

THE LONG 19TH CENTURY IN GREATER RHODE ISLAND¹



"History ... does not refer merely to the past
... history is literally present in all that we do."

— James Baldwin, 1965

"UNNAMEABLE OBJECTS,
UNSPEAKABLE CRIMES"



GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS PERIOD

1800



The Reverend [Samuel Hopkins](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) preached a hot-stuff sermon that later on he would have published.

A SERMON FROM 1800

Later he would preach some more hot-stuff sermons that later on he would also publish.

SOME MORE FROM 1800

1. "Greater" Rhode Island would include relevant regions connected with the local culture, such as Block Island and the other channel islands that used to be considered part of this colony, contiguous areas such as New Bedford in Massachusetts, etc. "Rhode Island" had been for a long time an ambiguous designator, as it might refer to the moderately sized island in Narragansett Bay, or it might refer to the entire colony of which said island was a part, together with the extensive Providence Plantations on the mainland shore. Also, since the period of that ambiguity, there have been significant trades of land and towns between Rhode Island and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — such as the entire city of Fall River. You need to deal with it.



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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1800. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.²

THE UNITED STATES [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1800. By Eliab Wilkinson of [Smithfield, Warren](#): Nathaniel Phillips.

THE NEW-ENGLAND CALENDAR, AND EPHEMERIS FOR 1800. By Eliab Wilkinson of Smithfield. [Warren](#): Nathaniel Phillips.

Two pages are used for each month.

THE NEW-ENGLAND CALENDAR, AND EPHEMERIS FOR 1800. By Eliab Wilkinson of Smithfield. [Newport](#): Printed for Jacob Richardson.

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THE NEWPORT [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1800. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.

Probably compiled by Remington Southwick as one by him is referred to in the [American Minerva](#) of Dedham, Oct. 9, 1800. There is an ornamental cut on title pap and the man of signs cut

2. John Carter (1745-1814) had been an apprentice in the print shop of Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia, and in that of William Goddard in Providence. Along with William Goddard and later William's mother Sarah Goddard he published the [Providence Gazette](#), until in 1768 at the age of 23 he became sole proprietor. In 1772 he had become Providence's 1st postmaster. He was one of the partners of the Carter and Wilkinson publishing firm. His daughter Ann Carter got married with Nicholas Brown, his daughter Rebecca Carter got married with Amos Throop Jenckes, and his daughter Elizabeth Ann Carter got married with Walter Raleigh Danforth. Walter Raleigh Danforth (1787-1861), a son of Job Danforth (1745-1830), would graduate from the College of Rhode Island (Brown University) in 1805 and become clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Providence in 1807, editor of the [Providence Gazette](#) in 1820. He would in 1825 found a weekly newspaper named [Microcosm](#).

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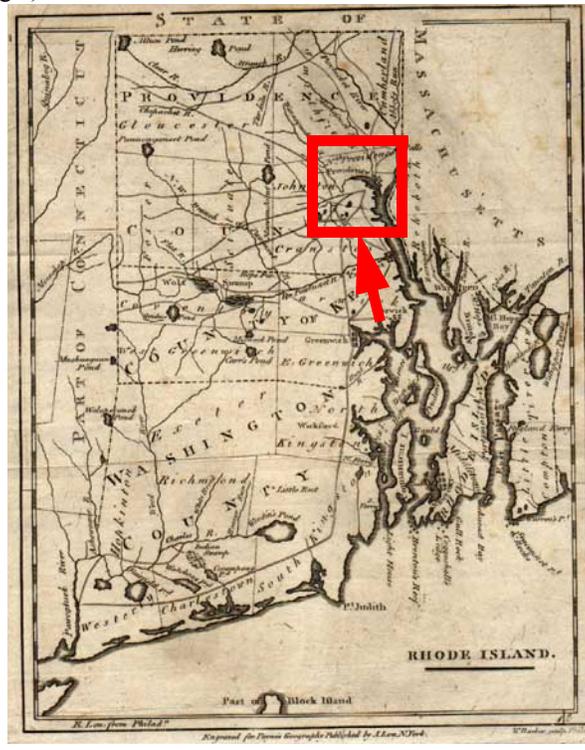
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 In [Rhode Island](#), the area along the Woonasquatucket north of Dyerville was being planted with orchards and was becoming known as Fruit Hill. A stagecoach stop, the Thayer Tavern House, was a popular spot. (Later the tavern would become the Fruit Hill Hotel, then in 1835 it would become the Fruit Hill Seminary, then the Fruit Hill Classical Institute, which would be demolished in 1865. What is on this site is now known as Rhode Island College.)

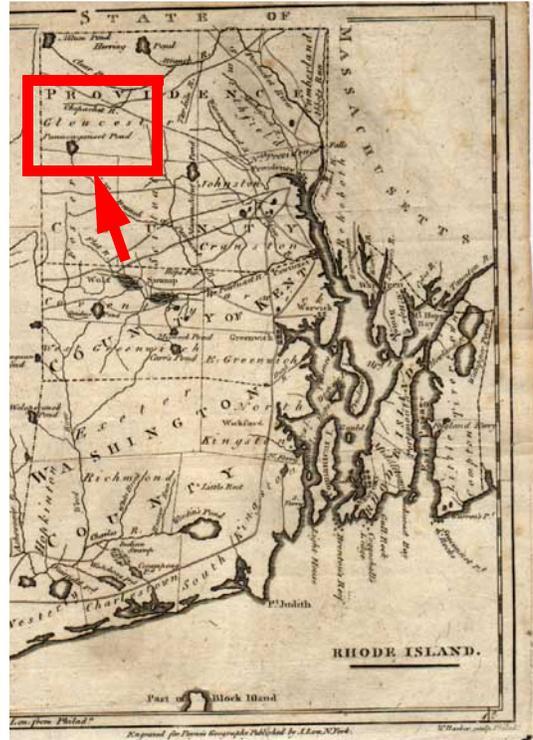


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An itinerant half-breed peddler known only as Acote mysteriously died of a fatal wound and a fall downstairs in Kimball Hotel in [Glocester](#). The peddler would be interred in an unmarked grave on the west side of a local hill then called Matony. Because of this unmarked grave, the hill would come to be known as Acote's Hill.



The [Quaker](#) "worship group" of [Westerly](#) (also referred to as "Dunn's Corners"), [Rhode Island](#) was laid down. The cemetery next to the meetinghouse was abandoned.

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Despite the fact that one eighth part of its population was [Quaker](#), as you can see [Rhode Island](#) was prepared if need be to kill a bunch of people:

Account of the people in the Colony of Rhode-Island, whites and blacks, together with the quantity of arms and ammunition, in the hands of private persons.

Towns names.	WHITES.						Arms and ammunition in the hands of private persons.					BLACKS.			
	Men.	Men able to bear arms.	Enlisted soldiers.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Small arms.	Swords.	Pistols.	Powder.	Balls.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.
Newport,	1696	534	969	1633	1099	1091	778	710	266	873	15554	400	341	248	245
Providence,	747	275	406	741	655	754	349	181	56	762	3871	72	75	51	64
Portsmouth,	243	88	120	228	261	440	143	80	29	44	1755	51	60	50	30
Warwick,	426	189	199	422	413	423	219	118	21	61	2182	48	62	61	56
Westerly,	523	128	361	551	541	562	276	98	8	206 3-4	4904	34	28	24	28
New-Shoreham,	83	17	66	77	52	52	66	20	6	66	1730	29	41	22	22
North-Kingston,	544	135	244	465	408	403	245	82	16	67	1739	70	87	72	60
South-Kingston,	366	132	186	321	342	368	215	80	16	85	2251	137	109	145	125
East-Greenwich,	319	140	165	238	212	271	137	54	9	71 3-4	1119	33	33	38	23
Jamestown,	86	20	58	100	103	72	63	48	14	32	1434	42	41	36	37
Smithfield,	448	139	263	454	466	486	294	67	11	146 1-2	3828	16	17	21	13
Scituate,	392	77	273	403	540	460	261	56	6	32 3-4	1466	4	4	7	3
Gloucester,	332	75	257	327	437	408	221	28	6	32 3-4	1466	4	0	1	2
Charleston,	171	71	90	187	195	159	110	40	2	50	1300	100	112	101	105
West-Greenwich,	275	78	174	292	316	321	138	38	5	31	639	12	10	8	12
Coventry,	298	82	190	232	309	323	206	40	4	38 1-2	824	4	2	4	6
Exeter,	347	192	178	236	367	371	130	32	4	20	196	16	20	23	24
Middleton,	153	55	82	206	157	165	120	88	22	81 1-4	2902	29	26	19	23
Bristol,	210	98	97	252	251	253	133	119	20	31	1758	44	35	34	21
Tiverton,	277	109	159	217	273	323	134	39	15	76 1-2	2786	44	67	58	61
Little-Compton,	244	110	134	342	261	295	197	118	61	130	3146	28	43	29	30
Warren,	193	81	112	217	214	203	130	104	7	67	2994	26	23	25	24
Cumberland,	230	55	156	254	267	319	158	73	3	101 1-2	3277	4	2	4	3
Richmond,	199	57	123	195	202	207	93	23	3	57	371	9	5	2	10
Cranston,	375	130	103	354	337	306	216	52	14	22 1-2	1177	21	22	27	18
	9177	2997	5265	8944	8783	9035	5052	2418	624	3286 3-4	64689	1277	1265	1110	1045

Whole Colony, whites and blacks, 40,636.
Town of Newport, 6754.
In obedience to your Lordship's commands, I have caused the within account to be taken by officers under oath. By it there appears to be in this Colony at this time, 35,939 white persons, and 4,697 blacks, chiefly negroes.
In the year 1730, by order of the then Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, an account was taken of the number of people in this Colony, and then there appeared to be 15,302 white persons, and 2,633 blacks.
Again in the year 1748, by like order, an account was taken of the number of people then in this Colony, by which it appears there were at that time 29,755 white persons and 4373 blacks.
STEPHEN HOPKINS.
Colony of Rhode-Island, December 24th 1755.

N. B. One eighth part of the inhabitants Quakers.
In the Fort 18 eighteen pounders, 6 twenty-four do. 2 nine do. Total 26.
Belonging to the Country sloop, 12 four-pounders; to Merchants, 60 old small cannon, four and three pounders.
In the Fort 46 barrels of Gunpowder, 20 rounds of Shot, 300 old Small Arms.
The above and foregoing contains a true copy of what his Honor the Governor transmitted unto the Right Honorable and Honorable the Lords Commissioners for trade and plantations.
Copy—Witness, THO. WARD, Sec'y.



Whereas during the Revolutionary period those who championed the idea of an informed American citizenry had done so out of a belief that a local politically knowledgeable citizenry was necessary to prevent a lapse into remote tyranny, early in the 19th Century this notion would be being overshadowed by attention to private virtue and personal advancement. Although some would already be advocating government financial support for education, many still would be trusting that market forces and volunteerism would be adequate to attain the necessary economic and social mobility, and offer entertainment as well. Aside from looking to schools and to publishers of books and magazines, these Americans would also be gaining education and entertainment from political parties and from the inexpensive tracts distributed by various evangelical or philanthropic societies, from lectures at lyceums and other locations, from commercial libraries and also, by the 1840s and 1850s, public libraries, and from museums and circuses. Ironically, the rhetorical triumph of the informed-citizenry ideal and its expanding institutional foundations in public culture would be accompanied by a polyphony of criticism directed at the remnants of the freeholder concept of citizenship, which continued to exclude the majority of American-born adults from the civil rights routinely proclaimed to be quintessentially American. The process of extending the franchise to less wealthy adult white males, to adult males of color, and eventually even to adult females, would be, at best, halting.



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The [Rhode Island](#) General Assembly mandated that each town in the state establish a public school system. Noncompliance with this directive would be massive — but to give a little credit where a little credit is due, in this year [Providence](#) itself did begin public elementary schools. (This tiny state, with income taxes higher than those of any other state in the nation — even “Taxachusetts”! — has during the 20th and so far into the 21st Centuries become renowned for the inadequacy of the educational opportunity it provides its local children.)

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Initially, the city of Providence would be offering this free public education in the old brick schoolhouse at the foot of Meeting Street, that had been lately been used for such activities as the manufacture of cartridges for firearms, and for munitions storage.³

 January: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the Washington Insurance Company was founded.

 January 7, Tuesday: Millard Fillmore, who would become 13th President (1850-1853) of the United States of America, was born.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the death of George Washington on December 14, 1799  was being “solemnized with a great display of funeral ceremonies.”

1800. The death of Washington was solemnized with a great display of funeral ceremonies, on the 7th of January, which day was intensely cold. The bells tolled through the day; a vast procession was formed, consisting of the military corps, the incorporated societies, municipal officers, and youths in all the schools, with appropriate badges, and a long train of citizens and strangers. Minute guns were fired while the procession was in motion. Col. George R. Burrill delivered an eloquent eulogy in the Baptist meeting-house. The interior of the house was shrouded in black drapery. The mournful retinue again formed, and proceeded to St. John’s Church, where, after an address from the Rector, Rev. Mr. Clark, the bier was deposited under the church. Throughout the day, a solemn gloom pervaded the whole town. In George Washington, greatness and goodness were combined: this whole people were his beneficiaries; and now, they mourned his death with feelings of awakened gratitude, with an unfeigned and heart-felt sorrow, like that of affectionate children, who mourn the death of a beloved and venerated parent.

The General Assembly passed an act for the establishment of Free Schools. It had been long urged in the newspapers of this town, but the Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers were the immediate operatives in this good work, and a reference of their

3. Subsequent to this use for free public education, the Old Brick Schoolhouse would be used in sequence as:
 - 1.) a school for children of color
 - 2.) a cooking school
 - 3.) a school for tubercular children
 - 4.) a school for the crippled, both children and adults
 - 5.) the Providence Preservation Society (as of 1960)



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memorial to the Legislature produced a favorable report. This town was immediately divided into four districts, and four schools were established therein, and the masters first appointed were John Dexter, Moses Noyes, Royal Farnum and Rev. James Wilson. The schools were permanently continued by the town, notwithstanding the State law was repealed in 1803, and in 1819 the fourth district on the West side was divided, and a fifth district established. The salaries of the preceptors was \$500 each, of the ushers \$250. The General Assembly in 1828 passed a new act to establish public schools; and this town then ordered primary schools in each district, to contain the youngest children, and to be kept by females; and a school for colored children was opened the same year.



February 15, Saturday: By means of a document remarkable for the freedom of its spelling, a Slave mulatte Man Named Jerimiah or Jeremiah Eafton was as of this day [manumitted](#) & Set Free of & from all bondage Servitude & [Slavery](#) whatsoever, in [Portsmouth, Rhode Island](#), by the Yeoman Nicholas Eafton as duly witnessed by Benjamin Mott and David Buffum. The document, folded twice from top to bottom, appears to be sealed by means of Yeoman Easton's thumbprint or fingerprint:⁴

*To all People to whom these presents Shall come
I Nicholas Eafton of Portsmouth in the County
of Newport in the State of Rhode Island Yeoman
Send's greeting Know ye That I the s^t Nicholas do
Manumit & Set Free a mulatte [sic] Man Named Jerimiah
Eafton who is my Slave, of & from all bondage Ser-
vitude & Slavery whatsoever & I the s^t Nicholas
for my self my heirs Executors [sic] or administrators
do hereby forever enounce [sic] & Disclame [sic] all propriety [sic]
in & right to to [sic] the person Labour & Service of the
s^t Jerimiah hereby declaring him to be forever
a free man, in Witnes Whereof I the s^t Nicholas
do hereunto Set my hand & Seal at Portsmouth this 15th day
of February one thousand Eight hundred & the Twenty
Forth [sic] of the Independance [sic] of America [sic]*

*witnes Benjⁿ Mott
David Buffum* *Nicholas Eafton ((mark))*

4. It is said that this manumission document in the collection of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society is an especially significant one in that it dates to 1824, "sixteen years after the Gradual Emancipation Act." If it did date to 1824, it would indeed be of that significance, but it does not date to 1824. It dates to February 15, 1800, well before the Gradual [Emancipation](#) Act. The "Twenty Forth" in the document does not refer to the Gregorian year, but to the fact that 24 years had elapsed since the colonies, in 1776, declared their freedom from England.



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February 23, Sunday: [William Jardine](#) was born at Edinburgh, Scotland. He would be educated at home to the age of 15.

The active enforcement of the [Rhode Island](#) law against slavetrading by abolitionist customs collector [William Ellery](#) so infuriated new congressman [John Brown](#), a slavetrader, that he had sponsored a federal bill to split off a customs district separate from [Newport](#), to have its headquarters in [Bristol](#). The Congress therefore on this day authorized a separate new customs house. The letter is predated by one month, and the obvious inferences that a historian can derive from this factoid are that this deal had gone down in secrecy, and that there were some concerned individuals who had not yet learned of it. This might not sound at all remarkable, but there is background information that makes it remarkable indeed, in connecting the establishment of this new federal customs house in Bristol **with the continuation of the trans-Atlantic trade in new slaves**. Here (within blue boxes, on following screens) is this background:

[TRIANGULAR TRADE](#)



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1789

July 31, Friday: The federal Congress created the United States Custom Service, as a new branch of the Treasury Department.

1790

June 14, Monday: The federal Congress created the [Rhode Island](#) custom districts of [Providence](#) and [Newport](#). These two districts handled all ship traffic connecting with nine Rhode Island ports, in the Providence district, [Providence](#) and [Pawtuxet](#), and, in the Newport district, [Newport](#), [North Kingstown](#), [East Greenwich](#), [Westerly](#), [Bristol](#), [Warren](#), and Barrington.

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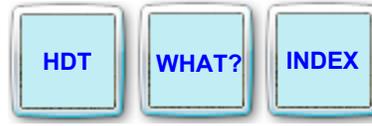
1794

[Friend Moses Brown](#) and [Friend](#) Samuel Rodman presented to President George Washington and Vice-President John Adams a memorial in opposition to the [international slave trade](#). The federal Congress passed an act prohibiting the trans-Atlantic trade. (When officials of the [Newport](#) customs district would begin to enforce this law in the subsidiary port of [Bristol](#), this would interfere with the nefarious activities of [Rhode Island](#) slavetraders [James DeWolf](#) and Shearjashub Bourne. The [slavetraders](#) would lobby the government for the establishment of Bristol as a separate customs district and no longer subject to these out-of-control officials of the Newport customs district — who were actually daring to enforce this new law.)

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The [Rhode Island](#) brigantine *Orange* (or is this a typographic error in regard to a voyage in 1779?) brought a cargo of 120 new [slaves](#) from the coast of Africa.

[William Ellery](#) seized the [DeWolf](#) schooner *Lucy* (Captain Charles Collins) for engaging in the slave trade and put it up for auction in [Bristol](#). Local surveyor Samuel Bosworth was appointed to bid on the vessel on behalf of the government. After [John Brown](#) of [Providence](#) and several other slavers had attempted unsuccessfully to intimidate Bosworth, the DeWolfs simply hired thugs who, costumed as native Americans, kidnapped him and took him several miles up the bay while with a trifling bid the DeWolfs recovered their vessel.

[John Brown](#), as ever a strong defender of the absolute righteousness of the [international slave trade](#), was elected to the US House of Representatives. He would sponsor legislation to create a separate Customs House in [Bristol](#), in facilitation of the international slave trade that was still being conducted through that port by [James DeWolf](#) and Shearjashub Bourne.



The DeWolf Crest

Taking into account this history that lies hidden behind the Act of February 23, 1800, it is interesting what would happen **next**. Next, Jonathan Russell would be appointed as 1st US customs collector at the new [Bristol](#), [Rhode Island](#) customs house, and Russell would continue to enforce the law against the [international slave trade](#) in the manner in which it had been being enforced while the [Newport](#) customs house was still running the show. Because of this, the [DeWolf](#) family would need to circulate a petition for his removal, and conduct a lobbying campaign in Washington DC. The result would be that in February 1804, President [Thomas Jefferson](#) would fire Jonathan Russell, replacing him with a more cooperative official, a brother-in-law of [James DeWolf](#) who had a major investment in the international slave trade. This man, Charles Collins, would serve as collector at the new Bristol customs house, **and ignore the law at presidential behest and succor the international slave trade at presidential behest, until 1820:**



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1804

 February: The first customs collector for [Bristol, Rhode Island](#), Jonathan Russell, had been constantly interfering with the [international slave trade](#) in strict application and implementation of official US federal law and policy. The [DeWolfs](#) and the other slave trading families of Bristol therefore arranged with President [Thomas Jefferson](#) to have Russell replaced with a brother-in-law of theirs, Charles Collins, who was captain of one of that family's negro vessels — a man who could be counted on to not enforce the federal law against the importation of generations of fresh [slaves](#) from Africa into the United States of America.



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 May 10, Saturday: The United States Senate and House of Representatives approved An Act in Addition to the Act intituled "An Act to Prohibit the Carrying on of the [Slave](#) Trade from the United States to any Foreign Place or Country."⁵

5. Exportation of slaves was of course a completely separate issue from importation of slaves. In the Constitutional Convention, it had been proposed by a committee of eleven to protect the importation of slaves to the year 1800, but Mr. Pinckney moved to extend the time at least until the year 1808. This motion was carried — New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, voting in the affirmative; and New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, in the negative. In opposition to the motion, Mr. Madison said: "Twenty years will produce all the mischief that can be apprehended from the liberty to import slaves; so long a term will be more dishonorable to the American character than to say nothing about it in the Constitution." The provision in regard to the slave trade shows clearly that Congress considered [slavery](#) a State institution, to be continued and regulated by its individual sovereignty; and to conciliate that interest, the slave trade was continued 20 years, not as a general measure, but for the "benefit of such States as shall think proper to encourage it." This temporary protection had extended only to importation, and the constitutional document had not extended any similar protection to exportation.



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INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: In the next Congress, the sixth, another petition threw the House into paroxysms of slavery debate. Waln of Pennsylvania presented the petition of certain free colored men of Pennsylvania praying for a revision of the slave-trade laws and of the fugitive-slave law, and for prospective emancipation.⁷ Waln moved the reference of this memorial to a committee already appointed on the revision of the loosely drawn and poorly enforced Act of 1794.⁸ Rutledge of South Carolina immediately arose. He opposed the motion, saying, that these petitions were continually coming in and stirring up discord; that it was a good thing the Negroes were in slavery; and that already "too much of this new-fangled French philosophy of liberty and equality" had found its way among them. Others defended the right of petition, and declared that none wished Congress to exceed its powers. [John Brown](#) of [Rhode Island](#), a new figure in Congress, a man of distinguished services and from a well-known family, boldly set forth the commercial philosophy of his State. "We want money," said he, "we want a navy; we ought therefore to use the means to obtain it. We ought to go farther than has yet been proposed, and repeal the bills in question altogether, for why should we see Great Britain getting all the slave trade to themselves; why may not our country be enriched by that lucrative traffic? There would not be a slave the more sold, but we should derive the benefits by importing from Africa as well as that nation." Waln, in reply, contended that they should look into "the slave trade, much of which was still carrying on from Rhode Island, Boston and Pennsylvania." Hill of North Carolina called the House back from this general discussion to the petition in question, and, while willing to remedy any existing defect in the Act of 1794, hoped the petition would not be received. Dana of Connecticut declared that the paper "contained nothing but a farrago of the French metaphysics of liberty and equality;" and that "it was likely to produce some of the dreadful scenes of St. Domingo." The next day Rutledge again warned the House against even discussing the matter, as "very serious, nay, dreadful effects, must be the inevitable consequence." He held up the most lurid pictures of the fatuity of the French Convention in listening to the overtures of the "three emissaries from St. Domingo," and thus yielding "one of the finest islands in the world" to "scenes which had never been practised since the destruction of Carthage." "But, sir," he continued, "we have lived to see these dreadful scenes. These horrid effects have succeeded what was

6. STATUTES AT LARGE, II. 70. For proceedings in Congress, see SENATE JOURNAL (reprint of 1821), 6th Congress, 1st session, III. 72, 77, 88, 92.

7. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 6th Congress, 1st Session, page 229.

8. Dec. 12, 1799: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 6th Congress, 1st Session, III. 535. For the debate, see ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 6th Congress, 1st Session, pages 230-45.



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conceived once to be trifling. Most important consequences may be the result, although gentlemen little apprehend it. But we know the situation of things there, although they do not, and knowing we deprecate it. There have been emissaries amongst us in the Southern States; they have begun their war upon us; an actual organization has commenced; we have had them meeting in their club rooms, and debating on that subject.... Sir, I do believe that persons have been sent from France to feel the pulse of this country, to know whether these [i.e., the Negroes] are the proper engines to make use of: these people have been talked to; they have been tampered with, and this is going on."

Finally, after censuring certain parts of this Negro petition, Congress committed the part on the slave-trade to the committee already appointed. Meantime, the Senate sent down a bill to amend the Act of 1794, and the House took this bill under consideration.⁹ Prolonged debate ensued. Brown of Rhode Island again made a most elaborate plea for throwing open the foreign slave-trade. Negroes, he said, bettered their condition by being enslaved, and thus it was morally wrong and commercially indefensible to impose "a heavy fine and imprisonment ... for carrying on a trade so advantageous;" or, if the trade must be stopped, then equalize the matter and abolish slavery too. Nichols of Virginia thought that surely the gentlemen would not advise the importation of more Negroes; for while it "was a fact, to be sure," that they would thus improve their condition, "would it be policy so to do?" Bayard of Delaware said that "a more dishonorable item of revenue" than that derived from the slave-trade "could not be established." Rutledge opposed the new bill as defective and impracticable: the former act, he said, was enough; the States had stopped the trade, and in addition the United States had sought to placate philanthropists by stopping the use of our ships in the trade. "This was going very far indeed." New England first began the trade, and why not let them enjoy its profits now as well as the English? The trade could not be stopped.

The bill was eventually recommitted and reported again.¹⁰ "On the question for its passing, a long and warm debate ensued," and several attempts to postpone it were made; it finally passed, however, only Brown of Rhode Island, Dent of Maryland, Rutledge and Huger of South Carolina, and Dickson of North Carolina voting against it, and 67 voting for it.¹¹ This Act of May 10, 1800,¹² greatly strengthened the Act of 1794. The earlier act had prohibited citizens from equipping slavers for the foreign trade; but this went so far as to forbid them having any interest, direct or indirect, in such voyages, or serving on board slave-ships in any capacity. Imprisonment for two years was added to the former fine of \$2000, and United States commissioned ships were directed to capture such slavers as prizes. The slaves though forfeited by the owner, were not to

9. SENATE JOURNAL (reprinted 1821), 6th Congress, 1st Session, III. 72, 77, 88, 92; see SENATE JOURNAL, Index, Bill No. 62; HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 6th Congress, 1st Session, III., Index, House Bill No. 247. For the debate, see ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 6th Congress, 1st Session, pages 686-700.

10. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 6th Congress, 1st Session, page 697.

11. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, page 699-700.

12. STATUTES AT LARGE, II. 70.



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go to the captor; and the act omitted to say what disposition should be made of them.



