them one from thee—and may tell thee and dear sister tho' we are far separated from the bosoms of society partaking of many hours of retirement that formerly we
From her diary This eve my dear brother JS. arived. it was a joyful meeting to us both. -- he brought me a number of letters from my dear connexions. Oh how many blessing do I receive. may I ever walk worthy thereof and quietly acquies in my way cast up for me - with a heart devoted to love fear and obey. Heavenly Father, is the frequent breathing of my spirit. To her sister P.S. -- If our school house could be fill'd with girls learning to spin knit &c days would pass pleasantly away. A number when their corn is gathered gives us to expect their company. -- The man’s wife who has a sawmill is a weaver- and could we have a piece of the Indians spinning for her this winter to weave, it would prove a strong incitement for more of them next spring to sow flax. The committee who has lately been among us
were in a degree strangers to; yet I am thankful that mostly. I enjoy a quiet resigned mind, and have not in the most trying dispensations I have experienced since being here. Thought my lot hard, nor dare indulge one murmuring thought. — my relish for reading and meditation is much increased, and can truly say that my comfortable hours have been supplied to these desires. — Altho' I often feel poor and shamed yet as patience is abode in. The comfortable belief, that the streams of Divine love are extended to all the sincere hearted wherever scattered or how far remote from the bosom of society, will prevail.

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1806
1 mo. 29th. From her diary — Letters were receiv’d to day informing of the death of dear cousin Hannah Jackson’s mother — she is now no doubt reaping the benefit of a well spent life — may we who are left behind so follow her footsteps, that when our final change comes, we may be prepared; time to us all is uncertain, and the period when we shall be called hence we know not.

9 mo. 16th. To me. I dwell but little on the receiving visits from subject of my friends or when I shall
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access to those hidden treasures in store for the faithful." is a sentiment express'd in closing subject in thy last and feeling the energy and sincerity in which it was penn'd—that my spirit said amen—Well knowing if faithfulness is adhered to what this desire will produce—Thou hast pass'd throu' some close proving seasons all intended for the trial of faith and to fit thee for further usefulness in thy day—then not the cross stand in the way but give up and the enjoyment sweet peace will be thy reward. I speak from a small degree of experience, for after I was given up to this service some little prospects opened upon my mind accompanied with the belief that was my duty to perform previous to leaving my native home—but alas they were like mountains to the natural will. In thankfulness I may acknow-yt
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27th. From her diary. This day my dear brother J.S. arrived. It was a joyful meeting to us both. He brought me numerous letters from my dear connections. Oh, how many blessings do I receive. May I ever walk worthy thereof and quietly acquiesce in the way cast up for me with a heart devoted to love, fear and obey my Heavenly Father, is the frequent breathing of my spirit.

28th. To her sister S.D. If our school house could be filled with girls learning to spin, knit &c; the days would pass pleasantly away. A number when their corn is gathered gives us to expect their company. The madam's wife who has the sawmill is a weaver and could we have a piece of the Indians spinning for her this winter to weave, it would prove a strong incitement for more of them next spring to sow flax. The committee who has lately been among us
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In Joshua's 30th To a near relation. Not without casting a longing desire for a free
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muring - and a ray of hope reviv’d with
a renewal of strength. 1807

To a niece who had lately lost her
companion. -- The perusal of thy val-
uable letter was truly satisfactory. It
was comfortable to find that thou was
favoured with so much fortitude and
resignation. It is enough my dear to
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An increase of exertion on their part would be satisfactory, but patience on ours is necessary.

Not in the other. 5 mo 24th.

To her parents. -- I have been thinking whether in my situation, it would not be advisable to request of our kind friend Francis King the liberty of making his house my home, for a part of this summer, where I could have the company of my own sort of people. But upon weighing the prospect the preponderating scale was in favour of remaining in my present place. I hope you will not be uneasy about me. My healthy is mostly good, and my mind resign'd, for which favours I am truly thankful. The proposed visit from some of you creates pleasant sensations, but when I view the distance, the roughness of
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I said, my dear child, I hope and believe thou art prepared to leave this world with much composure and a solid countenance she answered. "I have been endeavouring to stand resigned and have my mind prepared if such a change should take place—and I now feel quite easy under a full belief that there is a place of rest prepared for me." A while after she looked very affectionately at me and said, "My dear father, I am glad thou art here. I heard of thy being poorly, and was fearful thou wouldst not be able to encounter so arduous a journey therefore could never urge thy coming, but I am glad thou art here, and I hope thou wilt get safely home."
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in fervent supplication tho’ not clearly
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1807

