

1778 West River

The advice of the Meeting last Year respecting, extending farther Labours of Love, to those who continue to hold Slaves, having been proceeded to by our several Quarters, and Reports being now received of comfortable Prospects appearing in this respect; which excites our desires, that the united Endeavours, of friends may be continued, and it is the unanimous Sense of this Meeting that if any in religious Profession with us, should continue from interested Views yet, to hold any of that People in a state of bondage, the time is now fully come, that such ought to be dealt with as disorderly Persons, who disregard the health and sanity of the Body, where they manifest a disposition to Continue in this Practice. Monthly Meetings ought to testify against them without unnecessary Delay, & in the mean time that no Person thus circumstanced be employed in the service of the Church. — it is also the solid Sense & Judgment of this Meeting, that friends ought not by any means to be concerned in Having any of those, who are held as Slaves where the Wages are to be received by those, who claim a right to hold them as such. — likewise that friends be careful not to act as overseers where ^{they} are put under their Care: And it is necessary we should be uniform in our conduct, respecting the time of granting Slaves their Freedom, it is our sense