Summer: According to an 1878 source, THE NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER, A MAGAZINE DEVOTED TO THE ANTIQUITIES, GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL MATTER ILLUSTRATING THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, James N. Arnold, Editor, Volume III, issued by the Narragansett Historical Publishing Company of Hamilton and printed at E.L. Freeman & Co., Printers, of Central Falls, pages 136-138, there was during the summer of this year a [yellow fever](#) epidemic in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) (it was the one mentioned by [Thomas Jefferson](#) in his letter of September 23d to Dr. Benjamin Rush, that struck also in [Baltimore, Maryland](#) and in Norfolk, Virginia):



Dr. E.M. Snow, in an elaborate article printed in the Providence Journal in June, 1857, and re-printed in the Journal of September 23d, 1878, after detailing incidents connected with the prevalence of the disease in 1779, at which time there were 36 deaths reported, most of which occurred at the south end of the town and all south of Williams street, goes on to say that "in the summer of the year 1800 the yellow fever seemed to be confidently expected in Providence, and an order was issued by the Town Council respecting the removal of nuisances on the 12th of May. As early as the 22d of June a vessel arrived from Jamaica with cases of yellow fever on board, which were sent to the hospital. Other infected vessels arrive in June and July, but no case occurred among the inhabitants until the 15th of August. The first case was a Mrs. Taylor, who lived on the west side of Wickenden street, a little north of the present location of the Providence Tool Company. She died on the 20th of August." An old paper found among the effects of Joel Metcalf, Esq., who died November 26th, 1834, and who was a member of the Town Council in the year 1800, contains a list of the names of those who were attacked by the disease, noting the date of attack, date of removal to the hospital of those who were sent there, and date of the death of those who did not recover, which is here presented.¹³

Mrs. Taylor	died August 21
Elizabeth Whiting	recovered
Joseph Tillinghast (son of John)	died August 22
Mrs. Luther	died August 21
Joseph Cooke	recovered
Mrs. Earle	died August 23
Sweet Luther	recovered
Miss Dunn (a child)	recovered
Miss Warner	recovered
Patrick Morriss	died August 23



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Jeremiah B. Howell	recovered
Rebekah Carr	died August 23
Jonathan Eddy	died August 25
Jeremiah Whiting	recovered
Mrs. Atkins	recovered
Charles Tillinghast	recovered
Wife of Charles Tillinghast	died August 26
Nancy Briggs	recovered
Richard Hinman	died August 25
Lucretia Pearce	died August 26
Mrs. Bogman	died September 1
Mary Whiting	recovered
Patrick Greatrix	recovered
Jos. Arnold	died August 31
Thos. Mitchell	recovered
Mrs. Bird	recovered
Amey Read	died September 1
Lucy Libby	recovered
Hannah Fuller (wife of John)	recovered
Mrs. Newell	recovered
Mrs. Sheldon (wife of John)	died September 7
Betsey Stokes	died September 11
Prince Burrill	died September 12
wife of Prince Burrill	recovered
Ruth Curtis	died September 11
Mrs. Warner (wife of John)	died September 10
Stephen Ashton	died September 8
Amey Tillinghast	recovered
Mrs. Warner (wife of Samuel)	died September 13
Nancy Blinn	recovered

13. Of this information, only the names and dates of death are here presented.



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Edward Luther	died September 12
Edward Dickens	died September 15
Phebe Hull	died September 13
Mrs. Dickens	died September 16
William Olney (son of David)	recovered
Mrs. Pearce	died September 17
Mrs. Dickens (widow)	died September 14
Sally Hull	died September 17
Polly Godfrey	died September 20
Eliza Dickens	recovered
Moses (negro)	recovered
Mary Tillinghast	died September 17
Sarah Gibbs (negro)	recovered
Mary Fields	died September 20
Child of E. Congdon	died September 21
Child of E. Congdon	died September 23
Mrs. Brown (widow)	died September 19
James Temple	died September 19
Daniel Bucklin	recovered
Ephraim Congdon	recovered
Mrs. Mitchel	died September 20
Sally Howe	recovered
Jabez Bucklin	died September 26
Provy Brown's wife	died September 19
Mrs. Davis (wife of John)	died September 23
John Stokes	died September 21
Lydia Eveleth	died September 22
Betsey Huntington	recovered
Rebecca Luther	died October 1
Amey Godfrey	died September 27
John Warner	died September 26



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Mary Stokes	recovered
Mrs. Tillinghast (wife of John)	died September 26
Nancy Newfield	died September 27
Violet Cook	died September 28
John Sheldon	died September 27
Daniel Pearce	died September 25
Sally Waters	died September 28
Nancy Waters	recovered
Phebe Sisco	recovered
Mrs. Congdon	recovered
Henry Faulkman	recovered
Joshua Harding	died October ——
Piney ——	recovered
Thomas Savin	died September 26
Joshua Penneman (?)	died October 20
Number of deaths	52
Sick at hospital	37
Died at Hospital	18
Recoveries	34 of the 86 listed



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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1801. By Isaac Bickerstaff, [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1801. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.

(Same, with “Great Allowance to those who purchase quantities” on the front page.)

THE NEWPORT [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1801. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.

THE NEW-ENGLAND CALENDAR AND EPHEMERIS FOR 1801. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth for Jacob Richardson.

No copy located. Mentioned by Hammett.

 The Reverend [Samuel Hopkins](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) preached some more hot-stuff sermons that later on he would publish.

SERMONS FROM 1801

 By this point the school fund under the administration of Friend [Moses Brown](#) had grown to \$3,837.40, a decision had been reached that said Fund “should not be diverted into any other channel,” and the New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) was soliciting the various monthly meetings to establish Quaker schools. Although several of these would indeed be established, “diverse Friends continued to err so grievously as to send their children to public or other improper Schools, whereby their tender minds are in danger of Suffering Loss.” Something further needed to be done, but what?



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 Josiah Quincy, Sr. visited [Rhode Island](#).

JOSIAH QUINCY, SR.

[Mount Hope](#) is not a high hill at all, rising only to some 200 plus feet above the level of [Narragansett Bay](#). In this year the infamous Senator [James DeWolf](#) had an octagonal summer house erected near its top.

[BRISTOL](#)



The DeWolf Crest





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The DeWolf Carriage

 January 21, Wednesday: At 10AM in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), a fire in John Corlis's store spread and destroyed "about 16 Houses 10 Stores & 11 Barns & outhouses."

1801. The south part of the town was ravaged by a disastrous fire, January 21. It commenced about ten o'clock, A.M. in John Corlis's store, rear of South Main-street, between Planet and Power-streets, and continued through the day. More than thirty buildings were destroyed, amongst which were some handsome dwellings and large stores. Hacker's Hall was one of the victims of the devouring element. This had, for many years, been occupied as a school room, but had, for a generation, then passed away, been the principal dancing hall or assembly room for the gay and fashionable men and women of Providence, and was elegantly finished with fluted pilasters and carved cornices. The damage by this fire was estimated at \$300,000, or more, and it was then and now is designated as the Great Fire. On rebuilding, South Main-street was very considerably widened and improved, from Planet-street, to some distance south.

 9th of the 4th Month: A report was made by [Friend Moses Brown](#) to the Quarterly Meeting of the [Rhode Island Quakers](#) held at [East Greenwich](#), in regard to the various schools already being maintained within this Quarterly Meeting:

REPORT ON SCHOOLS WITHIN RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY

To the Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 9th of the 4th Mo. 1801.

The Committee Appointed in the 10th Mo. on the subject of Schools, Report that they have paid some attention to their appointment and It appears Rhode Island Monthly Meeting have had Several Schools kept by Members of our Society, that one of them



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has been under the care of the Monthly Meeting and they have given their School Committee Liberty to set up three others, 2 of which are expected to be Soon Established.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting have had three Small Schools taught by Friends, but they have none under the government or Superintendence of a School Committee, which we Recommend them to appoint, to take the Necessary care in future. That Meeting is of opinion that they are not at present in Circumstances to Erect a Monthly Meeting's School nor do they apprehend the Small Number of their Children renders that measure Necessary at present.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting have set up one School under the care of the Monthly Meeting's Committee and have a prospect of Setting one or two other small Schools soon.

Swanzy Monthly Meeting have had one School kept by a friend, but not under the Superintendence of a School Committee, they have opened a Subscription and got 163 dollars Subscribed for opening one under their own government.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting have had 4 Schools kept by Friends, None of which has been under the Direction of that Meeting and the Way has not Opened for a boarding School.-

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting have had three Schools under their Committee's Care, notwithstanding some friends have been so inattentive to the Advices of Friends as to send their Children to the Town Schools and yet declined to Withdraw them.-

Providence Monthly Meeting has had one School kept by a Member of Society and the Monthly Meeting's Committee have been authorised to set up a boarding School, but the want of a suitable Master, with some other Circumstances has hitherto Delayed it.

Richmond Monthly Meeting have set up one School for a few Months under the care of their School Committee and tho this School was more convenient, Some of their Members have sent their Children to the Towns School A Subscription has been opened in this Monthly Meeting for supporting their School. Bolton Monthly Meeting has set up a Monthly Meeting School and their Children are sent to it.-

(Note: Several of the above mentioned Schools are only for a few months.)

In consideration of some of the foregoing Circumstances in two Meetings and to prevent the spreading of so Evil on Example We Recommend to the Quarterly Meeting to give forth their Advices to the following purport.

It is advised that all friends with-draw their Children from the Towns Schools, wherever there are any Schools Set up or kept by Friends in any Monthly Meeting and unite with their Brethren in setting up, and sending their children to Schools under the Superintendance of the Monthly Meetings by their School Committee. And in case any friend shall so disregard the care of Society as to persist in sending their children to such Schools, where the principle and practise of the Teacher and Schollars are contrary to the good order of our Society Such Parents after due admonition and Care to be Dealt with as those who refuse the advise of Friends, and that it be Recommended to



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Friends of each Monthly Meeting to use such Means by Applications as they may Judge most proper, to obtain their proportion of School Moneys in the Respective Towns, According to their Assessments and apply the same in Schools under the care of Monthly Meetings to which they Belong.

All Which is Submitted by
Moses Brown in behalf
of the Committee.

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

 June 14, Sunday: Benedict Arnold, formerly of [Rhode Island](#), soldier and spy, died in the 61st year of his age. His remains (minus of course the loyal American leg) would be interred on the 21st at Brompton, England.



 Our national birthday, Saturday the 4th of July: The Republican orator James Kennedy, displaying a spirit of bipartisanship uncommon in Charleston SC, honored “that celebrated declaration, penned by the enlightened, dignified and patriotic Jefferson, and advocated by the firm, honest and sagacious Adams.” He was allowing, in effect, that although his party’s politician [Thomas Jefferson](#) had drawn, penned, traced, and phrased the famed document, the idea of independence also had required advocacy by others.¹⁴ In [Rhode Island](#) this President of the United States was so mistrusted, that when a toast was offered, it was expressed in the form of a hope that he “might prove true to the constitution and the country.”

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Without pronouncing Jefferson’s name, the Federalist Ezekiel Whitman of Massachusetts noted that from “the pen of one of these Sages, and from the hearts of all his Copatriots, issued that memorable instrument ... known by the name of ‘The Declaration of American Independence’.”¹⁵ This notice of the fact that the writing up of the Declaration did not equate with the authorization of independence reflects the traditional understanding of the document as a corporate statement, but leaves in question the provenance of the various noble assertions of the document such as “all men are created equal” — sentiments which seem so utterly strange when they appear (through ventriloquy?) to be coming out of the mouth of that Virginia slavemaster who was keeping a dusky sex slave.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

During this year, Martin Van Buren was a delegate to the Republican Party (that’s the old Republican Party) caucus in Troy, New York. He would avidly support the Jeffersonian principles of that party for the remainder of his life.

14. AN ORATION, DELIVERED IN ST. PHILIP’S CHURCH, BEFORE THE INHABITANTS OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH-CAROLINA, ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1801 (Charleston, 1801)

15. AN ORATION, COMMEMORATIVE OF THE DAY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Portland ME, 1801)



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This was the year of the first public 4th-of-July reception at the White House in Washington DC. In Marblehead, Massachusetts an oration was delivered by Joseph Story at the New Meeting House. In Boston, Massachusetts the frigates USS *Constitution* and USS *Boston* and the French corvette *Berceau* fired salutes.



 December 10, Thursday: On this day, in the [Quaker](#) meetinghouse of Nantucket on [Nantucket Island](#), Massachusetts, Friend Nathan Comstock (birthright Quaker son of Friend Samuel Comstock of Gloucester, the south side of Burrillville, [Rhode Island](#) north of [Providence](#), and Friend Lucy his wife), and Friend Elizabeth Emmett (birthright Quaker daughter of Friend Edward Tillet Emmett of Nantucket and Friend Elizabeth Emmett his widow), “having declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, before several Monthly Meetings of the people called Quakers in Nantucket, ... appeared at a public Afsembly of the aforesaid people and others, in their Meeting-house in Nantucket aforesaid, and he the said Nathan Comstock, taking the said Elizabeth Emmett by the hand, did openly declare as forthwith: Friends, I take this my friend Elizabeth Emmett to be my Wife, promising through divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful Husband, until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us. And the said Elizabeth Emmett did then and there in like manner declare as followeth: Friends, I take this my friend Nathan Comstock to be my Husband, promising through divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful Wife, until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us. — Or words of the like import. — And the said Nathan Comstock and Elizabeth Emmett, as a further confirmation thereof, have hereunto set their hands: She, after the Custom of Marriage, assuming the name of her husband. —

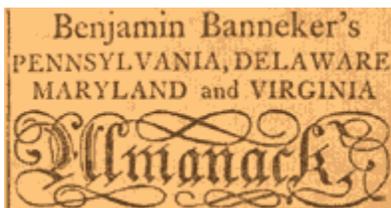
Nathan Comstock
Elizabeth Comstock”

SAMUEL B. COMSTOCK

1802

 [Benjamin West](#) became Postmaster of [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

The last issue of Benjamin Banneker’s [almanac](#).



THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1802. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#): John Carter.

RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1802. [Newport](#), Oliver Farnsworth.

THE NORTH-AMERICAN [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1802. [Providence](#), Bennett Wheeler.

(Same) Second edition.



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 Rowland Hazard (1763-1835) purchased a half interest in Benjamin Rodman's fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#).

 March: In [Rhode Island, John Brown](#) severely injured a leg when the wheel of his sulky dipped into a ditch and the carriage overturned.

 September: [Samuel B. Comstock](#) was born on [Nantucket Island](#). His father was Friend Nathan Comstock, who had been born during 1776 in Burrillville near [Providence](#), a birthright [Quaker](#) ([Smithfield](#) Monthly Meeting in what is now [Woonsocket, Rhode Island](#)). The father had gotten married with Friend Elizabeth Emmett, a daughter of Friend Edward T. Emmett who had been born during 1782. He became a teacher in Nantucket Island and also a cashier at the local bank. In 1811, while their firstborn Samuel was about 9, the family would relocate to New-York where for 40 years the father would be doing a business in whaling products in a firm at 191 Front Street. Friend Nathan must have been remarkably successful, since after losing \$75,000 –an extraordinary sum– in the failure of the business of Jacob Barker, he would manage to continue. This firstborn, birthright Friend Samuel, however, after having been a troublesome teenager, would on January 25, 1824, aboard the whaler *Globe*, disgrace himself by making himself the leader of a mutiny and by becoming a murderer. He would wind up being killed by another of the mutineers, with his body thrown into the ocean.

This couple, Friend Nathan and Friend Elizabeth Comstock, would produce seven other children in addition to their weebegone firstling Samuel:

2. William Comstock, born on April 24, 1804 on Nantucket Island, who would get married with Mary M. Davenport. At the age of 14 he would go along with his troublesome brother Samuel on the ill-fated voyage of the *Globe*, would refuse to take part in his older brother's mutiny, and after return would twice write the story of the mutiny (THE LIFE OF SAMUEL COMSTOCK, THE TERRIBLE WHALEMAN: CONTAINING AN ACCOUNT OF THE MUTINY, AND MASSACRE OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SHIP GLOBE, OF NANTUCKET: WITH HIS SUBSEQUENT ADVENTURES, AND HIS BEING SHOT AT THE MULGRAVE ISLANDS... / BY HIS BROTHER, WILLIAM COMSTOCK, published in Boston by James Fisher in 1840, and in addition an unpublished manuscript on the same events). He would produce a son, Augustus Comstock, who would become an author in his own right, and would die on November 20, 1882.
3. George Comstock, probably born in 1808, would also sign aboard the *Globe*, would refuse to take part in his older brother's mutiny, and would be killed by the natives of the atoll on which they landed.
4. Thomas Comstock, born during 1810, who did not marry and who would die in Brooklyn during 1855.
5. Phebe Comstock, born during 1812, who would die during 1820.
6. Martha Comstock, born during 1814, would marry first with Dr. Josiah Hopper and then with Robert Haviland, the widower of her sister Lucy Comstock, and would die in about 1892.
7. Lucy Comstock, who married Robert B. Haviland of New-York, and would die at the age of 33.
8. Elizabeth Ann Comstock, who married Joseph Comstock, son of a Dr. Comstock of Lebanon, Connecticut. The couple would have no children and she would die in 1860.

Friend Elizabeth Emmett Comstock would die during 1818 after creating the above eight children. Friend Nathan Comstock would remarry with Anne Merritt, a daughter of John Merritt of New-York, and the couple would add the following five children to the previous eight:



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9. Nathan Comstock, born during January 1822 in New-York, who would be a lawyer in Brooklyn. He would get married on December 24, 1853 with Charlotte H. Cromwell, a daughter of Oliver Cromwell and Sarah Titus Cromwell. Charlotte had been born on March 31, 1832 in Canterbury, New York and would die on March 6, 1912 in Brooklyn. He would die on January 18, 1897 in New-York.
10. John Merritt Comstock, born in 1824. He would get married with Elsie W. Hoxie, daughter of Joseph Hoxie of New York, and would serve in the US Naval Office and also at the Treasury Department in Washington DC.
11. Louisa Comstock, who got married with Thomas W. Piggot of Manchester, England, would die in about 1891.
12. Mary Comstock, who got married with Dr. J. O'Brien of New-York — the couple would have no children.
13. Sarah Comstock, who got married with Theodore Moelling; in 1894 the couple would be residing in Germantown, Pennsylvania.



December 30, Thursday: Karl Theodor Anton Maria Baron von Dalberg became Prince-Archbishop and Elector of Regensburg.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would later describe a first apprenticeship:

I stayed the whole time which was from the 15th of the 8th M 1795 to the 30th of the 12 M 1802.

We don't know the nature of this more-than-seven-year apprenticeship (except that he saw Old Bet the elephant during her exhibition tour) — but we do know how he spent many of his evenings:

I spent most of the evenings of the three last years of my apprenticeship at my dearst Aunt Martha Gould either in copying good peaces of writing, or reading George Foxe's Journal which I read through & trust my mind was much benefited therby. In this the chief of my evenings were passed & I am now thankful for it, as it is probable I might have spent them much worse had I have given way to a light airy mind & run unto such company. The company of my endeared Aunt I dearly love & have occasion to, for her Motherly care & religious concern over me in my infantile years. When a child I lived with her & have good reason to believe that her concern even travel of Spirit for my prosperity (under the divine Blessing) was one of the main things which preserved me from the facenating things of the world. I now remember how dearly I used to love her Company & the company of good friends who came to visit her, of which there was not a few, as she is a Woman much esteemed by all her acquaintances & particularly set by in society as a weighty & useful Member, in whose service she hath spent much of her time. & tho' a poor woman & nothing to depend upon but her daily labor for support which she hath obtained credibly & honorably in the forepart of her life by Tayloring & now in her latter days keeps a school & Chiefly maintains herself & two sisters. Yet thus poor she hath spent allmost twenty Years of her life in weighty appointment [to] office of an Overseer in Society, in which she was very useful, being careful that her conduct brought no



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reproach upon her standing.



1803

 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1803. By R. Southwick. 1803. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter

WHEELER'S NORTH-AMERICAN CALENDAR, AND RHODE ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1803. [Providence](#), Bennett Wheeler.

RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1803. By R. Southwick. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.

[ALMANACK](#) FOR 1803. By R. Thomas. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.

 The Channing family of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) relocated to Boston.

The Reverend [Samuel Hopkins](#) of [Newport](#) had his best sermons printed up — this kindling was going to be warn-you-twice kindling! Has God water-boarded you yet?

TWENTYONE SERMONS



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SERMONS FROM 1767

SERMONS FROM 1789

SERMONS FROM 1798

A SERMON FROM 1800

SOME MORE FROM 1800

SERMONS FROM 1801

ON HIS OWN DEATH

 An addition was made to [Kingston, Rhode Island](#)'s stone jail.

In this year or in the following one, the mulatto [Robert Voorhis](#) went to work in the packet trade, on ships sailing up and down Long Island Sound between [Providence](#) and [New-York](#).

HERMITS

 [Enoch Pratt](#) graduated from the [College of Rhode Island](#). He would study theology with Dr. Kirkland in Boston.

Friends on [Nantucket Island](#) began sending off their children for a guarded education in their faith, at the [Quaker](#) school of Friend Elisha Thornton in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).—Except for the ten-or-eleven-year-old who would become Friend [Lucretia Mott](#), for her family in the following year would be relocating from [Nantucket Island](#) to Boston:

In 1804 my father's family removed to Boston, and in the public and private schools of that city I mingled with all classes without distinction. My parents were of the Religious Society of Friends, and endeavored to preserve in their children the peculiarities of that sect, as well as to instill its more important principles. My father had a desire to make his daughters useful.

➡ Friends [Arnold Buffum](#) and Sarah Gould were wed. In [Smithfield](#) and Fall River, [Rhode Island](#), this [Quaker](#) couple would produce ten children seven of whom would survive, and like their parents be actively involved



in the antislavery movement. The daughters Elizabeth, Lydia, Rebecca, and Lucy would become writers. Elizabeth in particular would be prolific under her married name [Elizabeth Buffum Chase](#), championing causes such as women's suffrage, temperance and working conditions in the New England mills. Elizabeth also would produce a daughter who would become an author, Lillie Buffum Chase Wyman (refer to VIRTUOUS LIVES — FOUR QUAKER SISTERS REMEMBER FAMILY LIFE, [ABOLITIONISM](#), AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, by Lucille Salitan and Eve Lewis Perera. NY: Continuum Publishing Company, 370 Lexington Avenue).

FEMINISM



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"It is simply crazy that there should ever have come into being a world with such a sin in it, in which a man is set apart because of his color – the superficial fact about a human being. Who could **want** such a world? For an American fighting for his love of country, that the last hope of earth should from its beginning have swallowed **slavery**, is an irony so withering, a justice so intimate in its rebuke of pride, as to measure only with God."



– Stanley Cavell, *MUST WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY?*
1976, page 141



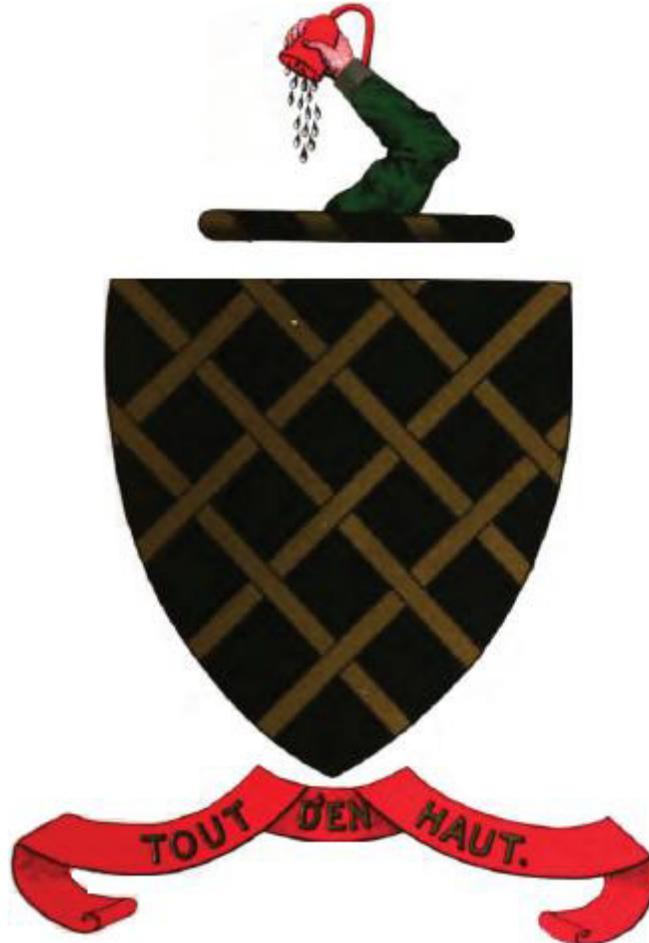
January 19, Wednesday: [Sarah Helen Power](#) was born in a [Quaker](#) family of [Rhode Island](#). Her father, a well-connected and prosperous merchant (there's a street in the la-de-da district of the East Side of [Providence](#) named "Power Street"), would on a trip to the West Indies during the [War of 1812](#) be briefly incarcerated by the British, would declare bankruptcy, and after release from custody, would for one reason or another elect to remain away from his home for a period of nineteen years. During this period, Sarah would be receiving a Quaker education and then the typical education for a white girl of property of the period, amounting to posture and etiquette, with a smattering of French, German, and Italian literature.

[SARAH HELEN POWER WHITMAN](#)

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➡ April 23, Saturday: [Adin Ballou](#) was born to Ariel and Edilda Ballou on a farm in [Cumberland](#) on the border between [Rhode Island](#) and Massachusetts, descendant in the 5th generation of one Maturin Ballou who had come to America about 1640 and had involved himself in the founding of [Providence](#) (the family has even preserved a scrap of paper that was a signed receipt given to them, for something, by the Reverend [Roger Williams](#)). Ballou was instructed that his ancestor Maturin had been the descendant of a French family of [Huguenots](#) that had been driven into exile in England by religious persecution.¹⁶



WIKIPEDIA'S LIST OF HUGUENOTS

16. Later in life he would be forced to the conclusion that this family tradition was probably inaccurate, but the main thing in such influences is that an impressionable age he believed it and was thereby impressed with a putative tradition of suppression. While the Reverend [Adin Ballou](#) was creating his communitarian movement in New England, of Christian non-resistance to evil, and was lecturing on this topic before an audience including [Henry Thoreau](#) –an authentic descendant of persecuted Huguenots– in January 1841 ➡ at the Concord Lyceum, he was believing himself to be the inheritor of this sort of religious tradition. Those of us who interest ourselves in this sort of thing would be interested to learn whether Ballou recognized [John Thoreau, Sr.](#), upon his visit to [Concord](#), to be specifically of [Huguenot](#) as well as of French extraction.



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 September 3, Saturday: In Hope Valley near Hopkinton, [Rhode Island](#), [Prudence Crandall](#) was born to Pardon Crandall and Esther Carpenter Crandall, who some allege to have been members of the [Religious Society of Friends](#).¹⁷ Her father was the son of Christopher Crandall, grandson of James W. Crandall, great-grandson of Joseph Crandall, great-great-grandson of Joseph Crandall, and great-great-great-grandson of John Crandall, who had emigrated from Westerleigh in Gloucestershire, England to [Westerly](#).

 September 20, Tuesday: In [Dublin](#), Robert Emmett was executed for organizing another Rising.

[John Brown](#) died. Charles Rappleye, in his *SONS OF PROVIDENCE: THE BROWN BROTHERS, THE SLAVE TRADE, AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION* (NY: Simon & Schuster, 2006, page 336), on the one hand suggests—and on the other hand carefully refrains from suggesting—that John’s death was the reason that his brother [Friend Moses Brown](#) withdrew in approximately this timeframe from active participation in the abolitionist cause (we may remember that Rappleye’s major thesis in this recent trade press book shot through with factual errors is that all the [Rhode Island](#) hoopla had amounted to a mere case of “sibling rivalry”):

It may presume too much to say that John’s death spelled the end of Moses Brown’s campaign against slavery, but it’s hard not to see a connection. Moses remained invested in the cause of Africans in America, and continued his personal engagement in attending to their welfare. But after 1803, he did not author another piece of legislation relating to slavery or the slave trade, nor did he take any steps to orchestrate lobbying efforts by the abolition society.

It may be that Moses was simply exhausted by twenty-five years of politics, advocacy, and agitation. It’s possible that, according to some unspoken calculus, Moses decided he had paid off the debt he incurred by his role in the voyage of the *Sally*. And it is true that the abolition movement as a whole lost momentum around the turn of the century, having achieved much of its agenda in the North and seeing little prospect of success in the South. But in Moses’ case, it appears there was something else at work. It was not like him to leave off a pursuit he cared about so deeply as slavery simply because the political winds had shifted. And though he was growing old, he remained active in several fields, realizing some of his greatest successes late in his long life. His abrupt retreat on the question of slavery suggests that in this most personal and most heartfelt quest, the looming presence of his brother was a more powerful factor than Moses ever acknowledged, even to himself.... With John

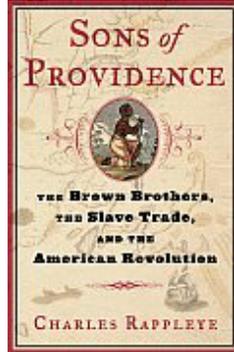
17. So far I have been unable to generate any information, from the extant Quaker records stored at the New England Historical Society in Providence, [Rhode Island](#), that would suggest the involvement of any member of the extended Crandall family with the Religious Society of Friends. The records are, of course, not complete, but I find it suspicious that I am unable to generate even a single occurrence of the family name “Crandall,” especially in a circumstance in which Prudence Crandall is generally regarded as a Quaker when actually, for most of her life, she was a Baptist, and the spouse of a Baptist reverend, and when we have no positive confirmation of her ever having been present at a Quaker meeting for worship.



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gone, Moses had lost his personal stake in the contest.¹⁸



 October 17, Monday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 3d Annual Message.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

17th of 10 Mo 1803 Spent part of the evening at D Rodmans shop, when my mind was in a degree humbled under divine influence, which continued till after I went to bed, I desire to be made thankful for every such season & be found in a state worthy to receive more

Renewed trials present to my view often feeling very low on account of my outward circumstances seeing no way to get along with reputation, as they have been very dull for a long time.