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This is the last account kept by her self or we have from any of her letters. Believing her situation claim'd the company of some of her relations my daughter Edith and myself pre-par'd and the 12 of the 7 mo 1807 left home and in 13 days ariv'd at Tunasas. The family received us with expressions of joy in their countenances, particular-
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the hand said, "Will Rachel I have thoughts of going, are you willing? she answered I do not see anything more thou canst do for me. I believe thou hast done the best thou couldst. he then asked her if she felt resigned to her fate. she said she thought she did, but it is a trial to me to leave my dear husband so far from his friends yet we are poor dependant beings we must submit. then pausing she added Doctor thou seest there is no age exempt from death, the middle aged are called away as well as those further advanced how necessary then for us always to be prepared. Being some relief the forepart of this (which was the third of her sickness) she was cheerful the very sweet giving her sister directions about some things also saying to her sister it is my request that you will ever remember my dear Benjamin as a
-ly call’d for a cup of tea - whichytf was brought to her - but she was in so great a tremor that it was withytf much difficulty she drank it, and being sensible of her situationytf she said, I am so discomposed that I can scarcely drink it. ytf then having a little more she said that is sufficient. -- she thenytf altered very fast, - and in a few minutes without struggle, sigh orytf groan quietly breath'd her last. ---- Thus this handmaid of theytf Lord, in the meridian of life, being in the 36th year of her age ytf closed her days and is now without a doubt receiving the rewards of herytf faithfulness. ytf A number of the Indian women from the first of her illness untill her ytf close manifested much concern for her recovery, - bringing different kindsytf of herbs and roots for her relief as well as giving from time to timeytf their best ytf
brother for he has been a very kind hus-
band to me, and I have often profited
by his instructive conversation.

On the fourth day of her illness a change
took place and for a few day the flattering
expectation that her life would be pre-
erved was indulged, but a fever with
some other unfavourable symptoms siezd
her, which seem'd to baffle all the efforts
that was given for her relief. and nature
not having strength to resist yielde'd to their
powerful assaults. She weakend fast
yet appear'd to lay with an easy min-
her bodily pain was great and hav-
ing found some relief by being mov'd
often made the request. She would
look very affectionately at me at times
and say, it'll father I feel very un-
easy, I believe I must be mov'd alittle
I suppose thou wilt think me very
troublesome, but it gives me some relief.

She it was moving to see her so
advice; and when they heard she was
yet no more, their countenances manifest-
ed much sorrow. ---- She departed
yet 16 of the 8mo 1807, ---- the next
day being yet fixed on for her burial, invi-
tations were sent among the In-
dians, yet & near 20 of the graver sort attend'd
principally women, a number yet coming
into the room, and after looking at the
corps in much yet brokenness quietly took
their seats untill it was closed, which
wasyet not untill after a time of solemn
silence.- Several of the Indians who
yet did not come in sent their excuse
saying, They could not bear to see yet her
for the sight would overcome them and
they would weep aloud. Theyyet follow'd
to the grave in the same becoming
manner. -- They return’dyet into the room
and took their seats for I suppose
15 minutes. They wereyet then serv’d with
fresh bread and in a few minutes
yet
afflicted yet I was glad I was with her, she appeared so much in the innocence, no anxiety manifested concerning her situation, her mind much resigned and a willingness to comply and act just as was thought best.

The day she ceased her pain much abating, she lay more easy tho' a high fever was still her companion which so affected her mind as to cause it to be much afloat particularly when in a doze. About three o'clock she appeared in fervent supplication tho' not clearly understood, and frequently in the few hours remaining, that she continued with us her mind was similarly engaged not only interceding for herself but others which fully evinced that her day would close in peace. About this time her hands and feet began to grow cold, and her pulse to beat more feebly tho' very quick. I asked her if she knew
after individually shook hands with us and bade us farewell, some of them saying to us that they were very sorry Rachel was taken away but encouraged us to bear the trial patiently for such things must happen to the white people as well as the Indians. Cornplanter lived down the river about 12 miles and he came in a few days to see us. his countenance manifested him to be a true sympathizer. he said he was very sorry for what had happened among us and hoped we would not be discourage for this was the first since they settlement was made among them and that such tryals would be the lot of white folks as well as Indians. he took leave of us with tears in his eyes.