"and friendship, their beloved brethren the Quakers had always
"manifested for the Indians, & informed us, that as soon as the grand coun-
"-cil met, they would communicate to it the concern which our society
"now felt for their improvement; & inform us by a written speech, of
"their conclusion thereon. ——

"While we were at San Dusky, & other Indian Villages,
"our minds were often deeply affected, under the sorrowful consideration
"of the baneful effects of Spirituous Liquors on them, they being supplied
"with it in almost every village, by Canadian Traders residing among
"them, & we are confirmed in the opinion that unless these traders can
"be restrained from furnishing them with this destructive article in
"exchange for their skins & furs, they will not easily be persuaded
"to turn their minds towards Agriculture & the useful arts. —— At
"the same time we have no doubt but these unprincipled men
"will make use of the great influence they have over the Indians,
"to keep them in their present way of living, as most conducive to
"their own Interest; notwithstanding which present discouragements,
"the great affection they have for our society, manifested on all occasions
"while we were amongst them, induces us to wish Friends may en-
"-deavour to keep under the weight of the concern, & be prepared to
"proceed in this benevolent work, when ever the the way may open for
"further service amongst them. ——

"Signed

Evan Thomas
Joel Wright
Reese Cadwallader
George Ellicott. ——"

"Monongahela 6th M. 26th 1799

"Having inspected the State of the Committee's Stock, we
"find there remains in the Treasury £738.5. ——

"Signed on behalf of the Committee by
"John Wilson
"Israel Janney."

Which being read is approved & that committee continued.

Redstone Quarter informs that Joseph Grum had appealed from the judgment of Westland Monthly Meeting confirmed by that Quarter, & they had appointed a Committee to attend the Yearly Meeting with the minutes & proceedings in his case, but Joseph not attending, forwarded a few lines informing, that he was prevented from attending this meeting by indisposition, his case is therefore continued until next Yearly Meeting. ——

Then adjourned to the 9th hour tomorrow morning. —

18th — Near the time adjourned to Friends Assembled. ——

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles, produced them, which being read are approved, & directed to be transcribed signed & forwarded by suitable conveyances. —

Having had the acceptable company of divers friends from the adjacent Yearly Meetings, & being favoured through the several sittings of this Meeting, with a measure of the overshadowing of Divine regard, drawing into a spirit of condescension in transacting the mighty affairs of the Church, which have come before us at this time, under the influence of a measure of gratitude for the same; the Meeting adjourns to meet again at the usual time & place next year if so favoured. ——