 October 18, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

18 of 10 mo 1803 I have been much instructed this morning from reading several Chapters in the Book of Judges — We find that Gideon was called to deliver Israel out of the hands of their enemies tho he was poor & the least of his fathers house, yet the Lord was with him, that he had found favor in his sight. Whereupon he was strengthened to gather an Army & go forth against their Enemies & altho their number was small, yet by blowing the Trumpets, & crying in these words "The Sword of the Lord & that of Gideon" their enemies were discomforted & fled before them, & even became their own enemies, by beating themselves.

Here is encouragement to press forward thro every difficulty, & altho' the chosen band may be but small as our faith is firmly fix't on Israels God there is no cause to fear defeat, for in him is everlasting streangth — Well I think I feel a little streangthened to go on & endeavor to plan my sole dependance where it ought to be placed. & if faith is sometimes permitted to be weak & tried, yet as we suffer the Sword of the Lord to fight for us, in Conjunction with our own Sword, hard

18. Those of you who want to know the real reason why Moses discontinued his abolitionist activities should consult Rosalind Cobb Wiggins's article "Paul and Stephen, Unlikely Friends" in [Quaker History](#), Volume 90 Number 1 (Spring 2001). The real reason will surprise you.



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*things will be made easy, even the Mountains & hills of opposition will be made to flee before us.
I allude not to our Carnal weapons when I speak of our own sword & fighting in conjunction with the Lord, but mean that our own endeavors must be raised to subdue the enemy when the Lord bids us fight, then his blessing added to it there is no question but the enemy will be put to flight & we come off as victors under the Holy Captain 20 of 10th Mo 1803 fifth day Much unwell with a bad cold, but may thankfully say I was able to attend our Meeting where I was favored to center my mind on that which was refreshing to it*



October 23, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*First day 23rd of 10th Mo 1803 / My meeting this morning was a poor time. But in the Afternoon had a favored good time for which I was in some measure thankful. I had closely to examine my own standing, which I apprehended to be in much weakness, & more in empty profession than I could wish, which feelings are the result of unfaithfulness. But oh may all that is yet in me which stands opposed to the precious life be subdued & brought low. I desire & pray that I may do nothing whereby I may miss of Heaven, the blessed Haven of peace & rest hereafter, which ought to be while here the main bent of our lives to Obtain. And not grovel in the earth after riches of the World beyond what the Body requireth & thereby miss of immortal treasure.
Near the close of Meeting E Coggershall kneeled in Solemn Supplication, imploring the Almighty to be with the distressed in foureign Lands, whose lots are cast among the calamities of war & tumult & that he would be pleased to hasten the time when Nation should lift up sword against Nation no more, that he would be pleased to say to the destroying Angell who hath visited our land with pestilence, "It is enough", humbly imploring the remembrance & succor the babes in Jesus, that the Almighty would be pleased to reach forth his holy Septure to them that they may be encouraged to touch & live, ___ beging that the Youth who are persuing lying vanity may be touched in the heart with the fire from the Holy Alter, & become lights in the Church - All of which seemed to me to assend in sweet incense before the throne of God*



October 25, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*25th of 10th M 1803 At six Oclock this evening Elisha Thornton appointed a Meeting at our Meeting House for the Inhabitants of the Town, which has been attended by a very large concorsse of people
I think it nearly as large as at the Yearly Meeting time. The power of Truth I apprehended was greatly in dominion. & it seemed to me to be as evidently felt among the people as at any similar opportunity that ever I attended. He stood a long time declaring the truth to the people with life and power & concluded in a*



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most heavenly prayer

Many of the common people that attended expressed great satisfaction at the Meeting. One woman a strong Presbyterian said, while sitting in the Meeting or while Elisha was preaching she was ready to say as a Sister of hers did after reading Job Scots Journal "I am a friend"



October 26, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26 of 10 Mt 1803 Oh dear heart says me? .. There are certain trials which I meet with, which are so trying that I hardly know what to do, or which way to turn. If it was the will of my Heavenly Father to take me to himself I am sometimes ready to think that I should be willing to resign up my life unto him who gave it, but desire to be enabled to suffer all things patiently, & to conduct thro' time in such manner as to insure the blessing of peace here & happiness hereafter -



October 28, Friday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

28th of 10th M 1803 Yesterday was M Meeting at [Portsmouth](#). I wished to attend but several inward & outward discouragements prevented my going. ___ I understood our friend E. Thornton was there, & largely concerned in publick Testimony to the edification & comfort of many present. Tho' deprived of any refreshment from the above mentioned shower, yet I was favored to keep my mind on the good ground, & may add that divine favor is not confined to any spot, but when rightly sought after it will in due time rise for our comfort, & we shall not be left destitute. Let our lots be cast as they may ___ Under a sense of this I desire to feel thankful & render praise where it is alone due



October 29, Saturday: At the age of 22, [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

29th of 10th M 1803 Much after the old sort, sinning and repenting. Sorrowful it is that not a day passes but on serious retrospect I find errors meet for repentance _____¹⁹



November 3, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day, 3 of 11 Mt 1803 At Meeting Elizabeth Coggeshall was concerned to arise & sweetly commemorate her first appearance in the Ministry which she said was in that House & that very room (meaning the little meeting house, in which we were sitting)
I well remember the time, it was in the afternoon of a first day*

19. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1799-1803, 1803-1804: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 5 Folder 1 for November 1799-October 16, 1803 and Folder 2 for October 17, 1803-May 4, 1804. Series 7 Microfilm Reel #1, positive, is made up of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould's Diary #1, 1799-1803 (November 1799-October 16, 1803) (Reel #10 is the negative copy of Reel #1)



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that Joseph Cloud a friend from S Carolina attended Meeting and spoke very largely.

Elizabeth intimated in her testimony that she had to believe it was necessary for her to mention her excercise in those times for the encouragement of some she apprehended that were present that had long been called upon to walk in a line different from what they had been accostomed to & encouraged them to surrender, if it was even at the eleventh hour — she intimated that as it was the will & pleasure of the Almighty to call out one handmaid in the work & service of the Ministry into an other part of the World who was made willing to spend & be spent for the good of Souls, (meaning Abigail Robinson) & she herself being about to leave us) Yet she believed the Lord Almighty was about to rise among us & said some of the Youth would be raised up to the work & service of the Ministry (if faithful) She addressed the youth very feelingly —It was a very memorable time with me which is hardly likely will soon be forgotten —



November 8, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*8th of 11th Mt 1803 / 2nd day / Yesterday our Meetings were both silent, but I thought were very solid Opportunities.
I STILL feel desires to keep my dependance placed aright, but am sometimes tried allmost to an hairs breadth
Father of Mercies be pleased to remember me & thou hast remembered me, for which I desire to render unto thee thanksgiving & praise [is he beginning to think about how he earns his living?]*



November 14, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

14 of 11th M 1803/ There has been nothing worth inserting in my journal for some days, But may now say that I attended our Meetings of Yesterday, both were silent, & to me solid weighty seasons in which I was instructed & comforted to find that infinite kindness & goodness was still near me. In the evening called to see several friends, but the savor of meetings was so fresh upon me that I felt little inclination to join with them in conversation

Thoughts

*Charity hath many excellent qualifications. It suffereth & endureth revilings patiently, is good to the poor but above all it loveth every body
Many misconstrue the meaning of Charity they think it consists mearly in benevolence to the poor, in vailing the faults of others & concluding there is but little for them to do with their neighbors — but let us remember the Apostolic meaning of*



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*Charity which is Love & if we cultivate it properly we shall find it will often lead us, not only to vail or cover the faults of others, but to go to them & reprove them as occasion may require either in public or private [**]*

I believe there is no use in Argument, especially with deists unless our words are delivered in best wisdom tempered with Love, for the more we depend upon human reason, the more we be perplexed & confounded.

Even if we raise our endeavors ever so much, & make use of the soundest words, if we fall short of a right qualification they will be no more to them than the sounding brass or the tinkling symbol — as it is the bent of their minds to support what they call, reason & philosophy, & to stifle every degree of conviction with the utmost avidity — there is [no more rubbed out?] probability of our gaining any assendency over them by setting up our Opinion against theirs, for generally the more we oppose, the more we shall be opposed, as one extream begits another, & every thing its own likeness. In my opinion nothing will convince them of the Excellency & sublimity of the divine truths, immediately revealed & as couched in Scriptue — until they are brought to it by an high hand, untill they are met with in the way as Baalam was by the Angel of the LOrd with a flaming sword, in which way there is no turning, it is only when we may feel our minds imbued with a measure of the same spirit & Authority, with which the Angel was, that it will be likely what may be said will be effectual but then let us in the ability received faithfully Advertise them of those things which are conducive of peace here & eternal happiness hereafter, then tho' our words may be but few, yet being seasoned with that quickening power which raiseth the dead & casteth out unclean spirits, it may in time if not immediately prove as bread cast upon the Waters which after process of time when the powerful workings of the Lord's Spirit hath wrought upon the individual it will return after many days



November 25, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

25th of 11th Mt 1803 / M Meeting

Sarah Fowler was concerned to rehearse the words of Solomon "My son give me thy heart, if Sinners intice thee consent thou not, Obadiah Davis then was concerned in a weighty testimony, from these words "the wisdom of the World is at enmity with the Widom of God"

Anne Greene was concerned to mention the passage of Jacobs wrestling the God & desired that tho we might seem to wrestle in the night season & I find hard work to overcome the enemy — yet desires we might not be discouraged, but to hold out to the end & not let the beloved of souls go, untill the day had dawned & fully broke upon us, she said much more which I cannot recollect but am favored with the savor of it in my mind, & have



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no doubt but it was all spoken in the life & in good season – In the last meeting things went on pretty well – A weighty appointment was conferred upon me which I feel exceedingly unfit to act in, it was for nothing less than to treat with a young man who had so far deviated from our well known principals & the most excellent & strict injunction of our Saviour – as to give his attendance at a company of Militia – All I can say is that I am very poor & conscious of my incompetency for such a trust but hope to be favored not dishonor the cause myself, but to speak with him in true Charity & Christian Meekness



December 5, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 of 12 Mo 1803 / Last night I crossed the ferry to Connanicut on business, staid alnight & went to meeting the next day where I think we had a good solid time. Altho' there was but few that gathered, yet I think the two or three was favor'ed to feel that which will encorage them to meet again, & if there is no vocal communication to place their dependance on we have the small still voice of the great sheppherd, in which there is more efficacy then in any outward voice that can be heard.— After Meeting went to Cousin Joseph Greene's took dinner & spent a little time very agreeably then came over the ferry to town & spent the evening at C Rodmans

I can add with gladness that it seems as if my mind had been favored to feel a renewed engagement & to seek after the living sustance & a willingness in some measure wrought (at least at times) to be wholly resigned to divine disposal, & oh may all that is in me which stands opposed to the divine will, be brought low & laid in the dust, for I am confirmed that it is not for religion to flourish in a mind where the stubborn will of the creature is permitted to have its full swing, but must first be [under line between brackets: reduced down to nothing & a daily watch kept to keep it so]

Being impressed with a sense of the weakness & inconstancy of Mans resolution in performing those things which are substancially good and contribute most for his peace both here & here after — I am led to reflect how greatly we stand in need of the immediate assistance of divine help, being sensible that unless our minds are kept in a right state to receive the impulse which attends us (which will more and more enlighten us as we attend to it) when we are about to do anything that concerns us either in this world or in that which is to come, I consider that without this Guide & strict attention paid to its dictates, our minds will become justly disscriptive of a Ship drove to & fro in the tempestious Ocean, having neither rudder nor compass to direct her ways — This being the case it stands us in stead to be upon the watch-tower & to submit & Yeald our wills to the least manifestation of this unerring Guide which is Conscience placed in us as a Compass & Reason as a rudder which will unfailingly direct our ways, & stear us safely to the Port for which we are all at times desirous to reach & gain an entrance.



December 8, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th of 12th Mt 1803 fifth day / Our Meeting was a most precious time as ever I witnessed. It seems as though it was a day of days for instruction. Silence ruled among us.



November 13, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

13 of 12 M 1803 / I don't seem to have much to write, nor have not for some time, but can say that I apprehend it to be a time of favor with me, tho' there are many trials within & without insomuch that I am sometimes ready to say "Who is so tried as I am" but for all this, I acknowledge it to be a favord time, having felt divine goodness to be around my mind in an unusual degree, Oh may I ever be humble & thankful forr every favor, both inwardly & outwardly

My mind hath been brought too feel its own smallness to a great degree attended with a belief that humility is a proffitable place to dwell in. Instructions have risen from reflections on several passages of Scripture

It was said to Saul wast thou not made head of the tribes of Israel when thou wert small in thine own eyes tho' for his disobedience his Kingly auhority was rent from him & given to another — David tho small in statue & young in years distinguished himsmelf & gained the love of his Nation, by his corage and faithfulness to them thro' perils & dangers. And it is my desire often to remember the Querie of Sam'l to Saul "Wast thou not made head when Small" Really believing that it is by keeping little in our own Eyes & by faithfulness to the Lords requiring that we ever experience any advancement in religious groth, But we are not to dwell too long upon the meanness of our statur when we are called forth by the Lord to slay Goliath of Sin, but remember that it is by his power that we are inabled to fight our fight, & not our own Streangth, remembering in all things carefully to hearken to what the divine voice shall utter, for no doubt that David felt it speak to him when Saul was about to put on him, his helmet of Brass & coat of MAil, & told him his streangth did not consist in those things, but in the Lord's power which had previously done wonderfull things for him, even delivered him from the paw of the Lion & the Bear, now this power he had proved well, but Sauls helmet he knew naught about therefore going out divested from all human dependency he was enabled to gain a great victory & thro' the whole corse of his life we may find his hope & trust was fixed in the Almighty, we find him no where that I recollect ascribing his victories to himself or taking any praise from him to whome it was alone due. So we see that Saul tho he begun well yet for his pride & unfaithfulness was rejected from the throne—— And David tho'



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suffered to pass thro' many trials & probations, yet being generally faithful & attentive to the inspeaking word of truth in his heart was preserved to the end of his days, & that power will keep & preserve all who are desirous to be kept by it. David testifies in many places of his writing, that he never knew it to fail him, nor ever will it, those who wholly divest themselves of all human dependencies, but by resting their all in the Lord Jehovah in whom is everlasting streangth they may be made instrumental in performing things that will Astonish Mans Wisdom The above reflections have chiefly originated from being appointed to some important Society Service about which I have been exceeding exercised & have felt renewed distress for the welfare of Lion,— I have clearly seen that it was high time for me to stand continually on the Watch, & prepare to fight as one of the Young Men of the princes of the provinces of Israel, under the command of the King of Kings. May I be ever careful & exemplary in my conduct, that it bring no reproach upon this Blessed truth I am fully aware that my standing is very weak, infirm & inisotule [sic], & need care on every side that my feet be drawn away by the unweired [unwearied] Adversary, from that which my soul at times craves to be established in beyond all other things — Yet my present faith is "Thy faith & grace assisting, I am willing to do anything, that thou shalt be pleased to require of me.



December 15, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

15th of 12th M, 5th of the week / To my mind our meeting was a good time.

Hannah Dennis wife of Jona Dennis & daughter of the late Saampson Sherman [see letters and testimonials] appeared in the testimony nearly in these words, (tho I think she expressed a few words more which I dont recollect) "He that will some may come & drink of the waters of life freely" — It is something remarkable that a few weeks before & since the Decease of our beloved friend & faithful Minister Isaac Lawton which is all within two years, there has been five appearances in the Ministry, all for which I know have been to the satisfaction of friends —so we may see that the Great Head of the Church designs no loss to be sustained by the removal of the ancients, if there is but a disposition among the people, willingly to submit to his government. The names of the friends who have appeared in the ministry are as follows

Susanna Barker of [Tiverton](#), Holder Almy, Abigail Sherman and Sarah Fish of [Portsmouth](#) & Hannah Dennis of [Newport](#)



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 December 20, Tuesday: [Samuel Hopkins](#) died in [Newport](#). He had been aware that he was dying, and preached a sermon about his own anticipated demise.

ON HIS OWN DEATH

Though he had begun as a slaveholder, he had been the 1st of the Congregational ministers of New England to renounce human enslavement. He had been one of the sponsors of the enactment of 1774 which had interdicted the importation of negro slaves into [Rhode Island](#), and of the enactment of 1784 which had declared that all children of slaves born in Rhode Island after the following March should be born free.

The obituary oration would be delivered by the Reverend Levi Hart, D.D.

OBITUARY ORATION

In a move that more than doubled the land surface of the nation, the United States of America paid France approximately \$20 per square mile to extinguish its claim to approximately 1,000,000 square miles of “Louisiana.” “Rights” to a general territory of 828,000 square miles²⁰ which went under the name “Louisiana,” that is, “Land of Louis XV, King of France” (although whatever paltry “rights of ownership” Louis XV had had to this real estate, which had always been debatable, had passed to his erstwhile heir [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)) were sold to the national government of the United States of America for the paltry sum of \$0.⁰⁴ per acre.



20. It sounds much more impressive to say 828,000 **square miles** than 914 **miles square**, since in the conversion from square miles to miles square—as in the conversion from a **red nation** to our **human nation**—the relationship is of a power.



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Once President [Thomas Jefferson](#) had procured that land doubling the size of the United States (14 new states would eventually be formed) from the peoples who actually lived on it, such as the Dakota nation, that land would belong to them! (However, when the national government of the United States of America subsequently went about purchasing rights to such territories from weaker people, they weren't in the habit of paying nearly as much as this per acre, even when the rights to the real estate were far more real than whatever rights had devolved from King Louis of France.)²¹

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21. Since we've spoken above about "rights" to this land, we should also say something about the "rights" of the peoples who were living on this land. Joseph J. Ellis has pointed out in *AMERICAN CREATION* that President Jefferson set us up for the extension of slavery westward, and for the removal of native American tribes from east of the Mississippi River, on this day December 20, 1803, when he specified that in these new federal territories, rights were granted only to the "white" inhabitants (we're not saying that Jefferson had any real option other than to play the game out in this way, we're only saying that this one word was in fact the critical juncture, the pivot point on which the world has turned, the thingie that would set us up for a whole lot of our subsequent agony).



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not by the way. Remember us Oh thou that Inhabitest the Heavens above & rulest all things it is under a sense of our weakkness & infermity that we call upon they name, & beg that thou would condesend afresh to animate our hearts with Thy holy presence & thereby be enabled to press forward in those important things which thou hast allotted us to perform.



Christmas, Sunday,: William Thornton and Francis Fitzhugh Conway, cousins, found themselves in competition for the attentions of a niece of [James Madison](#), Miss Nellie Madison, who was a guest at Chatham during this year's [Christmas](#) season. The cousins arrived at the Chatham festivities on horseback and their horses were stabled. Francis had outfitted his horse with a handsome new bridle and told the young lady in the course of the evening that he was going to "surprise" her. When it came time for him to display his horse, he found that the groom had switched the bridles. It was his cousin's horse that impressed Miss Nellie. He accused his cousin of having paid the groom to switch the bridles, which meant they needed to have a [duel](#). They met on a narrow pathway between Alum Spring Rock and a mill pond and each shot the other in the region of the bladder. The cousins died at about the same hour.



[James DeWolf](#) of [Bristol](#) gave his wife a pair of [slaves](#) as her [Christmas](#) present. "I went shopping in this boutique in Africa and brought you home a little something, Darling. It's a matched set."²²

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Of the twenty years from 1787 to 1807 it can only be said that they were, on the whole, a period of disappointment so far as the suppression of the slave-trade was concerned. Fear, interest, and philanthropy united for a time in an effort which bade fair to suppress the trade; then the real weakness of the constitutional compromise appeared, and the interests of the few overcame the fears and the humanity of the



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many .



The DeWolf Carriage

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), by this point Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), age 22, had reached a firm decision to “go to journey work” repairing timepieces, for his livelihood. Having just completed one apprenticeship which had been for seven years (we don’t know the nature of this), he apprenticed himself anew, to learn watch repair from Friend David Williams. While his brothers would be going into trade and traveling, he himself would be staying home and devoting himself to mundane activity — this in order to avoid any personal involvement at all in any slavery-related economic activity. He wrote in his journal of the religious anguish of his mind.

 December 27, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

27 of 12 Mo 1803 / I know not what to insert except that I am

22. Clearly, there’s a terminology problem here. In an effort to resolve this terminology issue, at the Republican National Convention in New-York during August 2004 –at which the Republican Party would for four days make an effort to strip from its face its mask of hostility to the plight of the downtrodden and reveal its true countenance of benevolent conservatism and concern– these people would be sensitively referred to by a Hoosier Republican running for the US Senate as “involuntary immigrants.”

So, perhaps, this is a good point at which to insert a story about involuntary immigrants that has been passed on to us by Ram Varmha, a retired IBM engineer whose father had briefly served as Maharaja after the independence of Cochin. He relates the story as narrated to him by his paternal grandmother who lived in Thripoonithura, Cochin: “When my grandmother (born 1882) was a young girl she would go with the elder ladies of the family to the Pazhayannur Devi Temple in Fort Cochin, next to the Cochin Lantha Palace built by the Dutch (Landers = Lantha), which was an early establishment of the Cochin royal family before the administration moved to Thripoonithura. My grandmother often told us that in the basement of the Lantha Palace, in a confined area, a family of Africans had been kept locked up, as in a zoo! By my Grandmother’s time all the Africans had died. But, some of the elder ladies had narrated the story to her of ‘Kappiries’ (Africans) kept in captivity there. It seems visitors would give them fruits and bananas. They were well cared for but always kept in confinement. My grandmother did not know all the details but according to her, ‘many’ years earlier, a ship having broken its mast drifted into the old Cochin harbor. When the locals climbed aboard, they found a crewless ship, but in the hold there were some chained ‘Kappiries’ still alive; others having perished. The locals did not know what to do with them. Not understanding their language and finding the Africans in chains, the locals thought that these were dangerous to set free. So they herded the poor Africans into the basement of the Cochin Fort, and held them in captivity, for many, many years! I have no idea when the initial incident happened, but I presume it took place in the late 1700s or early 1800s. This points to the possibility that it was, in fact, a slave ship carrying human cargo from East Africa to either the USA or the West Indies. An amazing and rather bizarre story. Incidentally, this is not an ‘old woman’s tale’! Its quite reliable. My grandmother would identify some of the older ladies who had actually seen the surviving Kappiries.”



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weak & unfaithful



December 30, Friday: Sindhia Maratha of Gwalior submitted to British rule.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

30th of 12 M 1803 / This day brings me 22 years of Age & instead of being a day of rejoicing, as some make it at this time, it is quite otherways, for I feel nothing but Poverty in purse & Spirit weakness langor & inability which is the result of unfaithfulness in divers duties which I ought to perform.

It is also M Meeting week. I went to Portsmouth over night & lodged at Cousin L Chases; and the next day went to Meeting which was to me a pretty solid time. John Chase of Swanzey was there & bore testimony among us & affectionately addressed the Youth, —we set til quite late in the last Meeting, but were favored to keep very patient — And Ah Allass for me I was much tried with an apprehension that it was my Duty to have spoken to business more than once, but fearing the people as Saul did, like him now feel the effect of disobedience, "to withhold more than meet tends to poverty" also to exceed the line of our mission tends to poverty & and to do exactly right, it is requisite to dwell deep in the Spirit.

Therefore as I said it is not a time of rejoicing, but rather a time of heaviness & trembling.

*I at this time feel more than I am able to express in words or writing, May the Great God who I wish to Serve be with me & give me of his good Spirit, that By & thro' him I may be enabled to serve him with acceptance & gloryyfy his name on earth, that when I am to quit this tabernacle of Clay my account may be rendered with joy & not the horror of a Misspent life
[a line blacked out]*



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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1804. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1804. By Benjamin West. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.

Printed in London for the Shakespeare Printing Office, POEMS OF GOLDSMITH, PARNELL, AND SOMERVILLE was produced in a Bulmer typeface cut by William Martin, with woodcuts by Thomas Bewick.

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 [Betsey Metcalf](#) of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) was persuaded to relocate to West Dedham (now Westwood), Massachusetts to teach school.

 Mary Ann Angell was born in a house on Smith Street in the Fruit Hill neighborhood of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) east of Centerdale.²³

 On the mulatto [slave](#) West Ford's 21st birthday, he was given [manumission](#) papers and a sketch was made of his appearance.
Refer to <http://www.westfordlegacy.com/home.htm>.

In Tidewater Virginia, Robert Carter III, the great emancipator who had begun to free his roughly 500 slaves in 1791, at this point died, and the process of [manumission](#) of all [slaves](#) on all his plantations was brought to completion.

23. In 1834 her family would remove to Ohio where she would meet and become the 1st wife of [Brigham Young](#) (she would become known as "Mother Young" and would remain his loyal supporter and aide even after he would begin to take multitudes of other women also as "wives").





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"It is simply crazy that there should ever have come into being a world with such a sin in it, in which a man is set apart because of his color – the superficial fact about a human being. Who could **want** such a world? For an American fighting for his love of country, that the last hope of earth should from its beginning have swallowed slavery, is an irony so withering, a justice so intimate in its rebuke of pride, as to measure only with God."



– Stanley Cavell, *MUST WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY?*
1976, page 141

In [Rhode Island](#) the main point of white concern in regard to [manumission](#) was, ever and always, who was going to pay for the maintenance of the manumitted black slave, should that slave turn out to have been granted his walk-away papers on account of age or illness, or other incapacity to make himself useful to his white owner. The governing impulse was that the black people existed only for the benefit of the white people, and most definitely not ever vice versa:



The support provisions of the 1784 emancipation law allowed slave owners to escape any further financial responsibility for slaves under forty years of age whom they [manumitted](#), which threatened to leave too many "old" slaves in their thirties to the support of the towns. A 1785 revision ["An Act repealing Part of the Act respecting the Manumission of Slaves," RI General Assembly, October 1785], reiterated in 1798 ["An Act relative to Slaves, and to their Manumission and Support: part of the revision of the Public Laws of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," RI General Assembly, January 1798], lowered the age of eligibility for unencumbered emancipation to thirty. Apparently some town councils, faced with rising costs for pauper support, refused to allow slave owners to manumit even eligible slaves, leading to the passage of an 1804 act providing for an appeal procedure by slave owners "aggrieved" by recalcitrant councils ["An Act in Amendment of the Act, entitled, 'An Act relative to Slaves, and their Manumission and Support,'" RI General Assembly, March 1804]. In other words, an aging slave population that would not be replenished either by birth into slavery or by importation, which had been outlawed in Rhode Island in 1774, presented an increasing financial liability, and many slave owners sought to manumit their slaves before they would be obligated to support them in their old age. The large number of manumissions may have led the slaves themselves to interpret these provisions as the "General Emancipation" act that Brown describes. Undoubtedly most slaves saw freedom under any circumstances as good news – though not all did, as Brown wryly observes, noting that a few "declared their masters had been eating their flesh and now they were going to stick to them and suck their bones."

At the first federal census in 1790, there were 427 free people of color and 48 slaves living in the city of Providence, a city of about 6,400. By 1810, four years before William Brown was born, the number of free people of color had risen to 865, just about 8.6 percent of the population of about 10,000, and the



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number of slaves had fallen to 6. Yet there were still 5 slaves in Rhode Island and 1 in the city of Providence in 1840, according to the Fifth Federal Census, and it was only the new state Constitution of November 1842 that finally abolished slavery entirely in Rhode Island.



January 1, Sunday: In Vienna, the concerto for trumpet and orchestra by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was performed for the initial time, for Prince Esterházy.

