Providence 2mo 2d day aft. 6mo 7/25.

The round of meetings allotted for last week & respecting which in prospect I felt low & faithless enough has all been well got through — Tiverton, Little Compton, Portsmouth, Newport, So. Reading (Middletown), Westerly, Hopkinton, Richmond, Kingston, Greenwich (2) Cranston — & the public meetings have a sixth day. It was an interesting journey, & through an interesting country in various respects. I got on very well at Joshua Allen's meeting at Hopkinton, & I was kindly entertained by him. The meeting at Providence crowned the whole — so that I have much cause for reverent gratitude — & further letters from my dearest children up to the 30th of 5th Mo — (how late!) are decidedly comforting. But I am in the midst of close exercise of mind here & am indeed brought low in my own spirit. We were abundantly favoured with help from the sanctuary yesterday — both in our morning meeting, & in a very large public one in the Baptist House in the evening in which the Evidences of Xty & the Divinity of our Saviour were much before me — it was one of the most favoured & public meetings which I have held in America — appearing needful to justify a trip across the Atlantic. Dr Wayland the Prest. of the College here, the ministers, clergy &c were there — My works are popular among them — & I apprehend to be personally so; but the Lord is laying the lofty city low — even in the dust — I am about to hold a meeting with the students this evening, & have appointed a third public meeting for to morrow — May I be graciously helped with that outpouring of the Lord's anointing, to which I bear such frequent testimony & which such occasions so peculiarly require. I have made several interesting calls this morning in company with my dear friend Anna Jenkins — her spirit is that of a daughter of consolation — one visit to an old widow lady, not a friend, was rather memorable. I am coolly & the judgment that I have cause to trust in the Lord, although so much darkness is my portion. The sailing up of another steam boat with 180 passengers between Charleston & Norfolk is an awful event, & somewhat painfully reminds me of "perils by sea &c"; but a quiet hope & secret confidence are not wanting that the Lord will condescend in his mercies & unmerited love, to give