

or least perishing for want.

Our friend distributed 500 bushels of grain in the fall to the tribes within his reach & afterwards kept a stock of provisions on hand through the winter to supply daily applicants.

Early in the Spring he visited them & supplied such as wanted, with seed corn & provisions. In addition to the help afforded by religious Societies the Agents of government supplied them with corn, & assisted them in obtaining provisions on credit. It is very satisfactory to learn that the Indians who suffered the loss last year of their crops, have this past Spring been making extra exertions, they commenced their farming much earlier than usual, perhaps a month, so that they soon had an abundance of vegetables & corn. They appear to be very grateful for the assistance afforded.

The Indians send their love & thanks to their Friends the Quakers, for their kindness in giving them corn, when Indians had none: Hope the good Spirit will be good to their Quaker Friends, for being so good to their Red Brethren, when poor & have nothing to eat, also for sending their Friends to live among them, to help them, & teach their children to work & read & write. Indians, poor creatures, many of them fond of whiskey, & will get drunk, which is very bad & causes a great deal of trouble among us, but we cannot keep our young men from drinking rum, so long as white men will sell & give it to them. Such is nearly such is the language of the untutored Indians. Let us then, not grow weary in our efforts to elevate & better this condition: to accomplish which no plan seems to promise more than the education of their children in the arts of civilized life, with Christian instruction, the very objects to which our establishment is at present devoted.

By direction of the Committee  
Richard H. Thomas, Clerk.

The joint Committee appointed to prepare endorsements to be placed on the Certificates & Minutes of Strangers in attendance with us on the present occasion produced them, which being read were approved, & our Clerks are directed to act accordingly.

And then adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

5<sup>th</sup> of the week & 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month,  
Pursuant to adjournment the Meeting assembled.

The Com<sup>d</sup> on the Treasurer's account made the following report, which being satisfactory to the Meeting our Subordinate Meetings are directed to raise the amounts therein mentioned in their usual proportions, & pay the same to John Brooks, our Treasurer. To the Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer

of this Meeting & find them correct & supported by proper vouchers. The Quotas have all been paid in. There is in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of one hundred & twenty five dollars & seventy three half cents: and we propose that the Yearly Meeting direct the sum of twenty five dollars to be raised in the usual proportions to meet the current expenses of the year.

Signed Thomas P. Matthews, Elisha Cook  
Samuel Way Micajah Bates.

The Clerk having at this time informed the Meeting, that he had received by this morning's mail, a document purporting to come from a body styling itself, New-England Yearly M<sup>t</sup>, & signed by Thomas B. Gould, Clerk. It was concluded to appoint a Com<sup>d</sup> to examine said document & report their judgment thereon to the Yearly Meeting. — After a time of absence from the Meeting they returned & reported through one of their number that upon examination the said document was an Epistle purporting to come from New-England Yearly Meeting of Friends, but that in fact it was an Epistle addressed to us by a body of seceders. — they have reason to believe a small body of seceders — that it contains strong charges against Friends of that Yearly Meeting, of oppression and of a departure from the faith & communion of the Society of Friends. That this Meeting having had read before it a statement containing an account of the separation in New-England which they believe to be true, as also a testimony of Friends of New-England, touching their faith which this Yearly Meeting considers sound, and that said Epistle was issued by a body set up out of the usual order of Society — they were therefore of opinion that it would not be right for said Epistle to be read in this Meeting. After a time of solid deliberation, the Meeting were decided in judgment that the course proposed by the Com<sup>d</sup> would be right and directed the Clerk to return it to the body from whence it emanated with a copy of this Minute. He is also directed to transmit a copy of the same Minute to New-England Yearly Meeting.

The Com<sup>d</sup> appointed at a former sitting to prepare Epistles of correspondence to our brethren of other Yearly Meetings produced them, which were read & amended & our Clerk was directed to transcribe them, sign & forward them. Having been favoured to transact the affairs of Society which have come before us on the present occasion, in love & condescension, with hearts thankful for the favour & with desires for each others growth & prosperity in the truth — the Meeting concluded — to meet at the stated time next year, if the Lord permits.

John P. Balderson, Clerk.