Commander Jean-Jacques Dessalines declared Haiti to be an independent republic, the 2d independent nation of the New World. All [slaves](#) were freed and any whites who did not flee would be killed. Many of the surviving whites would wind up in [Baltimore, Maryland](#). With the Consulate having abandoned its campaign to re-subdue Haiti, with the new nation having proclaimed its independence, the party of [Thomas Jefferson](#) would urge that we intercept and forbid all trade with “that unfortunate island.” The attitude of the Republicans in Congress could not be accounted for on the basis of Francophilia, as France was no longer on the scene — this was racism pure and simple. One American Congressman declared that he “would venture to pledge the treasury of the United States that the negro government should be destroyed.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*It is first of the week, first of the Mo, & first of the
Year 1804*

And I trust so far the Year has begun well, for it hath been to me a precious day. I dont know that ever my mind was more sincerely devoted I rose with it from my bed this Morning, & it hath continued with me through the day, Our Meetings to me were favored in an eminent degree, tho' Silence was kept thro' each of them, but I trust the Great Minister of the Sanctuary was near the Spirits of some, & Ministered of his Good Spirit to their Souls. My desires are to be preserved in thankfulness for all his Mercies Vouchsafed to me, who at time feels the most unworthy of all Mortals. May the Year continue in progressive improvement, as I trust it hath begun — is on my part greatly to be craved, & even if I should not live to see the close of 1804 I pray it may not be as with those who are spending their time in unwarrantable persuits, laboring after that which perisheth with the using, to their souls wounding. My mind has been brought to reflect on the uncertainty of time & how short our stay here is even the longest Some are taken in Old Age others cut down in Youthful prime & summoned to the Silent Awful Grave whether prepared or unprepared. Death Makes no stay, but when the pale Messenger is sent to assail our dwelling, we must quit this earthly tabernacle to appear before the Awful Judge & Governor of the Universe to render our accounts of the Deeds done in the Body, there to receive a reward Accordingly. How Awful must this change be to them who have had their tallents committed for their improvement, & from neglect feel a conciousness, of not having done their part toward the improvement of them. Surely when on a languishing bed with no hope of being permitted to try again, their Anguish must be



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Great. Oh how it behoves us to be up & doing while time & opportunity is yet lengthened out. I desire to proffit by those reflections myself therefore I write them that I may remember them in times when life may be low. And to take a view on the other hand of those who have been faithful & run their course well, How comfortable do we find them in their closing days, looking back on the time past without remorse, & indued [embued?] with streangth to say to those about them "follow me as I have Christ tho I have passed thro" [???]is disappointments & trials of various kinds, yet they were all permitted for my refinement to profit & bring me to the much desired haven of peace & rest. Here is encoragement to press forward in humility of heart, in those things allotted by the Master for our portion on earth, tho' ever so counter to the will of the creature yet being consistent with the will of the Creator our reward is Sure²⁴

 January 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*Fifth of the Week, fifth of the Mo & fifth of the Year 1804
Attended out Meeting, & from inattention had but little
refreshment*

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 January 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th of Week, 6th of the M & 6th of the Year

*Trials & exercise of Mind Await me, but no doubt they are
Wholsome therefore I desire to be resigned & adopt the Language
in Sincerity "Thy will be done O Lord in all things."*

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 January 7, Saturday: Publication of Muzio Clementi's keyboard sonatas op.41 was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

 January 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*Second day 16th of 1 M 1804 / At meeting Yesterday I was dry &
barren, but the fault was my own, for had I kept to what was
upon me in the morning it would not have been so.*

24. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1803-1805: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 5 Folder 2 for October 17, 1803-May 4, 1804, Folder 3 for May 5, 1804-October 18, 1804, and Folder 4 for October 23, 1804-May 31, 1805. Series 7 Microfilm Reel #2, positive, is made up of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould's Diaries #2-10, 1803-1812 (October 17, 1803-June 30, 1812) (Reel #11 is the negative copy of Reel #2)



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I have been led into serious reflections & secret sympathy with a Young woman of my acquaintance, who seems to be in poor health, while sitting in the room with her she looked Sober & rather dejected. The Approach of Death how Awful when the Blooming Youth find their former Vigor & animation decreasing, & they on a sick bed gradually drawing to the Silent Grave to be seen of Men no more, then there is nothing will Yeald to us the healing balm but an evidence of the Lords Arm to be with us & underneath our affliction, & a conciousness of having been faithful to bear the Cross of a Crucified Saviour

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January 20, Friday: [Thomas Jefferson](#) ordered, from a bookstore in Philadelphia, two copies of the King James Version of the New Testament. Not satisfied with having authored our [Declaration of Independence](#), he was going to also author our American version of the Gospel. Using his razor, he would slash away the portions of which he disapproved, decimating the four gospels and retaining only about 10% of the text. His THE PHILOSOPHY OF JESUS OF NAZARETH would depict Jesus as having been a sort of T-J-in-a-toga guy who had gone around being unchallenging 24 7 365.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

20th of 1 M 1804/ Twenty days of the Month & Year hath now passed away And I sensibly feel the loss of it from reflections upon my very great remissness in many respects. Though my outward conduct is in good measure regular, & my appearance among men accounted exemplary, yet that is not all that is required inward faithfulness & dedication of the Spirit; to the Will of the Lord in all things is what I stand in need of in order to my groth & establishment in the Truth, it is this I stand in need of & for the want of it I feel inward poverty & leaness to assail my mind. How am I sometimes apprised & borne down with weakness when I consider what a profession I am making & how little of the seasoning Virtue of Truth I am in possession of, yea I am discouraged & ready to say I may as well give over the race as I shall never win the prise, but nevertheless sometimes the light of the fathers countenance is raised & fresh courage is given, for which I desire to be thankful & render renewed thanks to the dispencer of every blessing. My situtation is humiliating & calls loud for watchfulness, & an increasing concern to Center down deep into the Spirit of Truth, which is lasting support to the mind thro' every trying dispensation whether from within or without. May this be my engagement to seek after & in the end[?] my happy experience to find I do desire it more than the increase of wealth; tho a small portion of that comes to my share at present insomuch that at times I am very much discouraged & ready to think my proceedings in business has all been wrong, & that I had better never set up my trade, so conclude that my outward circumstances are but Poor & my inward ones trying, tho' perhaps it is all for the best, & permitted to teach me that true help is not to be derived from Man, but from the countain & sorce of all Good



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 January 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

22nd of 1 M first day / Attended meetings in which I was favored to feel some life & receive some instruction from a lengthy Sermon delivered by David Buffum, from the text "seek peace and persue it" he intimated, the reason why we did not receive true peace was that we were persueing the wrong motive & did not ask aright to be instructed where to find it

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 January 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

24th of 1st M 1804 / The Heavens as Brass & the Earth as bars Iron. Is the truest discription that I can write of the state of my [?] at present as hardness inwardly and outwardly seems to be my lot —Oh may I be reduced & brought to a state of acceptance in the Sight of the Lord God Almighty, before whom the carnality of the mind is an abomination, & all offerings made there in will ever be rejected by him who is holiness and truth. — my soul at this moment is ready to bow before him, beging [sic] to be thouroughly perged & sanctified from all Sin thro' the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ — Oh the frailties with which human nature is surrounded, was it not for the never failing sorce of healp, which at times is graciously vouchsafed, I am sure I should have sunk under the weight of my infermities long ago, trembling doth sometimes Seize upon me & make me ready to conclude that I am almost cast of [sic] for my dissobedience & stubborness for not inwardly bearing the Cross

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 January 26, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26th of 1st M 1804 / My [Monthly] Meeting is held in town [[Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#)] & the Meetings were seasons of instruction to me in the first D Buffum delivered a weighty testimony I believed[?] in the seasoning life & power of truth from these words "Mind your calling Brethren". Hannah Dennis spoke a few words, her voice was low a & I being at a distance could not hear what she said. Business in the last was done comfortably

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February: The first customs collector for [Bristol, Rhode Island](#), Jonathan Russell, had been constantly interfering with the [international slave trade](#) in strict application and implementation of official US federal law and policy. The [DeWolfs](#) and the other slave trading families of Bristol therefore arranged with President [Thomas Jefferson](#) to have Russell replaced with a brother-in-law of theirs, Charles Collins, who was captain of one of that family's negrero vessels — a man who could be counted on to not enforce the federal law against the importation of generations of fresh [slaves](#) from Africa into the United States of America.



The DeWolf Crest



The DeWolf Carriage

President [Jefferson](#) must have been doing something that Republicans liked, for in this month a Republican congressional caucus nominated him for re-election as president. (New York governor George Clinton was nominated to run as the Republican candidate for vice-president.)

February 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd of 2nd M 1804 / Poor in purse and Spirit, I know not what to write except that I am tried on every side, But blessed be thy name Oh holy father for thou hast not taken away my confidence, a measure of which is reposed in thee. Notwithstanding my unworthiness, Thou oh holy righteous Father hast been pleased of late to renew my engagement & cause hope to spring in my mind & a belief to arise that thou art still near with thy gracious visitations, by the efficacy of which I hope finally to be redeemed from earthly things which when enjoyed to the fullest are but vanity & do but serve to impede our progress in the way which leads to the enjoyment of heavenly Things on Earth, & when we quit this tabernacle of clay, to the full fruition of an endless Eternity

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February 5, Sunday: George Petrovic became Prince of Serbia.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th of 2nd M 1804 / seventh day evening
Went to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at Benjamin [?] L. Chases next day went to Meeting Sarah Fish spoke a few words, which I believe was to satisfaction after Meeting returned & took dinner, then went Cousin Alice Gould & took tea then to Sam Thurstons & spent the remaining part of the evening in company with David Buffum, in innocent and instructing conversation.



February 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

17th of 2nd M 1804 / Some days has now passed since I have seen my journal. it has been a time for several days of derth and famine, & I have been waiting & hoping with some degree of humility for a refreshing shower, which at last has been graciously vouchsafed But what shall I say the heavens are as brass & the Earth as bars of iron, & I am at times ready to make a Querie like this. What can these my feelings be owing to? & I have been ready to conclude that surely it was my shortcomings & light touches of the Cross of Christ, for most unshakenly do I believe that unless we are careful to close in with divine visitations, we shall gradually grow into insensibility, & in time the heavenly Vision will will cease & we be landed in darkness & obscurity of mind, and every time we reject the light within we shall grow by degrees weaker and weaker Therefore O my soul bow down in humble reverence (as thou dost at times) before the great God the governer & Judge of all Nations & let his holy righteous septure (scepter?) be swayed in thee, that thou may be found acceptable in the day that thou art summoned no more to be seen of men



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Oh holy Lord God we pray thee to be near us, support those who are feeble & ready to faint. enable us Oh dearest father to look to thee in full confidence of help & saving strength. draw near & touch our minds with the holy fire from thine holy Alter, that by its efficacy we may be enabled acceptably to render unto thee honor & praise for unto thee it is alone due —

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February 22, Wednesday: The *Trevithick*, Richard Trevithick's 2d steam locomotive, made the initial verified trip on rails of a motorized vehicle but collapsed the rails (hey, that's something that can be fixed). It would be put to work in Penryn, South Wales.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

22nd of 2nd M 1804 / Many Mercies we receive from the Bountiful giver of all good things. And on my own part I acknowledge that both from within & without I receive more than I deserve. A fresh visitation of divine love, at this time attends my mind for which I desire to be thankful & merit a continuance thereof believing that humility of mind is a profitable & safe state to be in —

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February 28, Tuesday: The "Concord Artillery" militia formation was created in [Concord](#), as proposed by Charles Hammond and others.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

28 of 2nd M 1804 / My mind has this afternoon been remarkably touched with the spirit of prayer, but I cannot write only wish to retain the savor of what I feel.

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March 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th of 3rd M 1804 / I am ready to ask what I shall write, as I am sure I know not, nor have I one word in recollection that can be useful to note ————— It is painful to relate so many times over & over the many deficiencies of my life tho' perhaps it is best that I may see the imperfections which I am given to & so be aroused to more diligence & a closer care to dwell under the warming influence of divine love which is often felt in my heart & so little attended to. — I had thought that as I grew in Years, I should grow in grace, & have risen triumphant over the weaknesses of nature; but Alas they stick as close as ever, & so are like to; untill that word which is quick and powerful & sharper than any two edged sword, shall effectually sever



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between flesh & spirit.

The advantages resulting from early dedication to the service of the Lord I have often seen, & desired in great sincerity of heart to be given up to the will of his righteous ?calls, fully believing that Youth is the time for the most acceptable sacrifice to be offered, as Time is very uncertain & the dregs of time in old age cannot be so well pleasing to him, as in Youth to lay down our pleasing vivacity (which serves but to please ourselves) & serve him (underline) whose wright it is to be served in faithfulness & singleness of heart.

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March 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12 of 3 M 2nd day morning 1804 | Yesterday attended Meetings which were silent & pretty solid, it was a favored day especially the latter part of it. — The evening I spent at Clark Rodmans solidly, being deeply affected & humbled in spirit under diverse concerns.

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March 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

14th of 3 M / Nearer approaches to life has been witnessed, for which I am in degree humbly thankful & wish at this time to be dipt deeper & deeper into the Baptism of Holy Jesus — I have been deeply wounded in mind of late on account of an evil report which has been in circulation about me — tho' I do solemnly declare it to be utterly false & appeal to the searcher of hearts for my innocency. Yet as I have made a profession of, & been thought well of by my friends & put forward in Society I cannot help feeling the reproach that such a report will bring upon Blessed truth, as when those who stand well come to be reflected upon, the cause suffers much more harm from one who makes no profession at all. — But I have thought it might have been permitted to humble & bring me lower & closer to the Cross & an entire dependence for protection on that Arm which is Invincible — As for about 3 or four weeks before [this page is cut a fraction on the left] I heard of it, I had a feeling sense that something of that kind would befall me. And if it does but have the right effect, and no reproach upon the Profession which I profess, I shall esteem it as a visitation of love & wish not to repine at what I may suffer in mind about it —

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March 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*19th of 3rd M 1804 / Second day morning Yesterday at our meeting Anna Greene was with us, & appeared in testimony to exceed any thing of the kind that ever I heard from her, or hardly any one else. She was concerned to speak from the Passage of Rachel weeping for her Children & were not connected with the Male children that were slain in Egypt under Phash[?] she intimated that spiritual Raychel was yet alive, & weeping for the Children that are slain by the cruel King of this World which she exhorted the Youth present to be careful to shun. The meeting ended after a few words spoken by D Buffum
In the Afternoon D Buffum spoke very instructingly from the parable of the ten Virgins —
After Meeting I went to S Thurstons took tea & spent part of the evening.—*

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March 22, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) began a holiday at Burgage Manor.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s religious sensitivities were maturing. He remembered having heard Friend Henry Hull minister eloquently on the need to abstain from sugar and all other slave-made goods. He reflected that had he done as he should have done, and joined in this total boycott, he would not be being "thus tried now."

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

RACE SLAVERY

*22 of 3rd M 1804 fifth day preparative Meeting
Our Meeting was silent, in which my mind was favored with quietude, but it is a low time, & perhaps rendered the more so, as I see no way to prosper on my outward business, so little that it seems as if I am ready to conclude I must throw it up & work at journey work — And notwithstanding I have been favored to get along so far beyond what I had a right to expect yet there is now allmost a total stagnation, & it dont seem as if I feel any liberty to extend my persuits as the Traffic of the World has become so extreamly iniquitous, that a person who is concerned to dwell within the holy enclosure of Truth can hardly be concerned in it with any degree of purity, or at least without becoming contaminated therewith —The African Slave Trade is something with which my mind has become burdened of late, & if I knew where to draw the line I think that I would wholly renounce the use of any produce raised by the poor Black people for their cruel task Masters who which they sell to us to increase their purses & support themselves in rioting & drunkenness, fullness of bread & abundance of Idleness while the poor afflicted Slaves are suffering for the want of the absolute nessesaries of life. But it is a matter so very extensive that almost every imported Article that we eat or drink is raised by the labor of Slaves & the generality of friends so very easy about the use and traffic of those things that I see little*



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encouragement from any quarter to take up the cross in that respect. And what is still more of a block in the way is I am so situated in life as to make it extreamly inconvenient. So believe I must wait and & see what my feelings will be upon the occasion

I fully believe that had I have been faithful to my feelings about ten years ago, I should have been thus tried now, for I remember in the Yearly Meeting about that time the matter concerning the use of Shugar was spoken to in Such a manner by our friend Henry Hull from Nine Partners as did greatly affect my mind, & the same conviction followed me at times ever since, & tho' I was but young about twelve years of age, yet I believe a sacrifice of that kind would have been acceptable to the Lord, & perhaps have been the means of my groth & furtherance in the truth, & and the means of my being stronger and more fervant in spirit than I have been.

My mind was very early touched with feelings which sometimes wrought powerfully, & even did bring me to many tears while alone by my self, which I knew then, & have since more sensibly felt was the Lords power & goodness at work in me, which would have purified from all the defilements of flesh and spirit & preserved me out of much light irreverent & unproffitable company, which I have sometimes been in the way of & and too much partook of their spirit. Everything begits its own likeness & as lightness begits lightness, so seriousness does seriousness. I have found that when I have been in company with sober feeling friends my mind has been brought into sympathy with them, & also when I have been in the company of my young associates, brethren & citizens of Society, it has often been my place to set silent most of the time for an example to them & for profit to myself, which I really have the comfort to believe has been of use to myself & those around me; as such behaviour will tend to keep down lightness in others more than at first we may be sensible of.

Oh how doth all that is alive within me at this time, crave that my future walks in life may be in the pure spirit & wisdom of Truth. A life thus led is of more value & will yeald more peace than one filled up with all the pleasing things of time & sense, which will last but for a moment, nor even for a moment as they often carry with them more of a sting than pleasure Whereas a life humbly dedicated to the Masters will, altho he may see meet to lead us thro many tribulations in this life & mingle with our draught the Wormwood & Gaul, yet in the end he will crown us with life immortal, peace & Glory in the Mansions on High.

I have written thus much as it has occurred to me sentence by sentence having but little prospect when I begun, further then to insert my feelings at Meeting.

Much could I write of the feelings experience of my youth were they to open with a sufficient degree of life to render them useful in a future day to myself — particularly of my apprenticeship which was made up with many —? [&] inward trials of flesh & spirit which I desire to remember, as I believe they were all permitted for my refinement & improvement but as one can ever fully know but myself thro the corse of it from outward



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appearances one would think that I met with nothing to try my patience, but many tears have I Shed when alone by myself when no eye but that of heaven hath seen me imploring the divine Succor in times of very deep and proving trials, when it hath seemed as if my poor heart was almost broken from a complication of besetments, hardly knowing whether to turn to the right hand or to the left, seeing no way to get along with peace in my mind but to press gently forward thro' the narrow passage that I stood in, with a considerable degree of faith & patience was favored to reach the Age of 21 Years honorable. And served my master faithfully tho perhaps if I had been more faithful in some points of conduct I might have bettered it. I stayed the whole time which was from the 15th of the 8th M 1795 to the 30th of the 12 M 1802. Most of the time I had but few associates, & often walked alone both inwardly & outwardly, the refining had [hand] of God was often upon me & I loved solitude I spent most of the evenings of the three last years of my apprenticeship at my dearest Aunt Martha Gould either in copying good peaces of writing, or reading George Foxe's Journal which I read through & trust my mind was much benefited therby. In this the chief of my evenings were passed & I am now thankful for it, as it is probable I might have spent them much worse had I have given way to a light airy mind & run unto such company. The company of my endeared Aunt I dearly love & have occasion to, for her Motherly care & religious concern over me in my infantile years. When a child I lived with her & have good reason to believe that her concern even travel of Spirit for my prosperity (under the divine Blessing) was one of the main things which preserved me from the facenating things of the world. I now remember how dearly I used to love her Company & the company of good friends who came to visit her, of which there was not a few, as she is a Woman much esteemed by all her acquaintances & particularly set by in society as a weighty & useful Member, in whose service she hath spent much of her time. & tho' a poor woman & nothing to depend upon but her daily labor for support which she hath obtained credibly & honorably in the forepart of her life by Tayloring & now in her latter days keeps a school & Chiefly maintains herself & two sisters. Yet thus poor she hath spent almost twenty Years of her life in weighty appointment [to] office of an Overseer in Society, in which she was very useful, being careful that her conduct brought no reproach upon her standing.

Now to return & add a little further to my own particular I may say that from a child I was singularly fond of the company of elderly friends & took much life in sitting with them hearing them converse in matter [in] which they were experienced & often gained much information & solid instruction therefrom. I now feel renewed [cup?] of thankfulness for my many favors in this way, believing that they have kept me from much unprofitable company, into which youth are drawn thro' inattention to that divine inward principal which is made manifest to us even in very young years. May this which has been mercifully vouchsafed in my childhood be extended thro' the succeeding days of my pilgrimage. My spirit often bows in reverent humility before the Almighty God for the discovery of his will, thus far & also have



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abourdant [?] cause to humble myself with my mouth in the dust at my frequent rejections of his holy calls. May my spirit be more & more engaged in faithfully performing what he will please to have me do.

There was another relation of mine who hath gone in peace to her grave some years agoo, with whom I was very fond of being with, & from whom I have reaped solid instruction She was a woman indowed with a good understanding, & large share of [? pale??] which rendered her very engaging to me; as she could speak experimentally in things of an inward & outward nature. Some of her advice & observations I still instructingly remember, nor do I wish those seasons to be forgot. The above mentioned relation name was Mary Marsh.

These things have all very unexpectedly ocured in my mind having no prospect of inserting anything but the pressent state of my mind when I first begun, & I have expected to stop at every page, but [?] one thing after another has ocured [?] have written on till now & dont know why I should give this small account of my pilgrimage & that of my dear Aunts as I never expect any one will ever be benefited by my Diary but myself, the chief end that I have had in it was to keep in remembrance what I have once felt & experienced that if I should ever swerve & loose my first love for the truth by recurring to my book experience I might be quickened to the necessity of keeping to the inward Guide. —



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 March 24, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

24 of 3 M 1804 / What encouragement can I feel to write? Sure it can not be from any progress which I have made in the Cross, though it seems at this time as if my spirit is hovered over by divine goodness which melts my Soul into secret supplication to the God of my life begging him to continue the extendings of his merciful visitations to me an unworthy mortal. — It seems as tho' my heart has been enlarged in several days with the



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overflowings of divine Love, which is an encouragement to press forward towards the Mark and high calling; & afford [to] believe that I am not yet wholly [whooly] left to the buffitings of Satan, yet I believe he is often permitted to try me very much, tho' not beyond what I have streangth to bear, for [it] never is any one. & if we submit [to] his temptations our destructions will be ourselves. My poverty [&] leaness is sometimes great so that [I] am brought to ask, "What shall I do to be saved?" I am sensible what is required of me to renounce [brackets indicate words left out because of photo process] & submit to the divine disposal, tho' the spirit is willing, yet the flesh is weak & shudders at the Cross.—————

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March 25, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26 [sic] of 3 M 1804 / First Day / On the whole, dull meetings, tho' some life was witnessed. In the evening called to see Obediah Williams J Earls family & was a few minutes at Clark Rodmans by going to see my friend [Hannah Rodman, who he will marry] I think I have many times been Comforted Strengthened & instructed, & if we enter into but little conversation yet as we sit quietly not giving way to light airy talk which is to[o] prevelant with Young friends, we shall know a deepening in Wisdom, & be a help to one another in spirit & example—

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March 28, Wednesday: Ohio implemented its legislation, voted on January 5th, to restrict the movements of black Americans. Any black or mulatto person entering and residing in Ohio on or before the June 1, 1804 needed to register with the county clerk's office and bear on his or her person certified proof of freedom. It was to be illegal to hire or employ uncertified blacks, and any who did so would pay steep fines.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

28th of 3rd M 1804/ This morning according to my common practice have been read a little in Thomas Ellwood Sacred History which I have nearly read tho' to my real proffit. I have found a solid advantage resulting from setting down quietly for a few minutes in the Morning & reading the Scripture or some other good book, not forgetting to turn the mind inward & feel after the spirit of truth that it may rise & spread over us & give understanding of what we read which it will if rightly sought after — From thus quietly reading a chapter in the Bible in the morning my mind has been comforted, hardly ever failing to strengthen find some passage that hath yealded instrunction to my present situation or exercise of Mind. I feel at this time a degree of solimmity in my spirit which I



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*pray thee Oh Almighty father to continue & let thy power do away
all lightness that thereby I may become acceptable in thy sight*

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 March 29, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*29 of 3 M 1804 fifth day morning — I am now going to attend the
Mo. Meeting which is held in town it feels to me to be an
important time having felt a degree of solem aire[?] in my mind
on account of this Meeting as there are several important
subjects to come before us. Under a sense of my weakness I desire
to be favored with divine life in the publick & private Meetings
that I may perform my duty in every respect. & also be favored
not to be officiously meddling in the affairs of the Church wherby
[?ary] wounds their groth on religious service & bring dishonor
upon our precious profession —
Measurably has my desires been [gr?]anted in the above
particulars, for I [am?] rarely more favored than in the first
meeting. Holder Almy appeared in testimony to my instruction.
Hannah [De]nnis also spoke a few words, but so low as scarcely
to be heard, in the meeting for business I was also favored to
[ob]tain the savor of what I had felt [] the first. & keep on
the right [gr]ound tho' I was unfaithful in not one case that
was before us.*

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 March 31, Saturday: [Josiah Clark Nott](#) was born in Columbia, South Carolina, a son of Federalist congressman and attorney Abraham Nott (February 5, 1768-June 19, 1830).

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) published something that virtually amounted to a retraction in the *Wiener Zeitung*, acknowledging that Artaria and Co. had not been involved in any way with the publication of his quintet.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*Seventh day afternoon 31 3rd M 1804 No life. the day spent as
usual in my occupation*

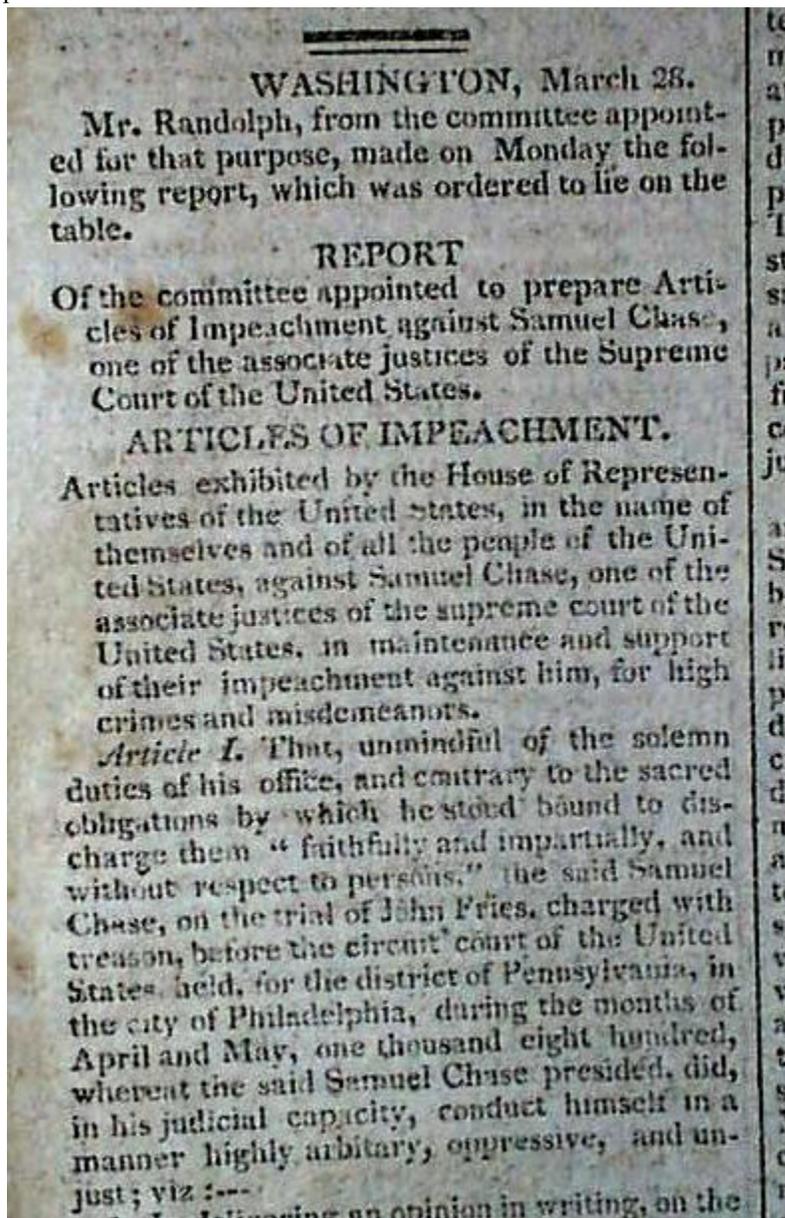
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 April 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*second day 2 of 4 M / In the Morning Meeting yesterday I felt
but little life, but in the afternoon it revived a little. Took
tea at D Williams & spent the remainder of the evening at Obediah
Williams in company with Betsey Greene & Hannah Rodman*

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April 4: People were reading in the gazettes, that preparations were being made to impeach one of the justices of the US Supreme Court:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th of 4th M 1804/ I take my pen with but little prospect of writing as I have for some days been (as it were) walking thro' dry places as it is chiefly at seasons when I feel fullness of spirit that I can write to my satisfaction; yet [s]ome times I am favored with a flow [of] matter when I least expect it & fill considerable paper.



