

At the following Monthly Meeting, the individual who had previously acted as Clerk, still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting, and of the Quarterly Meetings Committee and of the earnest entreaty and advice of the yearly Meetings Committee - and the Monthly Meeting having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment as Clerk of the Friend who had been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the Representatives from all the ^{presented to him the} Preparative Meetings and ^{from these meetings} all answered to the calling of their names. Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting the former Clerk [a Son of John Melburn] continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes, and to prevent confusion, Friends after having read the minute of the Quarterly Meeting appointing its committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon - By far the larger part of the mens. Meeting, and all the Women withdrawing from the house - and mostly assembling again at the hour of adjournment to transact the Business of the meeting. The persons who sustained the former Clerk in his decision against the judgement

of the meeting with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they call Monthly Meetings - and at Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting in the eleventh month, they presented an account purporting to come from Swan-guy Monthly Meeting which was not received or in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded these individuals with a few from the other Monthly Meeting ^{both} men and women most of whom had for a length of time openly manifested a want of unity with Friends, remained in the house, and called themselves Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting appointing Clerk and a Committee to visit subordinate meetings. This Committee, thus appointed, has since visited the Monthly Meetings, and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a Committee from the Quarterly Meeting organized as we have described, in a wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings, and refusing to leave Friends select - for the support of our Discipline ~~the~~ adjournment has been resorted to in order to be free from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings - in Rhode-Island Quarters who being disaffected towards the Body of Friends, have under the advisement