

on the way was led to call on two others in his neighborhood and invite them to accompany him, they consented, & continued regularly to meet with him: in about six weeks their number increased to nine persons.

About this time apprehending that they were united in faith & principle with the profession of Friends, they concluded to apply to the Gunpowder Monthly Meeting to be taken under its notice; they were received into membership by that meeting, and Meeting house built, & a meeting settled by the name of Little Falls where they had at first assembled. — Before he had any acquaintance with Friends he was summoned as a witness and required to take an oath when he found himself constrained to refuse notwithstanding heavy penalties were threatened as the consequence, yet being enabled patiently and steadfastly to bear

his testimony, he was after some time discharged.

In process of time he also saw the inconsistency of supporting a Ministry by hire, and at one time stood almost, if not quite alone, in those parts in refusing to pay the Tax imposed for that purpose, and although this Testimony exposed him to some close trials & sufferings, yet he appears to have faithfully maintained his integrity.

He was also a zealous advocate in the cause of the oppressed descendants of the African, and one of the first to liberate those in his possession, and after making this sacrifice to Justice laboured in much love & tenderness to induce others to do likewise.

Soon after he was received into membership, from the flowing of love & goodwill in his heart, he felt an engagement to improve his mind.