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My humble desires are as heretofore inserted, that the old leavening be purged away, a thorough transformation take place, & nothing be left in me that will oppose the workings of the Fathers spirit. May the work be hastened that is within me surrender thereto.

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 April 5, Thursday: The [Reverend William Gilpin](#) died at the age of 80. The body was interred in a chest tomb in the cemetery to the north of the Boldre church “St John the Baptist.”

IN A QUIET MANSION BENEATH THIS STONE, SECURE FROM THE AFFLICTIONS, AND STILL MORE DANGEROUS ENJOYMENTS OF LIFE, LYE THE REMAINS OF WILLIAM GILPIN, SOMETIME VICAR OF THIS PARISH, TOGETHER WITH THE REMAINS OF MARGARET, HIS WIFE. AFTER LIVING ABOVE FIFTY YEARS IN HAPPY UNION, THEY HOPE TO BE RAISED IN GOD’S GOOD TIME, THROUGH THE ATONEMENT OF A BLESSED REDEEMER FOR THEIR REPEATED TRANSGRESSIONS, TO A STATE OF JOYFUL IMMORTALITY: THEN IT WILL BE A NEW JOY TO MEET SEVERAL OF THOSE GOOD NEIGHBOURS WHO LYE SCATTERED IN THESE SACRED PRECINCTS AROUND THEM. HE DIED APRIL 5TH, 1804, AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE DIED APRIL 14TH, 1807, AT THE AGE OF 82.



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Fifth day of 5 of 4 M 1804 / I have hardly ever witnessed less religous concern than this Morning, but when I entered the threshold of the Meeting House door life sprung up & I was greatly refreshed in the corse of the Meeting the savor still continues, & begits thankfulness in my heart for my many Blessings

 April 9, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 9th of 4th M 1804/ Last seventh day crossed the ferry on busines & staid over night at Joseph Greene’s & in the morning went to meeting. it was a time of struggling to me, but at last life rose & it ended to my satisfaction — dined at Cousin Greenes & spent the forepart of the afternoon in interesting



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conversation with Cousin Anna then came over the ferry & spent the remainder of the evening at Earls I hope to some proffit of Mind. _____

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 April 10, Tuesday: At about this point, Giovanni Paisiello obtained release as maître de chappelle to Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

10th of 4th M 1804 / Our friends have just now gone on board the packet for [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting to be held there. I wish them a good time tho' it rains & I fear it will be unpleasant — It would have been agreeable to me to have gone with them, but it seems as if it is best to stay at home this time & perhaps the time will come when I can leave home with more propriety than at present — The remembrance of my visit there last year is still gratefully in my mind, & has at time raised humble thankfulness for the unexpected favors which I received & the openness of freinds towards me who was a total stranger, & unworthy of their kind reception.

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 April 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

11th of 4th M / forth of the week / The remainder of friends have gone down to sail for [Greenwich](#), with a Cloudy sky & the wind directly a head _____

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 April 12, Thursday: His business in Kentucky completed, [James Foord](#) of Milton, Massachusetts began the journey home, generally retracing his westward route except this time passing through Baltimore.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

About nine o'clock fifth day 12 of 4 M 1804 The aforementioned friends were detained yesterday by the inclemency of the weather & high wind —But this morning about 6 O'clock attempted to get there before meeting — How they will fare I know not the winds continues a head but as they went away early in a stiff vessel for Wickford am in hopes they may reach the meeting house by meeting time.

*I have attended our meeting at home & which was rather small yet to me it afforded a measure of life, tho' I had had struggles between flesh & spirit, life or death & am at a loss to say which gained the Mastery
Oh Lord God Almighty I beseech thee to do away all Sin in me,*



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renew stronger desires & more willingness to resign my beloved lusts as to the Moles & Bats, & follow after the meek & crucified Saviour—

Altho' my outward appearance is pretty plain & my conduct in a good degree conformable to the principals of Friends, yet, there are some little Foxes that rush in among the tender vines of life in my mind, & sometimes nip them in early bud. this for a long time has been the case, nor do I see much prospect of the Wall's being built sufficiently strong & high to keep them from creeping or leaping in. Much have I suffered from those subtil creatures & much shall I suffer, untill there is a faithful daily labor to remove the rubbish rom the door of my House that the water's of life may flow purely unobstructed —————

I spent the evening at a friends house which concluded rather unprofitably, & I hope to improve from the things that I suffer as I felt before I went that I had better not go.——

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April 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

14th of 4th Mo 1804 / I seem to feel in rather a favor'd state this Morning & desire to be thankfull therefor.——

Have just read an excellent letter which I was favored with the perusal of by James Bringham being one he has received from this Thos Pole of Bristol England giving an account of the Sickness & peace close of time with his Son J Pole a Youth of about 18 Years of Age which was very comfortable. & an incoragement to the Youth to begin to dication [dedicate?] themselves to the work & service of the Lord in early life that when death may be sent to our dwellings; & not with the horrors that attends the close of those who spent their time in vanity & things which proffit not — Altho' the truth may lead us into many things that is hard to bear, & we may even be accounted fools for its sake, yet as we remain faithfully obedient to the witness of truth in the heart which will judge down Sin when ever it arises, We shall become like unto Mount Zion, that cannot be removed, by the most powerful strivings of its enemy.——

Yesterday our friends returned from the Quarterly meeting after a pleasant passage of about two hours & an half — The friends who went away on fifth day Morning arrived at Wickford at 9 OClock & reached the Meeting house at [Greenwich](#) soon after the first meeting gathered —————

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April 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morn 16th of 4th M 1804/ Yesterday attended Meetings, the forepart of the Morning was pretty good, but in the Afternoon, it seemed as if I could get hold of nothing that was lively — it seemed to be the most barran meeting I have been



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in for sometime— In the evening I went to Job Shermans & spent the time very agreeably in company with himself & wife Mary Sherman, David Rodman & Isaac Austin —

[My Mind has, scratched out] been this afternoon affected under several things relative to outward circumstances my desires are tho' in much poverty I write "to do good to those who despitefully use" me, & not to proceed in any thing without mature deliberation & then not to proceed without possessing the spirit of this most excellent injunction laid down by our Blessed Redeemer ——Oh may my life portray the sincerely devoted Christian

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April 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

17th of 4th M 1804/ Altho I have but little more than to bewail my present bleak condition, yet it seems as if I might here insert, that I am often secretly humbled under a sense of my own weakness & short attainments to the spirit of life & truth. I believe it is more wicked for me to err in small things, than for some others to err in great ones, who hark not the clear the clear [sic] discoveries of light that I have — How sorrowful & how alarming it is to find ones self advancing with silent step of Time & not growing in Grace. And tho' I am sometimes very low in mind, yet there are seasons when it seems as if I am clothed with Authority to warn some who are going in in rebellion against the Light of Conscience, & advancing with unremitting pace to the silent awful grave where there is no repentance to be found to be up & a doing while the thread of time is yet graciously lengthened out to them, that the day of death may not approach & they be unprepared for the solemn Scene for I believe the pains of the boody [sic] are enough to bear at that time without the pains of the Mind

My concern is also for my own faithfulness in these respects may it so increase as to Stimulate me at all times to do my duty & bear the Yoak in my Youth This day in the forenoon a melancholy accident has happened, three men on a fishing party were drowned near the Dumplins at the mouth of the Harbor, so instead of the fish becoming their food they probably will become the food of the Fish I understood there were four persons on board (the other a boy who was saved by means of an oar which he held to until assistance was afforded from an neighboring boat in the same persuit Isaac Currey one of the persons drowned was formerly a School Mate of Mine. The names of the other two were Daniel Goddard Isaac Sherman Strangers to me —thus in a few moments these poor thhins were Summoned to an endless Eternity, without time to arrange their Accounts to present before the Awful righteous Judge of All. May it quicken us who are left to

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watchfulness that we may be in readiness, come when or as it May. —

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➡ April 19, Thursday: When Thomas and Martha Wayles Jefferson’s daughter Maria died, President [Thomas Jefferson](#) of course came home to [Monticello](#) to attend her funeral, which was held when he arrived on this day. His dusky love slave [Sally Hemings](#) was in attendance on him there, and so, on January 19, 1805, exactly nine months later, she would be giving birth to the 6th of the total of seven slave children she would bear for her owner.

	Age	Sex	Color	Height	Weight
Red	5 1/2	7			
Penny	5	7			
Moses 3	4	5			
Sucky 6	3 1/2	4			
Nedj	5 1/2	7			
Peter Hem	5 1/2	7			
Philip	5 1/2	7			1
Rachael	5	7			
Eliza 5	3 1/2	4 1/2			
Ellen 8	2 3/4	3 1/2			
Sally	5	7			1
Harriet 1	4 1/2	5 1/2			1
Madison 5	3 1/2	4 1/2			
Eston 8	2 3/4	3 1/2			1
Samso	5 1/2	7			1

(Tom was at the time busy re-writing the Gospels, slashing about 90% of the materials out of the text of the King James Version — so between this daytime activity at the mansion and his night-time activities, he must have been one busy dude.) The proud father of our nation would name this new enslaved son after his vice-president, [James Madison](#) — another Virginia slavemaster.

PATRIOTS’ DAY

This product of amalgamation was the [Madison Hemings](#) who later would write of his father, that:

He was not in the habit of showing partiality or fatherly affection to his children.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

19 of 4 M 1804 / I’ve often seen that to argue with those who

Life Among the Lowly.

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MADISON HEMINGS.

I never knew of but one white man who bore the name of Hemings; he was an Englishman and my greatgrandfather. He was captain of an English trading vessel which sailed between England and Williamsburg, Va., then quite a port. My grandmother was a fullblooded African, and possibly a native of that country. She was the property of John Wales, a Welchman. Capt. Hemings happened to be in the port of Williamsburg at the time my grandmother was born, and acknowledging her fatherhood he tried to purchase her of Mr. Wales, who would not part with the child, though he was offered an extraordinarily large price for her. She was named Elizabeth Hemings. Being thwarted in the purchase, and determining to own his flesh and blood he resolved to take the child by force or stealth, but the knowledge of his intention coming to John Wales' ears, through leaky fellow servants of the mother, she and the child were taken into the "great house" under their master's immediate care. I have been informed that it was not the extra value of that child over other slave children that induced Mr. Wales to refuse to sell it, for slave masters then, as in later days, had no compunctions of conscience which restrained them from parting mother and child of however tender age, but he was restrained by the fact that just about that time amalgamation began, and the child was so great a curiosity that its owner desired to raise it himself that he might see its outcome. Capt. Hemings soon afterwards sailed from Williamsburg, never to return. Such is the story that comes down to me.

Elizabeth Hemings grew to womanhood in the family of John Wales, whose wife dying she (Elizabeth) was taken by the widower Wales as his concubine, by whom she had six children—three sons and three daughters, viz: Robert, James, Peter, Critty, Sally and Thena. These children went by the name of Hemings.

Williamsburg was the capital of Virginia, and of course it was an aristocratic place, where the "bloods" of the Colony and the new State most did congregate. Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, was educated at William and Mary College, which had its seat at Williamsburg. He afterwards studied law with Geo. Wythe, and practiced law at the bar of the general court of the Colony. He was afterwards elected a member of the provincial legislature from Albemarle county. Thos. Jefferson was a visitor at the "great house" of John Wales, who had children about his own age. He formed the acquaintance of his daughter Martha (I believe that was her name, though I am not positively sure,) and an intimacy sprang up between them which ripened into love, and they were married. They afterwards went to live at his country seat, Monticello, and in course of time had born to them a daughter whom they named Martha. About the time she was born my mother, the second daughter of John Wales and Elizabeth Hemings was born. On the death of John Wales, my grandmother, his concubine, and her children by him fell to Martha, Thomas Jefferson's wife, and consequently became the property of Thomas Jefferson, who in the course of time became famous, and was appointed minister to France during our revolutionary troubles, or soon after independence was gained. About the time of the appointment and before he was ready to leave the country his wife died, and as soon after her interment as he could at-



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are possessed with a disposition to oppose whether right or wrong, & determination not to adhere to any thing that is advanced counter to their opinion, is altogether vain and ineffectual the best way that I am acquainted with is to let our words (to such) be few savoring of divine life which may do much more good than a long argument, I have some times suffered loss of strength by entering into many words with such people, & thereby injure the very cause we are trying to promote
The reason of my inserting this is there hath been several of that description in my shop this morning [see note] conversing on religious subjects & altho' I said but little yet for the want of care said rather more than now feels salutary
If there was any hope of it I would say "let the time past suffice," but I am so frequently in errors that it renders it almost an hopeless prospect
Attended Meeting the fist was silent, but thro' weakness of body & mind I could not enjoy the fruits of solitude as at some times, but in the last was more comfortable (preparative Meeting Arnold Buffum sent his intentions of Marriage with Rebecca Gould which was all the business [note that the same "intentions" were, without doubt, brought up at the Women's Preparative Meeting]

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 April 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*24 of 4th M 1804 / I have received instruction from reading the Life of John Woolman —this morning—
My mind has been affected at being with a man who hath just fallen from his horse opposite my shop & is in great distress of Boody, [sic] Such scenes I have no doubt are proffitable to beholder & may serve as a warning to all to be upon their Watch for we know not in what hour we may be called for whether at midnight or at Cock crowing*

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 April 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*25th of 4 M 1804/ I feel a desire renewed in my spirit this Morning to be frequently in the search after true & living substance, & have been touched with feelings which I hope not to loose
This evening called on Wm Ortten [1st 3 letters obscured by shadow] the presbyterian Minister for the loan of his sermon preached on the slave trade some Years ago & printed at the request of the Abolition Sociiety, I set chief of the evening in conversation with himself & Wife. I believe them to be religious people in their way especially his wife, tho' he in particular is deeply infected with the pernicious doctrine of Election & Reprobation, yet I believe he endeavors with*



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considerable degree of sincerity to do all the good he can, but does not possess that real life & substance in religion which could be desired for him

I desire to be preserved in charity towards all sincere people, let their religious profession be what it may. if we serve one Lord & Master sincerely accounting to the best of our knowledge tho' we may not see eye to eye in matters of form, yet if they are so far redeemed as to place no dependence on them as being essential to Salvation. I beleive the Almighty will look with a tender eye on their imperfections

The above mentioned sermon he could not find, but presented me with his Anser to Tom Pain's Age of Reason

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April 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26 of 4 M 1804 / I am just going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M Meeting in company with my beloved Cousin Anne Greene —

After a long meeting of five hours we rode to Cousin Alice Goulds & dined in the evening we rode home

I could say a considerable respecting this agreeable visit with Cousin Anne; but believe it best only to insert that her conversation as we rode together was weighty & deep, concerning our religious growth I was much edified therewith especially at what passed between us in riding home —

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May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th of 5th M 1804/ A Number of days has passed away & my journal thro' weakness & leaness has been laid aside

I dont recollect when my mind has been more reduced with barraness, & want of spiritual life than for several days past. But feeling at present a little affected & my mind humbled under a sense of my infirmity, am willing to say my desires are that the Omnipotent arm of the Almighty may be more & more extended around my feeble mind & my endeavors strengthened to keep within its holy limits, & by that means merit a continuance of the heavenly visitations upon my soul which is often very poor & needy

I am sometimes ready to fear that my poverty is not of the same kind that some have to pass through who have considerably advanced in religious experience & have to suffer it for a tryal of their faith & patience, or are dipt into it in feeling the low state of others in religion —

But mine is the result of unfaithfulness, or a want of inward watchfulness to mind the light within which is gravously manifested & much neglected. a lack lack [sic] of these things frequently makes me feel for days together as an empty vessel. My desires are strongly at this time that I may go into the deeps again & again untill I bring up Stones of lasting Memorial to



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the honor of my great creator

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 May 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th of 5th M 1804 seventh day I think this afternoon of going to [Portsmouth](#) to see my relations & friends there & be at Meeting with them tomorrow. & it has become my desire, that it may be to me a profittable instructive visit.

First day afternoon returned from [Portsmouth](#). And I may say it was such a time as I never experienced before, the first place I went to was my cousin Shadrack Chases, there I lodged & the next morning went to his brother Johns & took breakfast, & a little before Meeting went to the Mansion of our Deceased, & my truly beloved friend Isaac Lawton, & spent a little time with his son Peter & went with him to Meeting where Holder Almy preached, I believe to edification I returned to S Chases & took dinner

When I commenced this account I had it in prospect to say considerable of what I felt both in meeting & out of it, but on further thought think best to say but little – only that it was a time which I desire may not be forgotten, but be of lasting duration in my mind, this is my secret prayer at this Season as it was very instructive –

On my way I took tea at Cousin Goulds, & reached home about half past eight OClock in the evening

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 May 8, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber was appointed Kapellmeister at the theater in Breslau (Wroclaw).

 May 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

9 of 5th M 1804 / I am thankful to say that my mind has been favor'd with a little more of the savor of devine sweetness for several days together -

Oh Lord once more I presume to approach before thee with an humble petition, beging a continuance of thy loving visitations; that I become not like an Oak which is hard to bend; or like a garden without water, producing no fruit

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 May 10, Thursday: William Pitt replaced Henry Addington as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10 of 5 M 1804/ I have just returned from Meeting where thro' tender Mercy I have favor'd with the precious life, & am favor'd to bring a degree of sweetness of it home with me - Hannah Dennis appeard in supplication, for the first time, tho' short yet very sweet —

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 May 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*13th of 5th Mo 1804 first day / This is a day wherein I have been comforted with a renewed evidence of divine visitation being yet extended to me, and am measurably thankful therefor, & thankful there with; as I have been of late in a very dry & barran situation of mind -
In the first Meeting was very precious D Buffum was engaged in an instructing testimony. the last was silent & pretty good -
After meeting took tea at Edward Sissions, then spent the latter part of the evening at O Williams*

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 May 15, Tuesday: [Samuel Laman Blanchard](#) was born at Great Yarmouth, son of a painter and glazier. He would be educated at St Olave's school in Southwark and then become the clerk to a proctor in Doctors' Commons. He would take part in a travelling theatre company, and then find employment as a proofreader in London, before beginning a career in service to various British magazines.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

15th of 5th M 1804 / I find it to be a time where in it is particularly necessary for me to seek help from the Lord, as I am much tried with various temptations. And if I do not keep a watchful eye to the pointings of truth [underlined] I shall fall very low, as I believe Satan has desired to have me to buffet. But may my prayer assend to him [underlined] who is able to deliver from the craft of his cruel net, & thus escape from the wiles & stratiging of a designing adversary. May I nobly cleave to the truth, for I do most sincerely crave to be in the profession of it, & that the Morning Noon & Evening of my days may be purely dedicated to the Service of my God — [smudge: deliberate? covers "Oh Lord Almighty"] God my spirit bows before thee at this times, and begs to assistance of thy holy preserving hand

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May 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day Morning 21 of 5th M 1804 / Yesterday attended Meetings & experienced refreshment of mind for which I desire to bow down in humble thankfulness, that I may merit a continuance of divine love

But Oh my mind is is very deeply [underlined] tried with an hidden affliction & I must bear it at present on secret, [underline] tho' if it is ever to be known to the world how much more keen will it be. It is nothing relative to myself but it is what my soul craves may be removed from a beloved individual, may it work together for good and terminate in such a manner as to work for the Glory of the Most High -

After Meeting took tea with David Williams & from there went with D. Rodman to Jon(a) Dennis's & spent the evening -

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May 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

22 of 5 M 1804 / There certainly is cause of thankfulness for the sweet showers of celestial rain which have from time to time refreshed my mind & cause of encouragement to press forward thro' the abundant dwarfishness, leanness & poverty which is so abundantly my lot to pass thro' [scratched out four words] At times I am ready to enquire why it is so that I fall into such langor & indifference of Mind, & conclude within myself that it is my own fault as there are times in which I feel the leaves of the tree of life to be green, & the tender buds ready to put forth to yeald fruit pleasant to the taste of the Creator -And alas, it is no lack of care in him who hath graciously sown the seeds of good, but the fault is my own, in not having carefully digged about, duned and hedged those plants of righteousness & truth with which I have been mercifully favord from my childhood

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May 26?, Saturday?: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26 [sic] of 5th M 1804, second day [sic] / Yesterday I attended Meetings Morning & evening, there were both dull seasons, being in the tried with sleepines beyond what is common for me, as it is seldom that I am thus afflicted. But perhaps it is a lesson to me, not to sensure others who are in the practice of it with too much severity



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 May 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*31st of 5th M 1804/ My Meeting in town
I am just going to meeting & feel ardent desires to arise in my mind that I may be preserved & brought into holy stillness of mind, that I may keep my place & do my duty – Oh Lord God Almighty who hast indeed all dominion over sea & land, look down on me an unworthy worm & preserve me steadfast. —
The first meeting was a very favord precious one to me. there seemed to be a remarkable solemnity over us & toward the loss Anne Greene was concerned in a testimony, which demonstrated spirit & power in my mind, I think it the most extaordinary that I have ever heard from her or hardly any one else
The last meeting was somewhat trying to me*

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 June 1: At 6AM Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka was born in Novospasskoye (Glinka) near Yel'nya in the Smolensk district, the 2d and eldest surviving of 10 children born to Ivan Nikolayevich Glinka, a retired army captain and landowner, and Yevgeniya Andreyevna Glinka, daughter of a landowner (his parents were 2d cousins).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st of 6 M 1804/ Altho' I am engaged business, yet I feel my mind engaged, cannot avoid stopping to insert, that I am favord to experience to day what I did yesterday, it seemes as if my tabernacle is covered as the temple was formerly, With the Cloud of divine favor.—

It is one Year this day since I commenced business in this Shop and Altho I have waded thro' many difficulties & afflictions in the corse of the Year, yet I do thankfully acknowlege, that I have been helped thus far, to my admiration, & beyond what I had reason to expect.

May I, & all that is mine be sincerely resigned, & substantially dedicated, to the will and service of him who has power to make poor or Rich.

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 June 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day afternoon 5 of 6 M 1804 / The business of the day nearly concluded, & feeling my mind at this time drawn to insert a few



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lines, that when the Years of Age & pain shall come upon me, I may know, or be enabled to remember, how my youthful days have been spent.

I think it safe to say that my mind is at present preserved under a good degree of thankfulness for the many favors which I daily receive from the bountiful hand of an allwise & Merciful God. & may my conduct tho' the slippery paths of youth be such as to insure peace when time shall draw me to a close in this life, for this my spirit is often fervently engaged in mental prayer. & that I may be preserved in patience if trials ever so sharp should be permitted to attend me & not give way to a distrust of that Arm which hath hither to helped me & kept me from the grocer [sic] evils & temptations which Surround Youthful Minds.—

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June 6. Wednesday: The district of Carlisle sought to disconnect itself from the town of Acton, and become a Massachusetts town in its own right.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th of 6th M 1804 / Several friends have this Morning arrived from NYork Yearly Meeting to Attend Ours.

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June 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day before Meeting 7th of 6 M 1804 / I am now going to Meeting & I hope to be favor'd with a season of improvement.

Arnold Buffum Son of Wm Buffum of [Smithfield](#) & Rebecca Gould daughter of John Gould of Middletown will Solomnize their Marriage

And may it be a solemn covenant not only between themselves, but also to their God. So firm that their spiritual May bore their Ears to the posts of the doors that they may grow more out, but serve him forever.—

Returned from the above mentioned Meeting which I believe to be an eminently favor'd one particularly the forepart of it The friends who were concern'd in publishng testimony [speaking out in the silence] are as follows Jonathon Wright, Mary Mitchell, Nathan Hunt & a prayer by Elizabeth Coggeshall

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June 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th of 6th M 1804/ Much engaged in outward business through the day, & the all important business of our lives has been but



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little attended to. The spring of life has been low, but may it rise again & quicken my spirit to vigilance & a deep concern to labor for that substance which endureth forever, that so the end of my creation may be answered which is all things to Glorify the Creator -

I have heard from the Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) appointed this day by our friend Nathan Hunt, it was thought to be imminently favored & highly so in testimony, the Meeting concluded after a prayer by E Coggeshall

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June 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

An account of the Yearly Meeting which commenced at [Portsmouth](#) for Ministers and Elders on seventh day the 9th of 6th Mo 1804 & at [Newport](#) & [Portsmouth](#) on first day the 10 of said M for Publick Worship - The following sketch is as I wrote it in a letter to my friend Thos Anthony of North [Providence](#)

I now attempt under much inconvenience to give thee some account of our Meeting Yesterday which was first day. It was large, & favored with the overflowings of divine love, shed-abroad among the Inhabitants of this highly favored town who have long been resisting the many lines & precepts which they have received from faithful Gospel Ministers, & the Great Ministers of the Sanctuary, who hath not been wanting to replenish our hearts with the everlasting day-spring from his Throne on High: but I may tell thee that at this meeting unusual impressions were observed in the countenances of many. & there is some reason to hope that they may prove lasting to some Minds -The testimonies in the Morning were as follows A few words by Sarah House, a living prayer by Amos Davis, a short but lively testimony by E. [Elisha?] Thornton, & a very extensive & powerful one by Nathan Hunt - In the Afternoon Eliz Coggershall & Ann Alexander very livingly, then Nathan Hunt, then a prayer by a woman in the little Meeting house, which I could not hear so as to distinguish the words, nor do I know who she was, then John Winslow thought it best for him to set his seal to what had been said, so the Meeting concluded with a few words by N Hunt - These meetings were remarkably still, except one man in the afternoon was taken in a fit in the Upper Gallery, and a woman fainted away. Getting the man from so inconvenient place made more stir than could be wished, but upon the whole it was a very favored time, the people were very civil, & much satisfied with Nathan & Ann, but E. Coggeshall delivered a pretty close message to those who were running after heirling priests, which did not please their pallates as they would wish - [It seems as though these were open to the public]

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June 11, Monday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Breslau (Wroclaw) to take up duties as Kapellmeister.



June 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12 of the M & third of the week My time was so much taken up yesterday that I could not give thee an account of the proceedings of the day but as meeting adjourned till three this afternoon I have an opportunity this Morning – The morning meeting was a solid precious time, it opened with but little preaching. Jonathon Wright from Virginia in a few words saluted the dear Youth & James Simpson observed that words fitly spoken were like Apples of Gold in pictures of Silver, or says he that say it should [be] translated, "Baskets of Silver", He then added dear Youth, now put these goodly that may be dropt in the corse of this Yearly Meeting into your little baskets, & there keep them, & they will do you some substantial Good - D Buffum then in a few words spoke of the necessity of beginning well & briefly pointed out they way for it –

It was an encoraging Meeting among the Ministers a belief that Truth would Yet rise higher, & was even about to rise in New England -

In the corse of this sitting Thos Arnold weightily proposed the appointment of a committee to enter into a general investigation of the State of the Society, which appeared to be congenial with the prospects of many present, was accordingly done & they left at liberty to consider & improve such parts of our discipline as to them appeared necessary - A further proposition was spread by George Churchman to enter into correspondence with the Yearly Meetgs of Baltimore Virginia & North Carolina, which was committed to the corresponding committee –

As I observed it was an ever encoraging season in the Morning but in the afternoon when the State of Society was enter'd upon as represented by the Queries, some afflicting sensations were felt among us. The many deficiencies that appear'd in them were very sorrowful - upon which many feeling remarks were made & N Hunt was drawn into very close home preaching to many among friends in these parts – the lyar the talebearers & backbiters were openly accused & reproved in a very solemn alarming manner - those who are at work secretly to hurt the services of concerned friends, & those who stand in the formost rank in society, were warned by him to desist therefrom, or they would be carried our of the Church as dead Men who make such a stink in the house that the living cannot remain in it - in the corse of the afternoon Ann Alexander came among us & in Solemn manner spread before our Meeting what was on her mind respecting our Queries & proposed some amendments - shall conclude this days with an account of the report of the committee appointed last Year to visit Quarterly Meetings to the eastward respecting removal of the Yearly Meeting to Lynn or Salem- They unanimously reported "that altho' they sympathized with their brethren & sisters in those Quarters on account of the distance they have to travel, yet it was their sense & Judgement that a removal was not expedient at this time.



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This afternoon at the time adjourned to last night Viz 3 O'clock friends met & had a short setting of about an hour & a quarter, the chief business we did was the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings - continuing the same friends to constitute a meeting for the year insueing. & the Minutes which the Clerk made out of the Meeting respecting the certificates of publick friends were also read and approved.

