affection for their children to obscure the prospect of their most important interest, or weaken parental authority in relation thereto.

The meeting was again deeply exercised under a prospect of the desolating effects produced in the human family by the destructive article of distilled spirituous liquors, and quarterly meetings were impressively advised to continue a lively attention to the interesting concern, as handed down in the extracts last year, and forward a report thereof to the meeting next year. The earnest attention of those who still continue in the practice of trading in, and particularly those who distill them, was affectionately called to the solemn consideration that they hereby prepare and dispense an article destructive to their brethren of the human race.

A fervent solicitude also pervaded many minds in regard to our important testimony relative to war; & friends were affectionately advised to a circumspect watchfulness, lest in the present time of great commotion, the minds of any should be ensnared by those dispositions which are so sorrowfully prevalent in the world, which, tho' in many instances disguised under specious appearances, are similar in their ultimate tendencies, and may, without great attention lead some to a violation of this most important testimony.

An epistle from the Yearly meeting of North Carolina was produced, and the acceptable contents read in this sitting.

Then adjourned to the 3rd hour to morrow afternoon.

12th of the month and 4th of the week.

Friends again assembled agreeably to adjournment.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to consider the request from Salem quarter brought in the following report.

The committee appointed to consider the request from Salem Quarterly meeting with regard to our discipline respecting the rights of children, where their parents were married according to the order of society, and some time after one of them having become disunited with Friends. — We give as our sense that the intention of the discipline is, that while one Parent remains a member, the children should be looked upon as members. Which we submit to the Yearly meeting. Signed on behalf of the committee

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With which the concurrence of the meeting was expressed, and this conclusion agreed to be considered as the judgment of this meeting in all future proceedings in such cases.

The standing committee on the pasture lot brought in the following report, which was concurred with, and they directed to call on the treasurer, for the sum mentioned, when necessary.

"To the Yearly meeting now sitting

We, of the committee having the care of the pasture lot, agree to report that we have expended the money appropriated last year, and are of the opinion that two hundred and fifty dollars will be necessary for the ensuing year, which we submit to the Yearly meeting.

10th mo 11th 1808 Benj.a Ellicott John Ellicott James Brown
William Trimble Samuel Price Samuel Coale.

Joseph James, on behalf of the committee appointed last year to correct and have recorded the minutes of this Yearly meeting, reported they had made considerable progress therein, but were not yet ready to make a full report. — They were continued.

The committee appointed to adjust the treasurer's accounts, &c. brought in the following report, which was approved, & quarterly meetings were directed to proceed accordingly.

To the Yearly meeting now sitting.

The committee appointed on the treasurer's accounts, &c. have all met, except one, and have examined the accounts, and find in his hands the sum of $608 52/100, the quotas from the quarters being all paid in. We propose the sum of $450 to be raised the ensuing year. All which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by
Jonathan Ellicott Samuel Jones.

Then adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

13th of the month, and 5th of the week.

Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

An exercise having been spread before this meeting in regard to that afflicted part of the human family our brethren of the African race, an increased tender sympathy was felt for them, under the influence whereof Friends were impressively exhorted to cultivate an animated attention to the deeply interesting subject, which it is believed would lead not only to great circumspection and tenderness in regard to such of them as have had their freedom secured, and are retained or employed among us but also to a serious examination whether the extensive obligations of religious duty and the claims of justice do not require of us some further efforts in favour of this people than have hitherto taken place.