May the end crown all! Most earnestly do I desire to see my future steppings plainly — of the Lord alone — but at present I am in some confusion. — Sixth day night. All has ended in great peace & solemnity — it has been a noble yearly meeting indeed — & my way has cleared for a visit to the Western & Southern quarters for which I make an early start to morrow. I find that friends of Duck Creek have pursued me hither with letters of a complaining character; but they seem to have produced no effect. The Lord has been marvellously with me, my shield, my rock, & my helper. May I be grateful & trustful! The accounts from home speak of dear R. T.'s being but very poorly which makes me anxious — but I humbly hope the Lord in mercy has arisen upon her with his healing power — for the sake of his poor servant who so much needs her help — lest I should have "sorrow upon sorrow"

John Narlais, Spring, N.C. 11th day of the 11mo 16.

So far we have been mercifully helped on our way — our journey having been productive of much interest, & although great labor has been my portion almost morning & morning, the Lord's power has arisen in every needful hour for with leading & the needful supply of strength. The Quarterly meeting for Western District at Centre last 7th day, including a solemn meeting for worship; a large meeting there & public meeting there on First day morning — another in the open air at Concord meeting the in the afternoon — under a mellow bright sky (such as November here) a meeting at Providence on second day — at Little's Creek on 3rd day morning (small but solemn) at the Friends & opposite Quakers the same evening, at Cane creek, large & powerful yesterday morning, & at the Factory there another the same night, in the evening; & finally on large & good public meeting here this morning, have all been favoured times — & though at seasons I have felt an inexpressible sort of solitary desolation & a temptation to unpleasance in not getting on more quickly, yet on a calm review of these few days, I can with gratitude acknowledge that all is ordered aright. The Lord be praised for his matchless goodness! The truth is simple & changeth not; I have but one story to tell in my ministry; but the Lord in his great goodness has been pleased to clothe it with considerable variety, & I believe his precious anointing has not been withheld. It has been my earnest desire & the frequent & fervent petition of my soul, that I might be preserved from speaking in the name of the Lord, otherwise than under the immediate putting forth of

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