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June 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*13th of the Mth 4th of the Week The Meeting this morning met at 9 O'clock & opened by short testimonies from J Wright & D Buffum - the corresponding committee produced Epistles for all the Yearly Meetings in the World. - Those for Baltimore, Virginia & N Carolina with whom we have not been in the practice of corresponding, appear'd to be well adopted, & the matter lively - Indeed I believe those who drafted them were divinely assisted, & it was thought by many present & particularly by those who were here from other Yearly Meetings that they would be well accepted - The committee to consider the State of Society proposed some amendment of the query- the Meeting might have finished their business at this sitting, but it being late, having set upwards of 3 hours & a half, Ann Alexander, having a desire that the partition should be set open between male and females, that she might have a parting oportunity with us together as it was not likely that she will ever be with us again, it was though best to adjourn as late as four O'clock At the time we met & a solemn one it was After the Minutes were read & the partition opened, Jon Wright was considerable large in a lively testimony. - then A. Alexader spoke largely & very sweetly, endeavoring to impress our minds that Religion did not consist nearly in an external show of plainness, but in internal plainness & Simplicity of heart. - much more the substance or rather savor I retain, but am unable to convey it by ink & pen - then James Simpson went on & drew several instructing allegories much to our edification - then N HUnt kneeled in solemn Supplication to the Throne of Grace & prayed in a very living & powerfully manner for the prosperity of all branches of the family
Indeed my dear friend it was - a time in which many of our hearts were deeply and powerfully affected with the operation of truth, & I much desire for all present & particularly for myself, that we may be preserved in a profitable remembrance of it -
from thy friend Stephen Gould*

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 June 14, Thursday: Incidental music to Duval's play *Les Hussites, ou Le siège de Naumbourg* by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre de la Porte St. Martin, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On fifth day the 14 of the M was our week day meeting for Worship, in which Martha Simpson Jonathon Wright & James Simpson were edifyingly engaged in testimony

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 June 15, Friday: The XIIth Amendment to the United States Constitution, reorganizing the method of electing the president and vice-president, was ratified.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*On Sixth day the 15th of the M J Wright appointed a meeting at Jamestown which was large & very satisfactory - a friend that attended observed to me that Jonathon handed forth things in a very living & powerful manner, from the fountains of life. - & said it was the best meet - that he had been in through the Yearly Meeting -
On the same day at [Newport](#) James Simpson appointed a Meeting at five O'clock in the afternoon for the Black people which was large & to good Satisfaction.*

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 June 16, Saturday: Johann Adam Hiller died in Leipzig at the age of 75.

American newspapers reported the tribulations of white Americans being held as [slaves](#), for ransom, by the pirates of Tripoli, and reported also coincidentally that in Charleston, South Carolina there was being offered for purchase a new shipment of 367 negroes from the Congo, 357 negroes from Angola, and 481 negroes from

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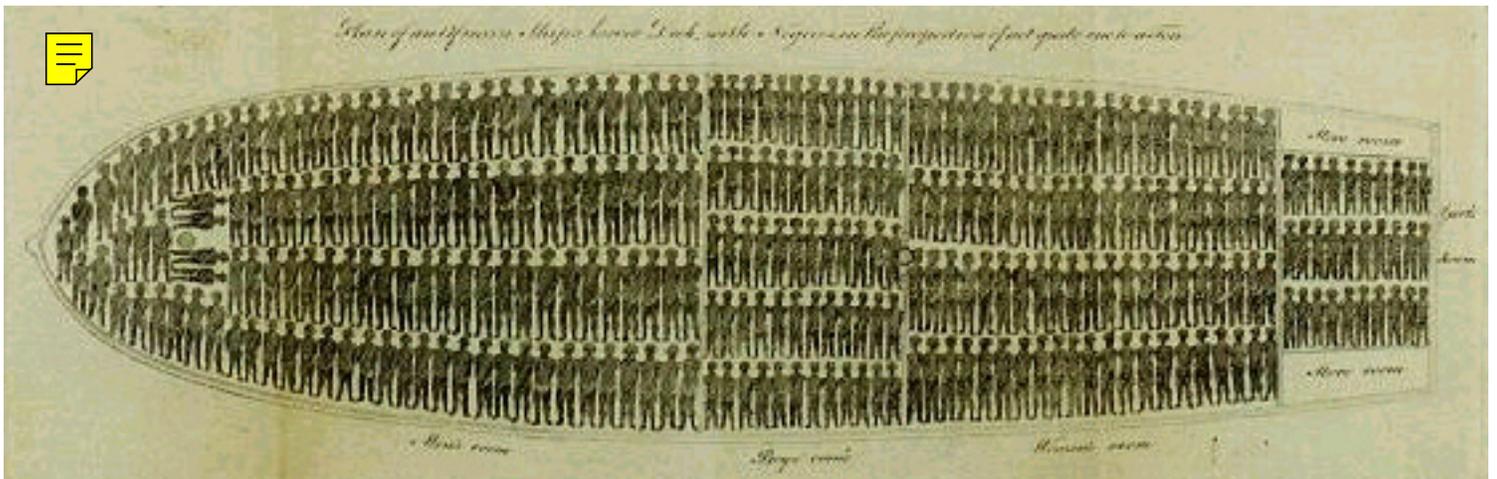
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WEST-INDIES.—The last accounts from Antigua, state, that the inhabitants were apprehensive of an expedition from Guadaloupe, against that Island.—Four thousand tons of shipping, are said, in a late Jamaica paper, to have been taken up by the British Government, for the purpose of removing to Europe, the French prisoners now in that Island.—It is said to be very sickly at Guadaloupe.

DOMESTICK.

Of Domestick affairs, there is nothing of importance to relate. We have, however, made a few miscellaneous selections of minor import.—The American prisoners at Tripoli, suffer much from their Turkish masters. The last accounts state 10 to have deceased in two days!—Capt. Lewis, who had been sent by the President of the United States, to explore the territory of Louisiana, was at Pittsburg, on the 5th May last, on his return to the City of Washington, accompanied by twenty Indian Chiefs.—Two British vessels of war, it is said, are cruising off the harbour of New-York, watching for two French frigates, expected to sail from that port; in one of which, it is expected, *Jerome Bonaparte* and *Lady*, will embark for France.—It is remarked, that there was a frost, on the 16th May, at Dover, N. H. *May*, this year, has been warmer than in the last. It rained ten times, during that month at Salem—at New-London, sixtimes.—Plaster of Paris, by experiment, has been found very useful to potatoes; a table spoonful to a hill is sufficient.—The farmers in Oneida County, N. Y. will sustain great loss by their fields of grain being winter-killed, and the Hessian fly has made such ravages that whole fields have been ploughed and planted over again.—A medical well, of great repute, has been discovered near Lexington, Kentucky.—In a late Charleston paper, are advertised for sale, 367 Congo, 357 Angola, and 421 Windward Coast Negroes, lately arrived there.—A cabinet maker's shop, was de-





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INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

seventh day 16th of 6 M 1804/ All our friends who have been here to attend Y Meeting have gone, except George Churchman & Ann Alexander who will be at Meeting with us tomorrow –

I have written much on what has happened, at the time of this our Annual & truly solemn Sacrifice, which I hope has been received by him to whom it belongs & to whom the Sacrifice of all Mortals is due.

But of my own particular state of mind I have noted but little nor has there been much for me to say, for I must acknowledge that has not been so barren & destitute for some Years as it has this, notwithstanding I have been surrounded with agreeable friends & we been favor'd with many showers of Celestial rain which have come plentifully upon us, & have heard many living testimonies, which have been borne by living & faithful Friends. Yet my mind hath been but little benefited or touched thereby; greatly owing to the want of a right preparation, which has been greatly hindered by my being appointed to have the Oversight of the Boarding houses, it took up so much of my leisure time that I was hardly able to think of any thing but the attention of friends. This is all necessary to be done that things be kept in order. And I believe that I was in my place & shall have my reward, tho' the enjoyment of that precious & highly desirable quietude was denied while other friends were in possession of it. I feel that which causes a hope in my mind that after many days the bread will return to me again –

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June 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First day 17th of 6th M 1804 / Alexander was at our Meeting but set in silence in both of them - in the afternoon Lydia Rotch bore a short testimony, - It was a dry poor time with me -

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June 21, Thursday: Smithson Tennant reads a paper “On Two Metals, found in the Black Powder Remaining after the Solution of Platina” to the Royal Society in London. The paper documented his discovery during the previous year of the new elements Osmium and Iridium.

Publication in Italian of both the 1790 portion and the 1803 portion of [Vittorio Alfieri](#)'s autobiography *VITA DI VITTORIO ALFIERI DA ASTI SCRITTA DA ESSO*, with a completion letter by Tommaso Valperga-Caluso.

READ ALFIERI'S TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 6 M 1804/ Preparative Meetg
In the first (which was solid & weighty) George Churchman (a worthy Elder from the westward) was concerned to express a few words, desiring that our Meetings might be more lively, & that in order to it, we might prepare our Minds by watchfulness before we came. Then more of the primitive Locals [By "primitive Locals" might he be speaking of the local citizens of color who evidently had come to an open meeting in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) two days earlier? This Friend George Churchman from the westward was presumably the New York surveyor who was born December 29, 1764 and would die on March 14, 1837.] would be manifest among us & our meetings would not be covered with that death which they now are - he said he believed it was time for us to be more diligent in the search of ourselves, & expressed a prospect that truth would again revive among us as a people, equal to the time of our predecessors - Hannah Dennis spoke a few words of Scripture -At the close of the Meeting George expressed a desire that when the Meetings had separated & finished their business, we might again unite, as he was concerned to set with the members of the preparative Meeting. - which was done, & solid opportunity it was.
After some time of Silence he arose & observed that he wished not to go into many words, knowing that they would not do the works, but since he had took his seat the last time, several things had took place in his mind. The first he mentioned was that this place (R. Island) was where the Ark of the testimony was deposited (meaning where the Y Meeting was held) & that it was necessary for us to keep ourselves clean from the pollutions of the World, that it might be a blessing to us. With much more good & wholsom counsel which I cannot recollect well enough to pen with much correctness -*

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June 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 6 M 1804 / I am just going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M Meeting A from a variety of circumstances feel very great discouragement about it - but if it does but prove a time of religious improvement I hope to be thankful as it is my lot



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*to be so poor & lean of late that the least gleam of the fathers countenance seems very precious -
Returned from Meeting & a very sweet refreshing time it was we had three good testimonies in the first meeting. Holder Almy was concerned for himself & all present that we might center down deep in the spirit of our minds & perform acceptable Worship unto the Lord -
Ruth Davis then spoke to a state that she apprehended was present Whom the Lord was about to lay his hand heavily upon for Sin & admonished them to cease to do Evil & learn to do well -
Obadiah Davis was then concerned to address the Youth in a sweet & moving Manner - directing us to the Wonderful counselor the everlasting father & prince of peace, in all our movements in life. He observed that by properly adverting to him we should be able to make strait steps & not be liable to err. With much more good & wholsom advice which I humbly hope may prove lasting with me
The business in the last was transacted in love & condescension-*

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June 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*27 of 6 M 1804 / I am allmost at a loss to know whether my mind is in an improving state or not - From the loads of discouragement which attends me I am ready to say Alas Alas I certainly loose ground - There has been no encouragement for me to write any account of our last first day Meeting but may now say my mind was shut out from religious impressions, except at some intervals divine goodness was felt.
It is a time now in which there is great needs for me to be particularly upon the Watch Tower, lest Satan by his cunning intreagues little by little over throw me in the small measure of advancement which I have made. After we have made some little progress in things of a religious nature, we are apt to settle on our Lees [dregs] of ease & become cool & careless about them, taking but little or no heed to keep our feet upon the sure & immutable foundation, we begin to grow selfsufficient & think within ourselves, that we have attained to a sufficient degree of religions, without striving any further, having been favord to over come some of our grossest errors, & have now become considered as religious men & respectable in society making a plan [plain] appearance among men with an outward shew of Sanctity.- But Alas I find that this alone will never do - there must be a digin deep, the inward Watch & inward search must be kept up & all things which are offensive in the divine Sight must be guarded against, & every false thing that may creep into the Mind must be searched out by the candle of the Lord.-there is no stand in religion, there must be continual pressing forward, & that in humility - It is not in our own time or strength that we can obtain the least degree of favor from the Almighty, but in the Silence of all flesh we must wait to feel the revivals of it in the mind; & as we wait thus, tho' we may*



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sometimes feel much reduced & cast down, & as it were remain forty days in the Wilderness tempted by Satan, yet as we patiently endure the conflict thurning ass much as in us lays to the holy Protector, we shall be enabled in the end to say, as he did who hath trod the path before us "Get they behind me Satan

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 June 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

29 of 6 M 1804 / I seem to be drawn into very low feelings, & have been led to reflect upon my own weakness & extream poverty. My desires are that a deep search may be made in my own mind & the Minds of some others on whose account the concern originated, may all which stands opposed to the operations of truth in the heart - be thoroughly purged away.—

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 July 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d of 7th M 1804 / When I view some who have known a considerable advancement in religion, & see that they are persuing the World with increasing avidity I conclude they are not in that humble state of watchfulness which they once enjoyed, but having run well for a time have now become more hardened and callous to those tender feelings to which they were once suseptible, in those days wherein the heavenly dew [dew] fell plentifully & refreshed their Spirits -

But now having seen the wedge of Gold & goodly Babylonish garment they have fill a lusting, & become so captivated therewith, that the Lords Army cannot proceed, there is something in the way, they feel the loss of that soulsustaining bread, which in times passed, they craved above all other things.

But leaness is now their portion, their Vision is not clear, but a cloud remains between them & that which in times past they desired to see hear & taste above all other things.—

For these my spirit has been touched with mental prayer, & breathed desires for my own preservation also, that I may be more & more redeem'd from the World the potent enemy of the soul

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 July 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 7th M 1804 / Help Lord for the godly man ceathen, [ceaseth] for the faithful fall from among the children of men



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-Is a petition of David's [Buffum?] with which my mind has been affected through most of our Meet'g today. Impressed with a belief that some who were once in a good degree of a Godly spirit & endeavoring faithfully & sincerely to obtain the Mark & prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, above all things - are now become sorrowfully warped aside from this most noble persuit, & are cleaving to the things of this transitory world with allmost full purpose of heart. - Yet I believe there are times in which they feel conviction, & a want of what they once were in possession of. They cannot now feel the Lord the Everlasting God to be their Sword and Shield in every conflict with the enemy, but their minds are easily captivated by him [the enemy] & sorrowfully surrounded by his fascinating bates.- truly afflicting must this state be. I can set my seal to it from experience, for I have found when my mind has been suffered to get off the Watch, that satan is very buisy to divert it into a state of supiness & ease, here is a dangerous spot & can be got over by no other means than rising at break of day [underlined] & embracing with double care, every ray of light that we may be favord with & maintaining a strict care to Obey in humility all things which it may discover to our minds.-

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 July 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

10th of 7th M 1804 / The weather is so oppressingly hot that I feel but little streangth to work - And as I set in my Shop, feel freedom to write a little. Tho' I hardly know what to say except at this moment it occurs that last first day evening after barran Meetings, I wa[l]ked very pleasantly in company with my dear young companions Isaac & Daniel Austin, to Jonathon Dennises, & took tea with him & his wife & Abigail Sherman, & spent about two hours in their company in enjoyment of more life than I had the whole day before. They are indeed at present very sweet friends, & are endeavoring to live holy Lives, there example is such as is worthy of imitation by us who are young & coming forth in the World. May it be my constant care to live a life of Watchfullness that I may be enabled to give to those around me an example equal to theirs. — & in the end close my days with Peace.

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 July 12: In New-York, Alexander Hamilton died of his wounds.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12th of 7th M fifth of the week / Attended Meeting. Our dearly beloved friend Abigail Robinson was with us, being the first since her return from her visit to friends in the Southern States, her beloved Sister Mary Morton & her husband who are come on a visit to their parents from Philadelphia also



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attended. The Meeting was silent except a passage of Scripture was expressed by Abigail Sherman. "Seek first the Kingdom of heaven & the righteousness thereof & all things necessary shall be added unto us." which I believe was very applicable to the state of some present who are young in years & much tried in their minds with doubts & fears how they shall get along in the World.-

It was to me a most precious time which I hope will not soon be forgotten -But Oh how hath my mind been brought down in the course of this afternoon. -deep poverty has beset me. Indeed it seems as if my mind has been tried to an hairs breadth - Oh Almighty father, I pray thee to remember me, look down & raise my drooping Spirits. - Be thou my Shield & buckler, that I may be enabled to praise & Gloryfy thy name forever more-

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 July 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16 of 7th M 1804 / At our Meeting in the forenoon yesterday, D. Buffum was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony. He said he believed it was at times the wish of every individual to go [to heav]en & spoke on the means of attaining it pretty fully - after he had took his seat A Robinson, for the first time since her return, appeared in testimony in a very sweet & lively manner, which I believe will not soon be forgotten by some that were there - the Afternoon Meeting was silent, & very small

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 July 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

17th of 7th M 1804 / My feelings at present are beyond Words, or more than is best to express in words. - Oh may I learn from others faults, - to be Watchful over my conduct, that truth may never be wounded through me.

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 July 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

18th of 7 M 1804 / Holy Lord God Almighty. I feel my great weakness & shot [short] attainments to things essential rherefore Oh Father do away all that is opposed to thy will in me, for we can do nothing but by thy immediate assistance. Be pleased to raise in me living desires, yet more closely to cleave to thy laws written in the Heart.-

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July 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*19th of 7th M 1804 / preparative Meeting
This day our Valuable & much beloved friend Nathan Hunt attended Meeting & sat the first in silence. But in the last he had much labor both in the Mens and Womens Meeting. he was favor'd to discern the states & conditions of friends here in a very remarkable manner, clearly & prophetically pointing out many things which I knew to be exactly as he related them. & in regard to my own particular state, I never felt it more pointedly addressed than he did in some instances – Oh may my mind be deeply & earnestly engaged to do what is clearly pointed out to be my duly [duty] & concerned to know what the Masters will is concerning me –
I must acknowledge that altho' Nathan was much oppressed on account of the first meeting being dull & many instances of sleeping yet to me it was a good time, being preserved under a good degree of life in the forepart of it especially, & in the last was deeply instructed, for which I desire to be thankful, & keep in perpetual remembrance, many of the expressions which he dropp'd*

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July 24, Tuesday: The wife of Asa Martin, in [Rehoboth](#), had [hanged](#) herself on Sunday night. “She was deranged.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

24 of 7 Mo 1804 / Last first day [Sunday] the 22d of the M our dear friend Nathan Hun appointed the afternoon Meeting at 5 OClock, that the inhabitation of the Town might have an opportunity to whom a general invitation was given; I believe it was a time wherein the cause of truth gained ground among the people present. He was favor'd to declare the Truth for the space of an hour & a quarter in a very living & powerful manner. – many people were much wrought upon by its powerful efficacy in their Minds, being tendered and contrited. It was a tune which I hope may never be erased from the minds of any that were there. –Joshua Bradly a [Baptist](#) Minister, being informed of the Meeting, he said, he would come & at the conclusion of his own gave his hearers information of ours, & requested them to come as he wished too, & should hold no evening meeting on that Account --He accordingly attended, sat very attentively the whole time, & when the meeting broke up, went in the high seat where Nathan was, took him by the hand, & said he had gained the hearts of many that evening & thought he might by staying longer in the Town do much good, for you see says he the solemnity there is in this Meeting. I have a Meeting house which is at your service, my doors are open to you at any time. he asked him where he lodged & said he must see him again that evening. whether he went on or not I dont know, but the next Morning called on him & gave him litters to his friends in Connecticut to open the way



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for him to have meetings among them where Nathan was going – Nathan went over the ferry on second day morning in company Sam Rodman Rowland Hazard & David Williams.—

At the aforesaid Meeting the English French & Spanish Consuls were present, & many people of note in the Town - I have not heard of any that were dissatisfied but of many that confessed themselves highly gratified at the opportunity & I hope many of the prejudices which were held against friends will be removed – I must acknowledge for myself, tho' I have attended many great & Momenteous meetings, yet never did I attend one that I felt the importance of so much as this. & to my great thankfulness I am given to believe that it begun & ended well to the Glory of God

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July 25, Wednesday: Dr. Timothy Minott died in [Concord](#) at the age of 78.

Timothy Minott [of [Concord](#)], son of Timothy Minott, teacher of the grammar-school, was born April 8, 1726, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1747. He was a physician in [Concord](#), where he died, July 25, 1804, aged 78.²⁵

25. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)

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The American public was being informed that former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton had been killed in a [duel](#) with Vice President Aaron Burr:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*25th of 7th M 1804 / Deeply affected with desires for my own lasting preservation & increase in the best things
Oh may the Almighty God who is ever willing to preserve me from the pollutions of the World, still continue to keep me & difuse His blessed spirit more and more in my Soul*

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July 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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26 of 7 mo 1804 I have just returned from our Mo Meeting which was held in town, the first Meeting was silent but I believe the masters presence was felt in it, & that being the substance itself is more to be craved than vocal communication. I think the business was transacted with unusual solemnity & weight

Wm Estes alias Francis was admitted to membership with us - Anne Greene laid before us a concern which had been long on her mind to pay a religious visit to some meetings as truth might open the way in [Smithfield](#) Quarterly Meeting, & the families of Friends in [Providence](#) Mo Meeting which was feelingly sympathized with & a committee appointed to take an opportunity with her & if it appears necessary to draught a few lines by way of certificate & bring to next Mo Meeting.

Abigail Robins on returnd to us the certificate she took last summer as credentials to perform a religious visit to friends in Baltimore, N Carolina & Georgia. She said, she had not much account to give of the visit & it had not been so extensive as she at first apprehended. two of the most distant Quarterly Meetings in North Carolina Yearly Meeting, she was prevented from visiting on account of her extream low state of health, & said that thro' mercy & favor she felt her mind released from the service - she said much weakness of mind had been her lot, but the Mountains were made to skip like Rams & the little hills like lambs at the presence of the Mighty Gods of Jacob-

Her accounts appeared to be satisfactory to the Meeting, & for my part I felt a degree of thankfulness on her Account. Since I came from meeting, have received a very acceptable letter from my esteemed friend Jonathon Gorham of [Nantucket](#) at the reading of which I felt much interested as it contains an account of their Quarterly Meeting-& other matters which give me to believe that he is a young man laboring to walk in the paths of Truth for which I felt rejoiced, & desire to walk in the service with him hand in hand.

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July 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

30 of 7 mo 1804 Yesterday which was first day I took Chaise with my friend Isaac Austin & rode to [Portsmouth](#). I took breakfast at John Borden's & Isaac staid at his Uncle [Preserved Fishs](#) where we left the Chaise after breakfast we walked to Howlands ferry & crossed over to [Tiverton](#), where I went to Meeting & Isaac went to Little Compton - Now while I was riding on the Island a Living concern arose in my mind, to mind my own proper business, & when I arrived at [Tiverton](#) I had it to remember as I met with such a season, as I never experienced before, about which I believe it best to insert but little except that never was my mind so humbly bowed under my exercise as under this. which I am inclind to think will not soon be erased from my memory - I went from the ferry to the Meeting house, & as it was not Meeting time I went



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in & viewed it as I was never there before here my exercise befell me which was so great that when I got up to Thos Barkers I was not able to converse freely with them, every word was painful, after going to Thos Barkers & sitting a little while before meeting we returned & held meeting & had a pretty good time I took dinner at Thos Barkers & staid till three oclock then came over the ferry, took tea at J Bordens & then Isaac & I rode pleasantly home, & I was favord to feel an evidence in my mind that my visit was a good one, & performed in the right time.

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August 3, Saturday: The initial official council between representatives of the United States of America and western natives ocured north of present-day Omaha when Meriwether Lewis's and William Clark's Corps of Discovery met with a small delegation of Oto and Missouri residents. The captains established their routine for subsequent Indian councils: they handed out peace medals, 15-star flags, and gifts; they paraded their men and showed off their technology (magnets, compasses, telescopes, Lewis's air gun); they gave speeches about how the "Indians" now had a new "great father" far to the east who could promise them a future of peace and prosperity so long as they didn't interfere with white people or go to war against other tribes, yada yada yada.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 of 8 Mo 1804 I have thought it a favor'd time with me for several days together, or to speak in rather more explisit terms may say, a pretty strong time. having felt as it were my loins girt about as with the girdings of truth, yet this morning weakness has been my portion. – Oh Lord God Almighty be with & preserve me. I pray this from falling into reproach that by me thy precious cause may not be stained, but honor'd & Gloryfyed if it be but by Simple means

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August 4, Sunday: Elisa, ossia Il monte San Bernardo, a dramma sentimentale per musica by Johann Simon Mayr to words of Rossi, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Benedetto, Venice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 of 8 m 1804 My mind has been deeply exercised at times for a long time, about some matters, which are very trying to me. Things of the world should be duly attended to such as providing a subsistance for ourselves & families, for the Scripture saith he that will not provide for his family is worse than an Infidel. But an over reaching disposition for worldly gain will most assuredly root out the purity of religion. My Spirit has often been bowed down within me, at prserving [perceiving] some of my beloved acquaintance, whom I have loved almost as the Apple of my Eye, & whom I am well assured have been well affected &



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known the humbling efficacy of the power of Truth - chaining themselves down to things which are but little good here & none hereafter, but grasping them, forgetting the Almighty God who provideth for his humble depending children a sufficient wealth here, to carry up thro' time to our comfort & his Honor. But also giveth them abilities to lay up treasure in Heaven when the Moth nor rust of this World can never corrupt, which is a treasure worth spending our time strength to obtain -But a mind forgetting God & burying (burying) their talents as in the earth; is not only in danger of intailing grievous perplexity & trouble on himself in this world, but also in the World to come. Oh saith all that is alive & quick within me, at this time, may be careful to labor dilligently with my hands, to acquire a competency for myself & something to impart to the poor, & for every favor be thankful. Tho the stream of wealth is but small at present, Yet I have faith givin me to believe, at this time, that He who provides for the Sparrows & clothes the lillies, will not leave me to beg my bread, if my whole dependance be (united with Utmost industry) is placed on him alone, whose just due is a portion of our time set apart from the worlds concerns, for the worship & praise of his NAME.

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August 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 of 8 M 1804 What of poverty inwardly & outwardly, my mind has been reduced very low this day.
Oh Lord God Almighty my heart is ingaged to call on the that by the assistance of thy holy Arm of power I may be raised a little above what I now am. Great & manifold are thy blessings Oh Father & I desire to be thankful for all that I receive, be pleased to preserve me in this disposition that when I exercise them, my mind may not be exalted above measure, & when I am proved with poverty either from within or without I may not repine but receive it as in Mercy from Thee.*

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August 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*8 of 8 Mo / This afternoon if the weather permits I propose to walk to [Portsmouth](#) and attend our Quarterly Meeting tomorow & think I may say, my desires are that it may prove a season of proffit -
Accordingly I have been to [Portsmouth](#) lodged at Le Chases & in the Morning walk to the Meeting house, where I saw some of my intimate friends from the neighboring Mo Meeting & in particular ny valued friend Thos Howland & correspondent Thos Anthony. - The first meeting was favored, tho we set a considerable time before the way opened for communication Holden Almy was first in*



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testimony the next Mary Mitchell – short sweet and lively. Then Abigail Robinson spoke very lengthy & excellently. here I thought the Meeting was well left, but a friend rose & in my opinion hurt the weight of the Meeting, tho what she said was short. – so the Meeting concluded having set two Hours. Business in the last laboured in some instances very much, yet we got thro pretty well by keeping in the patience Abigail Robinson & Lydia Wikes [Wilkes?] returned the certificate which they took from us in the 8th Mt last to perform a religious visit to friends in the Southern States, and gave some account of the deep trials & Baptisms which they met with in the course of their Journey which had a very great affect upon the Meeting

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August 13, Monday: The state governments of New England were not themselves all that eager to cooperate in the freeing of [slaves](#). For instance, on this day the owner of a [Rhode Island](#) slave named Patience applied to the state court for permission to set her free — and such permission would of course be forthcoming, but not until October 1808.²⁶



August 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

16 of 8 M 1804 / Attended our week day Meeting & was strengthened with renew'd feelings of divine favor. Altho' in some part of it, life was low, Yet by turning to the light & keeping under its animating influence it arose to the rejoycing of my spirit, to find that I was once more favored to feel it after a season of poverty. Mary Mitchell spoke a short testimony chiefly addressed to the Youth & heads of families, which was very sweet & salutary It is my lot at this time to be dipt into several weighty Matters

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August 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 19 of 8 M 1804 / Both meetings silent took tea at Jon Denny in company with Isac Austin whoere we were soon joined by David Rodman & spent the evening together agreeably, & to a degree of profit.—

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26. By this point the brothers [Moses Brown](#), [Nicholas Brown](#), and Joseph Brown had ceased to participate in their family's slave-trading enterprise, but only after a slave mutiny aboard one of their vessels had resulted in more than a hundred deaths. The only brother continuing in this international business had been the more-money-than-sense one, [John Brown](#) ([Brown University](#) is named after [Nicholas Brown, Jr.](#), rather than after either his father Nicholas or his uncle John).



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 August 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

23 of 8M / I dont feel like inserting my feelings in particular, tho' there are some things which occasion deep seriousness of mind, even tears are often made to flow in my eyes when I am brought to consider some circumstances that I am acquainted with

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 August 25, Saturday: Alice Meynell became the first woman jockey.

Having heard that a geographical prominence the natives called “Paha Wakan” was the abode of 18-inch-tall spirits with large heads who would kill anyone who approached, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark adventured to the summit of this conical hill, taking along with them Lewis’s Newfoundland dog Seaman.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

25 of 8 m / What company that I have had in my shop, & my various conversations with them, conclude it [smudged] has been a day wherein I have not advanced much, if any, on my spiritual journey, tho' I have not been unmindful of it —

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 August 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 26 of 8 m 1804 / This morning I endeavored to draw my mind inward that I might obtain a little spiritual nourishment to sustain me in our meeting, which I attended with but little of that which I desired. Mary Morton appeared in testimony – Between meetings I finished reading the manuscript Diary of Hannah Bringhurst, lent me yesterday by her husband who has spent much of his time in this town of late with this third wife who he Married at [Tiverton](#) I can say of his wife’s diary, that it is a peace from reading I was much instructed & interested In the Afternoon meeting I undertook to fight with the enemy with spiritual weapons, & was favored to overcome him so far as to obtain a time of Solid quiet & to me the meeting ended well. Abigail Sherman was concern’d to repeat this Passage of



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Scripture. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth more laborers into into his harvest." I thought yes more faithful laborers, & O may I be one - - After meeting made several visits in the corse of the evening, but such a Serious depression of mind was my lot that I could not enjoy their company, nor could I scarcely speak a word the whole time of my being there, so came home early, & went to bed as I concluded to be alone was best at that time

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 August 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 8 M 1804 / This morning I may thankfully & humbly insert that my mind is favor'd to be in a Watchful State. Evening The day concludes with a degree of Peace

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 August 29, Wednesday: Giovanni Paisiello left Paris for Naples (he would have left earlier but Napoléon had needed for him to compose a mass for the imperial coronation).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

29th of 8 M 1804 / Much weakness is the companion of my mind, & I believe it is permitted for a wise purpose. As of late it hath appeared to be my place to gird on the whole Armor of Streangth that I might withstand or rather beat down some false Ideas with which a beloved friend of mine has been grievously entangled by learning to his own understanding & not giving heed to the Spirit -

This weakness perhaps has now come upon me that I may learn, that streangth is not to be derived in our own time, nor by human assistance. but from the Almighty God who is the Fountain of wisdom & and Streangth

I desire at times, that my mind may be kept low, that at now time it may be exalted above its measure, but at all times & on all occasions recur to him who is streangth in weakness, riches in poverty, & wisdom to the swimple - yea with my very soul at this time, may I bow in awful humility & reverential fear, before the Lord of heaven & Earth & remember that he is all sufficient & that my own endeavors are all vain without his gracious assistance -

Tomorrow is our M Meeting at [Portsmouth](#), & I fear my weakness is so great that it will prevent my going but think if it was really required of me to go that I should be willing & resign my time & money which at times I am truly desirous not to hold in competition, beyond what truth dictates but a sacrifice of them is not the obstacle there are others of quite a different nature, which opperate as a discouragement -



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 August 30, Thursday: The Meriwether Lewis and William Clark expedition held a friendly council with the Yankton Sioux. A Yankton oral tradition has it that a baby was born and Captain Lewis proceeded to wrap him in the US stars and stripes and declare him to be “an American.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 30 of 8 M 1804 / M Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) & I not there.
The whole of yesterday I was hesitating about going, & rather
thought I might get there by some means or another.
And this morning rose with a similar prospect & entertained it
till about nine O'clock when a circumstance took place which
render'd it very unfit for me to go – The case was, the Devil
that old deceiver & destroyer of all true happiness took the
advantage at an unadvised moment (when it would have been better
for me to have labor'd for the assistance of the holy spirit) &
over came me by Anger, for which I expect to suffer very deeply,
& very necessary it is, that I should –*

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 August 31, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

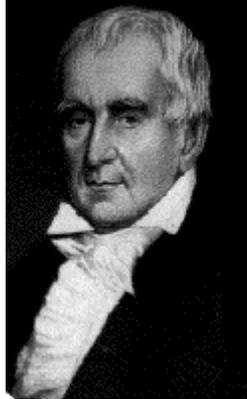
*6th day of the week, 31 of 8 M 1804/ The M ends (cross out) with
a day of but little improvement & but little labor after it*

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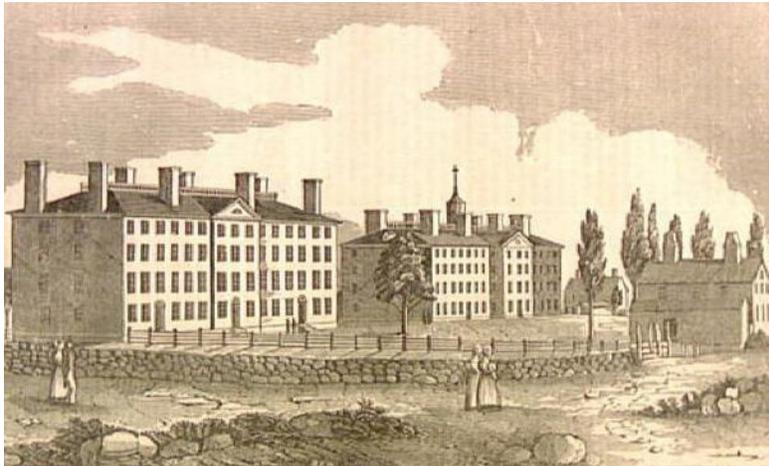
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➡ September: The College Corporation in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) had been advertising for some time that “any person giving to this Corporation the sum of Six thousand dollars, or good security therefore, before the next annual Commencement, shall have the honour of naming this University” — but there had been not a nibble. It was determined therefore that, since a chair in oratory had recently been endowed in the amount of \$5,000 by alumnus [Nicholas Brown, Jr.](#), the College of Rhode Island was henceforth to be known as



“Brown University in Providence in the State of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations.” On the existing printed forms, such as receipts for student room rent, the words “R. Island College” were to be stricken out in pen with a double line, and the words “[Brown University](#)” neatly written in above.



There’s a story floating around, that Brown University is called Brown University because the Brown family donated the money to build the first of the dedicated college edifices. That this story is utterly false may be seen from the fact that by the point at which Nicholas Brown, Jr. gave the money to found a chair of oratory, that first dedicated college edifice had already been constructed — and had already been in use for more than a full generation of human life.

I found this on page 6 of a book by David Hinshaw titled *HERBERT HOOVER: AMERICAN QUAKER*, a book that is rather problematically titled since President Herbert Hoover, although his deceased mother had been a registered Quaker minister, was definitely not himself a [Quaker](#) — was arguably himself not even a religious man.²⁷

A marked Quaker characteristic is an interest in education. This has been made manifest in many ways. Ezra Cornell, the founder



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of the university that bears his name, was a Quaker. So was Johns Hopkins, and the Brown family of Providence, founders, respectively, of the universities which bear their names.

I don't know whether **anything** in the above snippet from the book by David Hinshaw is accurate,²⁸ but for certain sure, no member of the Brown family of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) associated with [Brown University](#), which had begun as a [Baptist](#) college called Rhode Island College, was ever a [Quaker](#). One of the famous Brown brothers, [Moses Brown](#), did become a convinced Friend, but the benevolent activities of Moses were more associated with the Friends [Yearly Meeting](#) School of [Portsmouth](#), later to be renamed Moses Brown School (after his demise), rather than being associated in any way, shape, or manner with this Rhode Island College that was becoming [Brown University](#). The members of the Brown family who (in addition to their general philanthropic activities such as providing basic free transportation for people of color, from the coast of Africa to the ports of the New World) were associating with this Rhode Island College—such as the [Nicholas Brown](#) who donated \$5,000 and (surprise!) got the college renamed in his honor as [Brown University](#)—were

27. [Bert Hoover](#) did read the entire Bible prior to age 10, and would “affirm” rather than “swear” when he took the oath of office as President. He was, however, among other things, a racist who worried about the “Yellow Tide,” as well as being a man who didn't pay his bar bills unless and until he absolutely had to. All politicians knowing how essential it is to posture religiously, a special Friends Meeting House had to be set up in Washington DC for him—a meeting which in fact had no affiliation whatever with any other Quaker group—and as President he did occasionally attend there for a photo opportunity. Hoover was, however, not particularly impressed with the Quaker peace testimony and eventually came to regard the Cold War between the US and the USSR as a religious struggle. In 1950 he would call on the God-fearing nations of the world to unite “against the tide of Red agnosticism ... against the hideous ideas of the police state and human slavery.” He would never subject himself to a clearness committee, and he would never join, even at this Washington meeting which had been set up especially for his photo opportunities, a self-originating group which in fact lacked any affiliation to any other Friends anywhere.

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28. Ezra Cornell did in fact in his late adulthood contribute to the endowment of Cornell University, and he had in fact started out as a birthright [Quaker](#), but in his youth he had forsaken the [Religious Society of Friends](#) in order to marry with an Episcopalian girl—and it is clear that he never looked back. To say that he “was” a Quaker when he founded Cornell University, therefore, may in the most strict sense not be uttering a falsehood, but this would be to rely upon a Bill-Clintonian escape clause such as “It all depends upon what ‘was’ means.”



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from start to finish decidedly non-Quakerly. They were, indeed, regular Baptists, and descendants of the Reverend Chad Brown who came in at the 1st [Baptist](#) Church of Providence after the Reverend Roger Williams had decided not to participate, and of his grandson, the Reverend James Brown, also a pastor of that church.²⁹



Sorry, but this is not Quaker costume.

One of the problems of the historical profession is scholars like this David Hinshaw, who in a search for greater and greater fulsomeness simply make stuff up out of whole cloth, and, because their stuff is magnificently fulsome, of course are able to find publishers, and, because their stuff is magnificently fulsome, are of course able to find readers. (Let's share this around: the publishers who are so greedy that they are willing to publish such crap are also to blame, and the readers who are so gullible that they are able to swallow such crap are also to blame.)



September 1, Saturday: Karl Ludwig Harding discovered Juno, the 3d [asteroid](#) to be viewed from Earth. Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 1 of 9 M 1804/ I hardly know for what I am filling up paper, tho it seems sometimes as if thins occurs that may be profitable for me to keep in remembrance. Not expecting that my writing will be perused by any but myself, therefore if it should ever so happen that it should, & they meet with some things which may expose my simplicity, It may be rememeber'd it was written for my own purpose to adjust my memory to other diverse reasons, already mentioned some months past — This morning several of my particular & endeared friends have called to see me of which I was glad, & with one of them had a considerable religious conversation upon a passage of scripture, which he does not understand, as it was by our primitive Friends, & tho we did not view the subject alike, yet we conversed in friendship, & I can say that my spirit felt severely humbled thro' the corse of the conversation. This afternoon am going to Narragansett on business where I expect to stay tomorrow, which is first day—

29. Visiting the Brown Mansion in Providence, I was shown a portrait of Mrs. Brown, attired in what was described as a cashmere shawl, and informed that although her husband was Baptist, she was a Quaker. I have not checked into this allegation, but I can assure you that it was a literal impossibility that in New England during the late 18th Century and the early 19th Century, a Quaker and a Baptist could be a married couple. Marrying outside the group meant immediate disownment. This was not merely a general rule, as I am aware of no single exception to it. Mrs. Brown simply could not have been married to Mr. Brown, and been a Quaker. No matter how wealthy the family, nothing remotely like this was ever tolerated.



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 September 3, Monday: Six Canzonets C.200-205 for voice and piano by Jan Ladislav Dussek was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 3 of 9 M 1804 / According to prospect I went to Narragansett on seventh day & reached there about Sun down. Lodged that night at Silas Casey's where I was kindly entertained in the Morning, called at several places which made it near twelve O'clock before I could return to the ferry where I took Dinner, then crossed to Connanicut & went to Cousin Green's where I had rather unpleasantly to reflect on the manner of spending my time which was in worldly concerns, having attended no meeting that day - & altho' it appeared to be necessary to do as I did, yet it gave rise to some disagreeable sensations in my own mind as well as some of my friends who manifested it by observing what a poor example it was to be going about on first days, to do business for which we have six days to labour, the first or seventh is this both on which we are to rest from our outward concerns, & Weight (wait?) on the Lords with thankful hearts, for he hath furnished us with every means to acquire in the six, a sufficiency to rest on the Seventh, & devote our hearts to him whose just due is not only one but all the days of our lives - so that even when our hands are at labor, our minds ought to be devoted to HIM.- Was this our concern we should be preserved from many Evils which abundantly beset us & impede our progress in the right way -A Cousin Greens took tea, some occurrency while there rendered the time very agreeable, then came home in the corse of the evening visited several of my acquaintances. So retired to bed with but little satisfaction in the manner of my spending the day.

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 September 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 9th M 1804 / Am thankful, this morning to find my mind touched with a degree of divine life, under which I feel my spirit humbled, having of late had to ramble much on Barran Mountains.
There is nothing will bring our minds into the deeps equal to affliction, some of which I have reacently passed thro', tho' hid from human eyes*

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 September 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4 day of 5 of 9th M 1804 / This afternoon I have been led into a reflection on some of my youthful actions which were at time very rebellious against the surest intimations of Truth in my heart. Yet I have been comforted in believing that I was preserved from any Gross evil, yet there was enough that no doubt would have forfeited my inheritance in the regions of Bliss hereafter -& I am thankful to say, that notwithstanding my abundant short comings & light touches of the Cross, I have felt at times that Divine good is still near me, & that I have made some good advancement in the Great & allimportant work of Salvation

But how much more is necessary to be done ? how much more watchfulness & care is requisite, before the time which I have spent in rebellion against the spirit of truth will be redeemed. -Ah I feel it truly lamentable, & a solemn warning, to be doubly dilligent to serve the Lord with Newness of life, lest the thread of my life be shortened & I numbered with the Silent Dead—

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September 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3th day 6 of 9th M 1804 / I have just returned from meeting & hardly know what to say. whether it was a good or bad one. for my own part I may say, there was a mixture of each. For a season I had hard work to keep my mind rightly centerd. - It seems to be a time in which the Almighty hath withdrawn his comforting presence, for on several occasions I have endeavored to turn my mind inward, to enquire of the Lord his holy Mind & will concerning me, & it felt as if there was a veil betwixt him & me. - I do greatly desire at times to get deeper & deeper in religion.

Near the close of the Meeting A Sherman was concern'd to utter these words "Hold fast that which thou hast, & let no man take from thee thy Crown." -

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September 7, Friday: Moving into the Great Plains, the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark expedition had begun to encounter a different range of wildlife: coyotes, antelope, mule deer, etc. On this particular day all the men were gainfully employed in forcing a prairie dog out of its hole by dumping water down its burrow, so they could send the little guy down the river to Jefferson (in all the captains would bring back, in their journals, descriptions of 178 novel plants and 122 novel animals).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 7 of 9 M 1804 / Spent last night watching with Daniel Austin, & in the corse of it was led into some deep & interesting reflections. ---

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September 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day afternoon 8 of 9 M 1804 / For some considerable time my mind had been so dry & barren, that it has felt as if it was hard to approach the fountain of life, But may say that last evening & part of the day I have been comforted with a return of the favoring of divine love in my heart. Oh may all that is in me be aroused & quickened to a more full surrender of Self. I feel my (heart?) at this time bowed under an humbling Sense of my very great infirmity & rebellious against the Lord of Life & Glory -not that my outward conduct is such as to bring much reproach upon the cause of Truth, but there are concerns of the mind to which I am unfaithful, & if not given up to will bring on a decline of inward life, & as our beloved friend S [?] Hunt told us in our Yearly Meeting become like a dead man and stink in the nostrils of the living Tho a fair shew of religion may be kept yet we may become entirely dead to the Spirit of it - the Holy Father be pleased to touch my life as with a live from thy Altar that hereby I may be enlivened & [?] quickened to produce fruit acceptable in thy holy eye Sight

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September 9, Sunday: Nathan Crane of Cambridge got married with Nancy Baker.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 10 of 9 M 1804 / On looking over the Meeting this Morning, & observing the many careless unconcerned countenances which were in it [crossed out] I was led to reflect on the many Dwarfs there are in the Camps of Israel in these days & felt as if my harp was entirely unstrung, & was ready to conclude that the Ark could no longer be reputably supported in this land & to me it was an affecting consideration, especially when I considered my own unworthyness & allmost entire incapacity to do any thing for its support -
The Afternoon was rather a roving time. - Took tea at Sam'l Thurston. in the evening made several short visits. & in one of them I was sensible of sustaining some life from joining in more conversation than was profitable to any of us*

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September 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 11 of 9 M 1804 / Spent last night in watching again with D Austin, this is sixteen nights which I have passed either in watching with Corps or sick persons - & well remember the serious reflections which some of them occasioned.



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 September 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 12 of 9 M 1804 / By turning the eye of the mind inward was favor'd to feel life & Streangth to arise, beyond what I have experienced for some time

In this frame I went to see my beloved young friend (section crossed out) Daniel Austin (who is sick of fever) & while sitting by him it arose to a still greater height & my mind was bowed in deep humility & thankfulness for the favor of the Master's presence, once more kindly vouchsafed to me an unworthy creature.

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 September 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 14 of 9 M 1804 / This morning from several worldly & religious concerns my mind has become exceedingly exercised. - I feel all the weaknesses of human nature, while the declention of others present to my views, & forcibly feel that I am as likely to fall & bring reproach upon my profession as any one. Yet it is my great desire to be preserved under the Holy influence of Truth. When I consider what some of my beloved acquaintances have been & what they now are & that the fear is. they are likely to be still worse. My mind is brought into fear & Trembling & awful concern on my own Account.

Oh thou whom I desire to serve above all, draw nigh I intreat thee & support me, now in this renewed Exercise which presents to my view. Oh Lord enable me to stand firm in thy Power & suffer me not to turn to the right hand nor to the left in serving thee but with a willing heart yeald to all services which thou may require at my hand.-

Being unwell, went this afternoon to take a walk round the Neck in company with my intimate friend Thos Horsbay. & have just returned. -

During most of the time while we were out my mind was so depressed that I could very hardly join in in conversation, & I was affraid of being thought reserve. I very feelingly had to remember while I was sitting under a Rock a very striking passage in the Journal of our friend Job Scott, where he mentions a walk which he took in Ireland, which he says was pleasant & he might have enjoyed it, But had to remember the Wormwood & the Gaul, a considerable of which is my lot from a variety of circumstances. I felt so depressed as to be absent in mind from much of what my companion said.

As we were returning a fresh affliction was presented of which my words are wholly incometent to describe. It was the sudden removal out of Time of our dearly beloved & faithful Pillar in



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our Society John Hadwin I saw him but little before I left home, & when I heard of his decease I was so affected that it seem'd as if I should fall down in the street

He departed out of time in a solemn Awful Manner - as he was going to his garden (which he did every day) he was taken ill & sit down on the Seventh day [Baptist](#) Meeting house Steps, where he was soon discovered. while the person went to call assistance, he fell from the Steps but was soon taken to an House, where he remained some time, & seemed to recover a little at first, but was again taken ill & said to the woman friend that was with him "The scene is closed" which were his last words. Then in a short time stretched himself out and died immediately -

When we reflect upon the very exemplary life & conversation of this unexceptionable Man, whose spirit has doubtless just taken its flight to the realms of eternal day, it may tend to excite in us the warmest desires so to imitate his virtues & examples, that we may die in the like peaceful frame of Mind which he did.

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September 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 15 of 9 M 1804 / spent last night in watching with corps of Our Ancient & truly Honorable friend J Hadwin

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September 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First day 16 of 9 M 1804 / This morning at the Hour of ten, the People assembled at the late dwelling of our above mentioned friend to attend his funeral which proceeded near eleven with a large setting about half an hour. Our friend David Buffum was engaged in Testimony wherein he endeavored to turn the minds of the People to the necessity of preparing for Death, & said that the suddenness of the present decease might serve to arouse us to the necessity of being as well prepared as he was., he added that many had fallen as sudden & but few as safe & very sutably and feelingly rehersed the passage from the revelations, which saith "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord yea saith the spirit for they rest from their labors & their works do follow them." He rose a second time & said "It was better to go to the House of Mourning then to the House of feasting & appeared to be concerned on account of the People that they might seek the right way to the Kingdom of Heaven Which is to know the Lord Jesus for our selves, & not look to any outward help or Instruments.

after the Meeting ended the Corps was carried to the Grave in the burying place near the Meeting House, where after a solemn pause it was interr'd in the presence of weeping friends &



relatives, who doubtless felt their irrepaeable loss. —

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September 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 19 of 9 M 1804 / It hath been for a long time a season of great stripedness & derth (smudged) in my mind. And since the last date it seems greatly to have increased, so that I have thought an entire insensibility has covered my whole frame. — Alass Alass! I am ready at times to dry out. Oh! that it was with me as in time past & gone. How often do I find the little foxes at work in my Vineyard, niping the tender groth of the Fruit bearing branches, which was it not for those little subtil creatures which step in from every quarter would grow forth & yeald forthwith acceptable in the right of the Lord of the Vineyard, & peace to his tennant. May I be (smudge) used to a stricter search & more diligent Watch against the incroachments of these destroyers of all true happiness, & not suffer them to enter the Walls of my garden, but keep it enclosed & hedged about with those immutable materials which the Fox with his subtilty, nor the Lyon with all his formidable streangth, shall ever be able to prevail against. —

My very Soul bows within me at this time, in remembering the many times that I have been preserved from the enemies attacks by the Mighty Powers & kind hands of Israels God. May his streangth be my whole dependance, however striped I may be as to religious sensations or wordly Interest, both of which is very low at this time. — May all that is alive in me Center in deep humility before him who is streangth in weakness, health and sickness & riches in poverty. this is the breathing aspirations of my spirit at this time. —

It is what is called general Muster day. The Drums are beating & the Militia are now under Arms. One company of which has just passed my shop I was warned to attend & the Laws of the Land require it, but as the laws of Conscience forbids (smudge) I conclude it will tend most to my peace, to refuse compliance with a Law which was made by Men over the Spirit, which part (smudge) they have no right to govern. from considering it in this light I am desirous to bear my testimony against it, & endeavor to support that holy law which was given from above. Which is "Learn war no more" "Leave your enemies" &c — Since I was warnd to appear, a search has been made to find whether my life is sufficiently in the Gospel Spirit to exalt the Testimony in refusing to bear arms - And find that Altho it is not wholly conformable to it, Yet at times (smudge) I tenderly feel for its promotion & was I to attend it would crucify the Blessed Savior afresh, & inflict a wound in my mind, which if it was ever healed the Scar would go with me to the Grave.

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 September 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 20 of 9th M 1804 / Our Meeting this day was small, especially on our side the house, tho' the women mustered pretty largely. And I trust the circulation of divine Life was felt among us, to the humiliation of some of our Mind. for my part I was deeply affected on account of the low state of Society, I was led into a degree of sympathy with those who have to bear the burden in the heat of the day, every where. In the last which was preparative Meeting, there was renewed cause of exercise on account of the very low state of society part was from the queries as they observed that there was frequent neglect in some of attending our week day Meeting - at which my mind became touched with sorrow, & I thought it was right for me to stand up & make some remarks upon the Subject, but weakness or rather unfaithfulness prevented And Two of our Members were complain'd of by the overseers, & sent forward to the M Meeting ————— I know not how soon I may become a subject of offense & dealing. But crave at this time that thro' all my weaknesses & tryals to be preserved from being a reproach to that cause which is precious

 September 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 23 of 9 m 1804 / Our Meeting in the Morning was silent - but in the Afternoon A Sherman spoke a few words And A Robinson sweetly addressed the Truth, at which my mind was was much affected. it was a time of refreshment, for which I desire to be thankful ———

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 September 25, Tuesday: Near what is now Pierre, South Dakota the Teton Sioux (the Lakota) demanded that the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark expedition surrender to them of their boats, as a toll for moving farther upriver. This almost brought a fight, until headman Black Buffalo interceded.

Yellow fever broke out in Livorno.

The 12th Amendment established a new and more appropriate procedure for voting by electors for president and vice-president. Each elector had been casting two ballots for president, with the candidate obtaining the highest number of votes (assuming that candidate received a simple majority of more than half of the total votes) becoming president, and with the second highest vote-getter becoming vice-president. In case of ties, as had happened in 1800, an election decision had to be made in the House of Representatives. When [Thomas](#)



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[Jefferson](#) and Aaron Burr, running as a ticket for the republicans, tied in electoral votes, the lame duck congress had to cast 36 ballots before it determined to award the presidential office to Jefferson, and the decision reached was owing mostly to the rules about voting by state in the House of Representatives. Because the fear among republicans was that the federalists were going to appoint the senate president pro tem while calling for a new election, or award the presidential office to Burr, when the republicans took over the Congress they passed the 12th Amendment to require electors to vote for a president and a vice president simultaneously and separately, in order to prevent a repeat of one of the last acts of the “reign of witches” — as Jefferson termed the Adams administration.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 9 m 1804 / I have been reflecting this afternoon, on What I now am & what I might have been, if I had faithfully yealded to bear the Cross which was laid upon me in my childhood. And find that I have made but little progress, as by this time I might have been a strong Man in the Lord, & now am but a weak one –

My mind has been humbled under those reflection, & been brought to consider how many there are, who have been tenderly visited & revisited & at time been ready to say with David “If I forget thee O Jerusalem let my right hand forget her cunning, if I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer(?) not Jerusalem leave(?) my chief joy” But now Alas find themselves sitting by the Rivers of Babylon; unable to sing the Lord’s Song, being in a strange land, often remembering with sorrowful & fearful acusations the days when they were encircled round about by the Walls of the Lion. Through weakness unable to trace back the steps which they have taken from that city whose Walls are Salvation & whose Gates are praise; being sorrowfully captivated with the fascinating fictions of the Mock City of Babylon, with whose Merchandize many who have been highly favored of the Lord are now become drunken. – And have great need to turn unto him who will, on the grounds of obedience, graciously assist us, again to make straight steps & finally become inheritors of his most desirable City.

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September 26, Wednesday: The *Gazette Nationale* reported that Jan Ladislav Dussek was named Kapellmeister to Prince Ludwig Ferdinand of Prussia in Magdeburg, a passionate amateur pianist and composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 26 of 9th M 1804 / It is at present a very low time with me having had to feel my own weakenss & poor state in inward & outward circumstances; both are trying, & have been so ever since the expiration of my Apprenticeship –

The many deficiencies which appear among us in this Town, in religious concerns, has of late, often bowed my spirit, & raised desires that I might press forward thro’ all the difficulties & discouragements that may attend me, & become firmly fixed on that rock which is never to be shaken.–



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 September 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 27 of 9 M 1804 / Our M Meeting is held in town & from a heavy cold which I have taken attended with a Head ach, fear that it will be difficult to sit the Meeting, but intend to try & hope to be favord with a season of improvement – Attended Meeting. When I first took my seat from my indisposition was apprehensive of being tried with drowsiness, but endeavoured to center to the source of Life & was favord to sit quietly under a degree feeling which was improving to my Mind The drowsiness vanished – Holder Almy spoke, & intimated that there were them present who had not the Wedding Garment on, & that unless they wer more faithful they would be bound hand and foot & cast into utter darkness, where there will be weeping and nashing of teeth. I have no doubt of this truth that there are many members of our Society (of which number I am often concious of being one) who appear at solemn opportunities & are not cloathed sufficient Life to make their company acceptable to the Master of the Feast. -Jeremiah Austin was also concerned in testimony – The business went on but heavily, tho' considering all things friends were favord to keep in the patience pretty well.–

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 September 28, Friday: Franz Schubert was one of several boys examined by Antonio Salieri and found good enough to sing in the Imperial Court Chapel.

 September 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day afternoon 29 of 9 mo 1804 / I am much indisposed today so as hardly to be able to keep about, but as I am sitting in my shop, feel inclined to insert that my mind has been favord with renewals of life, for several days past - in which time feelings have occured which at present may be better felt than expressed.

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 October 1, Monday: [William Emerson Faulkner](#) died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2 day of 10 M 1804 / Yesteray from much indisposition was unfit to attend Meeting. And in sitting quietly at home my mind was brought into feeling on account of several Matters.— Spent part of the day in reading Alice Hayes's account of her Travells in Life - & some part of Scripture

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 October 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 5 of 10 M 1804 / Since the last date it has been with me a very low time, both in body & mind, having been so unwell as not to be able to do any work, & a part of the time confined to the House

My mind is this morning deeply affected & bowed in humble thankfulness before the Lord under a sense of his goodness & merciful loving kindness to me a poor unworthy mortal

If I should be proved with firther & deeper tryals than I have already been, which are from within & without I crave the help of him who is Mighty and able to help, as they have been Almost as much as I can bear from complications of circumstances.

Oh Lord God Almighty be pleased to draw near & invest my spirit with thy power that therreby I may be quallified for such service as thou may see meet to appoint for me to perform

And O Father thou knowest for whom my heart is engaged at this time, be pleased to lay thy hand upon them that they may be drawn by thy Cords and constrained to walk in thy paths & come into thy Vineyard, & become fruit bearing branches

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 October 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 6 of 10 M 1804 / But little to say except that the day has gone on in the persuit of Worldly gain, but little turning or searching after substance of the most enduring kind.

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 October 9, Tuesday: In Ipswich there was a great gale with much rain. Many trees were blown down and large numbers of fowls, turkeys, geese, sheep, and cattle were killed. (Could it be that the gale in question occurred during the hours of darkness, thus accounting for reports from Ipswich dated the 9th and reports from Boston dated the 10th?)

The town of Hobart was founded on the island of Tasmania by British colonists.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3 day 9 of 10 M 1804 / The day has passed with but little enjoyment of the true Life; yet I feel at this time the arising of it in my mind.- In several days past I have been very dry & lean. which when I come to reflect upon, is very alarming to find that I am on the barren Mountains & desolate Hills, where no nourishment is to be found. -

Well may I learn wisdom from this state, & be aroused to a more diligent state of Watchfulness & proper weighting upon the Lord who is the Source of Life Wisdom & Strength -

Several of our Friends have this day gone for Providence to attend the Quarterly Meeting. I should have been Glad to have been in their company had my health & other circumstances permitted.

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October 11, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3 day 11 of 10 M 1804 / Attended Meeting which was small, but very precious to me —

In the evening I called at Obadiah Williams's where were several of my endeared acquaintances.

When I first went in, I apprehended it would be my place to set very still and say but little, which I did & waited for the arisings of life, with my mind turned inward, & felt it graciously Vouchsafed - after some time I found the way opened to engage in conversation accompanied with a care not to be too much in expression.

I do really believe, there is much to the right improvement to be gained by young people's assembling together & turning their Minds to that Teacher which will teach us the right way, & by associating together we are brought near to each other in that love which will cement our hearts in an Indissoluble Union, which is necessary for us all to feel before we can become rightly qualified to be helpful in the Church - Thus by being together in the right way our minds assimulates & begets a nearness which is profitable & will make us one family even that family of Love - Oh that this was more the case among us as a Society then should we be a different people even fair as the Moon clear as the Sun & terrible to the enemies of Truth as an Army with Banners.

I forcibly feel the necessity of those observations as I write them having seen the great loss which Divers have sustained on this highly favored Spot of R Island for the want of family correspondence I believe so the Youth would not Marry out of Society as does, were parents timely & properly to introduce them into such company as would be profitable, - but for the want of this they go abroad & seek associates of their own choosing & thus slide down the current of Vanity and dissipation -How often does reflections of this kind pass my mind & how often is my mind brought to sympathize with my beloved young friends



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of this description.

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October 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

13 of 10 m 1804 / Our friends who attende the Quarterly Meeting have returned having when going experienced a time of Tribulation, from a Severe Storm. The wind was so high that it was with great difficulty that these who went by land could ride in their Chaises & were in danger of being blown of Browns Bridge, heavy rain with Thunder and Lightning added to the Awfulness of the Scene they got very wet, & some of them were out till late in the evening.

Our Beloved friends Anne Greene & Susanna Barker who have been to [Smithfield](#) & [Providence](#) on a religious account return'd with peaceful Minds, feeling the Answer of well done faithful Servants, having done my Will – The substance of this Dear Cousin Anne expressed to me on the evening of her return

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October 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 14th of 10th mo 1804 / Truth was in dominion, at our foorenoon Meeting, we were favored to get into a solid quiet frame, such a frame as might be felt by those who are affar of, from the spirit of Truth in the heart; after we were quietly seated perhaps twenty Minutes, Our friend D. Buffum was conceren'd to speak extensively on the subject of happiness, setting forth the difference between the false & true, & said he felt a degree of Gospel Love to flow toward the gathering which warranted him thus to address us, tho he felt himself to be but a feeble instrument.

Then A Robinson rose, took up the subject & intersperced it with very instructing counsel to several states which she apprehended were present. –At her conclusion David rose again & was concerned to speak in a very remarkable manner on the Doctrine of accountability, which made my very inmost parts rejoice, knowing there were some who had imbibed those miserable tenates of Universal Salvation to their great hurt, if not total blindness. –the knowledge of which has of late greatly afflicted my heart, so much so that several times I have left my shop in much distress, to visit the individual; & have endeavored to make use of all the powers which I am endued with to alter this judgement, in this Soul destroying Doctrine. –

Our Meeting in the Afternoon was Silent and Solid – after Meeting took Tea with D Williams & wife, & was favor'd with much solidity of Mind thro the evening: for which I trust I am measurably thankful, & hope to be found worthy of more favors which cometh from the LORD ALONE



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 October 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 10 m 1804 / Attended our meeting which was silent, solemn & instructing; from several serious and weighty reflections which Arose in my Mind.

————— Stephen Gould [Newport](#)
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 October 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 10 m 1804 / My Brother James proposes tomorrow morning to sail for Charleston S Carolina to work at his trade this Winter, which has occasioned very serious reflections in my mind.

*He has just gone from my shop, & I have been enabled to impart my feelings & advice to him on the occasion, to my great comfort * his cordial acceptance, which is an additional satisfaction to find that he received it as he did. – I much desire he may be preserved in that pernicious City, where Vice of every kind is so predominant, as hardly to be noticed, or supressed by its Inhabitance; I apprehend, that a Youth who goes there without the Stay of a Father or Guardian is ever liable to be led into the facinating wickedness of gameing or Whore Housses, which will desstroy their peace here & Eternal Happiness hereafter Therefor my sincere desires, I trust have assended to the Almighty, that he richly endow him with his holy preserving spirit, which if he will take heed to will preserve him from every snare & even display him as an ensign of righteousness to those who have never known the ways of the Lord.*

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 October 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 26 of 10 M 1804 / Last forth day evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#), to attend the M Meeting, Lodged at cousin L Chase in the morning after breakfast walked up & spent a little time with Cousin Shadrack and wife, – from there went to Meeting. The first was a pretty quiet one tho' I did not enjoy it as fully as at some other times, being rather unsettled in mind. – Sarah Fish spoke a few words towards the close of it.

In the last Meeting, business was transacted pretty well Took dinner at Cousin L Chase's & from there went to Cousin Alice Goulds & took tea, then came home & called to see Obediah Williams who is very ill with Disentary.



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October 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 27 of 8 M [sic] 1804 / Last night I spent in watching with my beloved friend Obediah Williams, & although he was very much indisposed yet in the course of the evening & night he communicated some very deep & excellent counsel to me on diverse subjects, particularly on my conduct towards the Officer whom I hourly expect either to carry me to Goal or take my property for a militia fine. - & on the Subject of our Young friends going from home in early age to the Southern States. - the temptation which they are liable to, & et, he added that unless they are well founded & grounded on the pure substance itself they are likely to become entirely lost -says he, speaking of Young friends, Oh it is as a sea of Glass on which they stand, & few there be that are able to keep their ground. - & much more which I have forgot to repeat but wish the substance may long remain -

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October 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 29 of 10 M 1804 / Yesterday attended Meeting. - In the forenoon D Buffum delivered an instructing testimony founded on these Words "Go work in my Vineyard & whatsoever is right I will give thee" I think it a favored day, particularly in the afternoon, when my mind was brought into Silent, deep, & serious meditation, on account of the low state of society, how many there are who have been religiously concerned, & seen better times, but now are fast declining as the Spirit of true religion, & become as it were dupes to the world. - My mind was deeply affected on behalf of these, with desires that they might be stirred up to a more lively Zeal for the promotion of Religion in themselves & others. -But more particularly was my feelings awakened for myself, feeling but little Authority to say or do much for that cause which I wished might be promoted. I became truly desirous to dig down deeper into my mind that I might discover the reason of my weakness - & find watchfulness & faithfulness is my great Lack Spent the evening agreeably with D. Buffum -

By virtue of the following Militia warrant (if there be any virtue in it) Was this day 29 of Month taken from me. steel watchchains 2 Gilt Seals & 2 Buckle Brushes, worth about 3 Dollars, by James Chappel Constable. -

Warrant

[Newport](#) State of [Rhode Island](#) & [Providence](#) Plantations

[seal]

To the town sergant or either of the constables in the County



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of Newport

Whereas Stephen Gould of Newport in the County of Newport, private in the Company of Infantry in said Newport, Commanded, commanded by Charles C Dunham, in the Regiment of Militia, In said County Commanded by Joseph Boss Junr Coln Comodant

Was duly notified to appear at the Company's parade, in said Newport on the 19th day of Sept 1804 with such arms & Equipments as the Acts of Congress & of the Honble General Assembly of the aforesaid State are required. - And Where as Contrary to the Law in this Case made and provided the said Stephen did not appear at said time & place, & hath therefore forfeited the Sum of \$1.50 Cents to the use Directed by Law.- all which will appear by the List of Delinquents, & Warrant of the Captain returned to the undersigned Justice of the peace for the Town of Newport afforesaid, Dated the 29th day of Sept. 1804. Therefore in the Name of the said State you are hereby Commanded forwith of the Goods & Chattels of the Said Stephen Gould within your precinct to Levy by Distress & sale shall thereof, the sum of \$1.50 Cents with 25 Cents for this Writ & also Your Lawful Fees for the Services hereof. & for Want of such Goods and Chattels you are required to take the Boody of the said Stephen Gould & him safely Commit to the Goal in said Newport, where the keeper thereof shall safely keep him till he pay the sums afforesaid, with Legal Fees & costs, or shall be otherwise Discharged by Law Hereof Fail not: but True return make of your Doings thereon, to the undesigned Justice of the peace within Twenty Days from the Date hereof.

Given under my hand & seal at Newport afforesaid the 9 day of October 1804 & of Independance the twenty Ninth.

Rob't Taylor Justice of the Peace

Thus this state which formerly was the most attentative to concienious people of all on the Continent have now Degenerated into the rigor, while that of Boston & several others have come out of their Old Spirit of persecution & do not so much as call on friends to appear at their Militia Musters,- The suffering of mine has been but very small compared with their of old times. This is the first time I have been called upon since my Apprenticeship & I believe was careful to take as near the worth of the fine as possible.

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October 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

31 of 10 M 1804 / Last evening my dear Mother arrived here from NYork where she has been on a visit to her Sister & Friends. - My mind has of late been deeply affected on Several accounts &



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*in times of cogitation, these lines from an old pease which I
have met with, of the wrighting of Ann Schoolfield has passed
thro' my mind to my Instruction & comfort*

*"My heart is affected So
For ease I know not where to go
But unto the great King of Kings
Who comfort to the people brings."*

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November 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 3 of 11 M 1804 / Since the last date my mind has been
allmost dead to religious engagement, except that I have been
favored to write a letter to my brother James, in which I believe
I was uncommonly quallified, & am thankful for it, greatly
desiring it may have good effect. -*

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November 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 5 of 11 M 1804 / Last seventh day towards evening I found
an inclination to go to [Portsmouth](#), intending to be at their
meeting on first day -
After I had filled [~~crossed out~~] myself began to walk on, &
when I had walked about half a mile, began to feel fatigued &
discouraged about the undertaking, & looked back & saw two
market Carts. & had thoughts of applying to one of them to help
me on my journey, but when they came up I felt sensible that
they would not be willing. - & was ready to turn back, but on
observing two chaises behind me, concluded to keep on untill
they came up. finding the first was full, I thought within
myself, "I'll trust with a gegree [degree?] of faith & perhaps
I shall get along, so when the other came up found it had but
one person, who readily took me up & carried me within a Mile &
an half of where I wished to go" -
This I mention that I may see ways are sometimes cast up for us
when no way appears, & when prospects are dull & gloomy we are
provided for to our admiration. - & there is no doubt, if we are
careful to dwell on holy Ground the kind hand of the Almighty
will be with us both in spiritual & temporal concerns. - may
dependance be ever placed on this Spot -
The next day I went to Meeting in which my mind was much
afflict'd on taking a view of the people present, to see & feel
the dull stupor which prevailed almost over the whole of us. -
the State of Society was quite moving to my mind, to see so few
Standard bearers, & so few who are likely to come forward to*



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succeed or join with the present had an effect which moved all that was alive in me, with desires that thro' faithfulness I might contribute a little to the present drooping state of society. — After meeting my feelings were much more [?arached] as I found the [smudge] stopt to treat with a Young man who had paid his Militia fine.

Dined at Cousin Chases where my mind was so feeling impressed with the above mentioned subjects with others that I felt conversation to be a burden to my mind. —took tea at Cousin Alice Goulds & saw her poor son Wm who was much affected at seeing me he is a moving Object, & may the sight of him serve as a Monument of human frailty— then came home & spent the evening at C Rodmans to some edification.

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 November 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 of 11 M 1804 / 4 day of the Week
Things wear a gloomy prospect both as to the inward & outward, but I trust I have seen where to place my confidence even on him who is the ruler & disposer of Heaven and Earth, & altho' it may be long before he lifts up the light of his countenance, & is pleased to gladen us with the rays thereof, yet I humbly trust, by patient waiting, as at his Holy foot Stool, we shall yet see his mercy graciously extended to the admiration of our drooping Minds. —*

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 November 8, Thursday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 4th Annual Message.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 8 of 11 M 1804 / Attended Meeting which we passed in Silence, & some degree of solemnity cover'd my mind. Altho my meeting was some what comparable to a confused dream yet I trust some part of it was acceptable. — What I mean by confused dream, is, — my mind would sometimes be in one place, & sometimes in another & hard to be kept to the center & sorce of life. — Confusion of this kind is often my experience, the Adversary is very buisy [?] to insinuate worldly concerns when we attempt to turn our thought inward, & it is astonishing to see how subtly, & at what unsuspected quarters he will bring in his vain thoughts, to divert our attention from silent, & acceptable Worship of God, even when, I have the most desirious to overcome him, he has tried the harder, but thankfully may I say the sometimes I have been favored to overcome & lay waste his



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designs. –

*My mind has been seriously concerned for some days, on account of the Inhabitation of our Town, especially those who are in low circumstances. a cold & perhaps [sic] hard Winter is now approaching, & there is but very little Wood to be sold, & what there is, is so very dear, as to render it impossible for them to procure a sufficiency to keep them comfortable, & what is greatly to be feared is that it is not likely to be any better. perhaps what has led me into this sympathy, is that I am something in their condition, & there is nothing can bring us to realise things like experience
I view it as a very great calamity & no doubt is designed to bring us nearer to the true & living faith. Indeed it has been a remarkable time, this Year throughout the whole continent, what of pestilence, Severe Storms, Drought &c, all of which the kind hand of the Almighty has evidently been in. – I am ready to conclude that it is time for us to be up & doing for ourselves. –*

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November 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 13 of 11 M 1804 / Alas for me! I have been & still am, so poor as hardly to be able to write, how I spent my time on first day last the 11th instant. All I can say is that I attended meeting's which were silent. I trust a degree of favor attended, & am sure that I endeavored to turn my mind inward to the Life, but Satan was permitted to buffet me in a large degree.
In the Afternoon, after Meeting I walked down to Jon Dennis's took tea, & spent part of the evening, in the course of which we drew into a solemn Silence, & Dear Hannah was concerned to supplicate the Almighty for preservation, & strength to be enabled to perform our days work with acceptance, become faithful Burden bearers, & render the praise, Glory & Honor to him who it belongeth.
The evening ended to my solid satisfaction, being comforted with more life than at any time before in the course of the Day.*

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November 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day, 15 of 11 M 1804 / From a variety of circumstances my mind has (this morning) become much exercised, & may Oh may it have as profitable, as it is humbling tendency — In the first place it seems as if the Lords judgements are abroad in the Earth, especially on the Inhabitation of [Newport](#), & it is the poorer classes of people that are likely to feel it the most forcibly



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—There is at present not a stick of wood to be sold in town. — I heard yesterday that there was some sold at the rate of \$10 Dollars P Cord, a number of people are nearly quite out, & a cold tedious Winter is fast approaching; & what will be our fate the Lord with his all seeing eye only knows. May He with his Almighty power arise for our help, & spare his Judgements for this time, altho we are very unworthy of his protection. The next matter which has nearly affected my mind is, the time of great stumbling that it is, among some who stand foremost in the rank, as well as many of less conspicuous stations in our Society. Oh! that I may be preserved in true & living faith: that faith which worketh by love to the purifying of the heart. I am now going to meeting with desires to perform acceptable worship thro' the assistance of the holy Spirit.—
Afternoon. — The abovementioned desires were measurably granted, the meeting was small owing to its being very stormy, there was but three women & but few men yet it was a quiet solid time. — I have this Afternoon read over some part of my journal, with which my mind has been sensibly affected; and renewedly confirm'd in the belief that it is right for me to continue in the practice of it, as way opens.



November 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 19 of 11 M 1804 / It is indeed at present with me a season of great streight My hands are ready to hang down & my knees to smite together for fear. In both inward and outward circumstances, for in the outward, I am almost ready to give out at times, having but little business & some heavy expences, & in the inward there is so much of the evil nature for me to grapple with that it seems very hard to enjoy the Light & Life but very little time together. — Oh Lord God Almighty I intreat thee to be with me lest I perish.

Oh the labor that I have had with some who are stumbling in the true & genuine faith in God, My mind has been deeply humbled & bowed down on the account of some. It is not a time for me to give way to many of the discouraging feelings which some times present to my views, but rather to put on the whole armour of streangth to combat false notions which some have imbibed, who were once in a flourishing state, but it now seems as if satan had taken them, & was sifting them as as wheat. — Oh may I be enabled to resist him the the wicked deceiver of Men, & I have no doubt but all who are rightly desirous & continue faithful will be enabled to put him to flight, for his countenance will fall before the true light, he can never stand before it.

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November 20, Tuesday: The New-York Historical Society was formed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 20 of 11 M 1804 / Oh! the deep & proving seasons which I



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have to pass thro', it seems as if faith & patience on every hand were tried as to an hairs breadth, yet I am sensible that others have far greater & deeper Baptisms than mine & have to thank the Father & fountain of every sure Mercy for his tender dealings, under a firm & indubitable belief that all our suffereings are permitted for the refinement of our Souls, that they may be prepared for another & far better world where sorrow is never known nor anxious cares perplex. Whether I am ever to walk in a more easy path than I do at present I cannot tell, but if my afflictions do but work for the far more exceeding & eternal weight of Glory, I hope to be content, & suffer with cheerfulness what ever may be cast up for me, hard as it may be for flesh & blood to bear -

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November 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 21 of 11 M 1804 / How poor, how weak & almost disconsolate are my feelings to day? was it not that I have felt the healing hand of the Almighty to be underneath, I should have been ready to conclude, that an entire fall was my inevitable doom. - Oh! Lord grant me patience & endue me with faith & streangth to hold out as long as things are so dark & Gloomy, that all may redound to thy Honor & praise; suffer I beseech thee no dishonor to be brought on the holy cause through me. -

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November 22, Thursday: [Mount Vesuvius](#) erupted: "Effusiva — Lava a SW attorno ai Camaldoli tra Torre del Greco e Torre Annunziata. Danni alle colture."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22 of 11 M 1804 / Our Meeting to day was much disturbed by a drunken Man who came in soon after the Meeting & gathered took his seat young womens quarter which discomposed them & the whole Meeting, by coughing & speaking so loud as to be heard over the whole house, yet to me it was a time of quiet, & I was refreshed & comforted - In the preparative Meeting Richard Mitchell Obadiah Williams & Jonathon Dennis were proposed as overseers, & the account sent to the M Meeting. In my shop this evening one of the most remarkable opportunities that perhaps ever has taken place in the whole corse of my experience, was between a dearly beloved young friend of mine & myself - As we were talking on many things, I was led to express myself in a degree of Zeal to a considerable length. - When the conversation ended we were both evidently under good impressions, & took our seats & centered down into an awful stillness of mind in which I felt desirous that all which I might do for the promotion of the cause of truth may be to the Honor



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& Glory of God alone, & that I might not vaunt anything of my own when I have been favored to speak to the convincement of any mind. - The power of the Lord God Almighty had wrought so powerfully between us that he kneeled in supplication to the Almighty in much brokenness of spirit, craving our preservation, & that we might be strengthened to run the row that is set before us with acceptance. - It was such a time that I desire may never be forgotten by him nor me -

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November 23, Friday: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#) would allege, in his campaign bio supporting Brigadier General [Franklin Pierce](#)'s campaign for President of the United States of America in 1852, that Pierce had been born on this date at Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire:



FRANKLIN PIERCE was born at Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, on the 23d of November, 1804. His native county, at the period of his birth, covered a much more extensive territory than at present, and might reckon among its children many memorable men, and some illustrious ones. General Stark, the hero of Bennington, Daniel Webster, Levi Woodbury, Jeremiah Smith, the eminent jurist, and governor of the state, General James Miller, General McNeil, Senator Atherton, were natives of old Hillsborough county. General Benjamin Pierce, the father of Franklin, was one of the earliest settlers in the town of Hillsborough, and contributed as much as any other man to the growth and prosperity of the county.... At Franklin Pierce's birth, and for many years subsequent, his father was the most active and public-spirited man within his sphere; a most decided democrat, and supporter of Jefferson and Madison; a practical farmer, moreover, not rich, but independent, exercising a liberal hospitality, and noted for the kindness and generosity of his character; a man of the people, but whose natural qualities inevitably made him a leader among them. From infancy upward, the boy had before his eyes, as the model on which he might instinctively form himself, one of the best specimens of sterling New England character, developed in a life of simple habits, yet of elevated action. Patriotism, such as it had been in revolutionary days, was taught him by his father, as early as his mother taught him religion. He became early imbued, too, with the military spirit which the old soldier had retained from his long service, and which was kept active by the constant alarms and warlike preparations of the first twelve years of the present century. If any man is bound, by birth and youthful training, to show himself a brave, faithful, and able citizen of his native country, it is the son of such a father.

Presumably we should accept this as accurate at least insofar as date and place of birth, and names of parents, despite the fact that had Pierce been born outside the USA, he would not have been eligible under the Constitution to run for President, as these are data elements attested to by independent, objective, and ordinarily truthful sources as well as by this creative bio done up for him by a college buddy. As to whether Franklin actually inherited from his father anything more than a love of strong drink, as to whether Franklin ever exhibited what we would term patriotism rather than what we would term opportunism, the record this politician left for our consideration is considerably more problematic.

The old people of his neighborhood give a very delightful picture of Franklin at this early age. They describe him as a beautiful boy, with blue eyes, light curling hair, and a sweet expression of face. The traits presented of him indicate moral symmetry, kindness, and a delicate texture of sentiment, rather than marked prominences of character. His instructors testify to his propriety of conduct, his fellow-pupils to his sweetness of disposition and cordial sympathy. One of the latter, being older than most of his companions, and less advanced in his studies, found it difficult to keep up with his



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class; and he remembers how perseveringly, while the other boys were at play, Franklin spent the noon recess, for many weeks together, in aiding him in his lessons. These attributes, proper to a generous and affectionate nature, have remained with him through life. Lending their color to his deportment, and softening his manners, they are, perhaps, even now, the characteristics by which most of those who casually meet him would be inclined to identify the man. But there are other qualities, not then developed, but which have subsequently attained a firm and manly growth, and are recognized as his leading traits among those who really know him. Franklin Pierce's development, indeed, has always been the reverse of premature; the boy did not show the germ of all that was in the man, nor, perhaps, did the young man adequately foreshow the mature one.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 23 of 11 M 1804 / I have in the course of the day paid attention to a wellwishing friend of mine as he has set in my Shop reading the Life of Baron F Trink & I have concluded it is not a proffitable Book for young people to read., as the tenor of it is inconsistent with the Spirit of the Gospel, his pitiful tale of adventures will sometimes raise the power of sympathy & we can see no way but to assent to what he did as being right, thus the mind by dabbling with books which tend to amuse the heads if not affect the heart is drawn away from the pursuit of purity & holiness, & at reading those books which affect the passions we often get so raised & to be ready to think they are religious impressions & so center into very unprofitable Ideas of things, - Altho I have heard much of this book need to day, yet very deeply has my spirit been affected with things of quite a different nature. -

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November 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 24 of 11 M 1804 / I trust the week ends with some degree of spiritual advancement.

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November 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day of 25 of 11 M 1804 / Our meetings were both silent, but to my mind good solid opportunities. Took tea at Sam Thurstons & spent part of the evening in Company with our friends David Buffum
Between meetings My Mother related the following anecdote of my infancy. As we were sitting conversing on several subjects, I observed that my path had been different from some, & said*



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that I wondered at it, to which it was reply'd, it was born with me, for I always had an aversion to a woman with an high cap, or gaetry [gaiety?] in general one day when three valuable friends were at our house, who I have since dearly loved & truly honor'd, whose names were Isaac Lawton, Mary Mitchell & my cousin David Greene, she was sitting with me in her lap when about a Year Old I lay & looked at them again & again, & after a while said, "how do" which were the first words that ever I spoke. The circumstances of my speaking was observed by the friends present, & one of them said I was born a friend, & when my mother told me of it today I reply'd I hope I shall die one - This is inserted for my own benefit, therefore if it should ever be perused by others & considered a weakness, let it be remembered that it was to serve my own turn, as I consider If I should live in some future day when weakness & trials assail me recurring to this may affort [afford] me some little streangth as it has had a similar effect at hearing it related.

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November 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 26 of 11 M 1804 / The day spent as usual at work in my shop. The evening spent at Walter Cornells in the valuable and instructing company of my beloved Cousin Anne Greene -

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November 27, Tuesday: A new wooden arch toll-bridge over the Connecticut River connected the Main Street of the town of Hinsdale in New Hampshire with the sovereign state of Vermont — replacing a ferry that had been in operation near the Simon Brooks farm two miles below the town. The bridge was of such defective construction that in a few years its arch would fall.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 27 of 11 M / This morning I rose considerable time before day. - & on rising was very instructingly presented to the view of my mind, that of the Apostles going before day to visit the Sepulcre of my Saviour, & of his being risin before they had arived. - Accompanied with desires that my spirit might Seek after him untill he may be found whom I have long faintly sought after. & altho he may be risin & I not able to find him till after a long search, yet he will appear in the right time, & occasion [cause] our hearts to Burn within us, as he did the hearts of those he talked with on the road - Those reflections were imprinted on my mind with the seal of intruption this morning while it was yet dark -.

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November 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 28 of 11 M 1804 / My mind for several days has been favored with something of divine sweetness. And Oh I am humbly Thankful for it I feel the Spirit of the Father, near my heart as I write & am almost broken into tears from the effects of it. - He is Good & my mind bows before him with humble acknowledgements for the many favors which I have received at his Gracious, & all bountyfull hand, he bears long with us in our weaknesses, he certainly hath borne long with me, & yet they are far from being all purged away. - But hope & trust by his holy refining power, wholly to be redeemed from the earthly nature, believing it a work possible to be done.

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November 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 29 of 11 M 1804 / Attended our M Meeting which was to my mind a sweet & precious season - Our Beloved Anne Greene was favored to preach the Gospel in the Authority of her Master: & my mind was deeply affected at her communication. - in the last meeting she return'd the copy of the Minute which she Took from us some Months past to visit the M Meeting of [Providence](#) & some meetings in [Smithfield](#) Quarter & said she had but little to say except, that she was ready to lay it all at the feet of him who had helped her through, & hoped it might be an encouragement to others to cast in their mites. She brought two endorsements on her certificate from [Smithfield](#) & Uxbridge, & a certificate from [Providence](#) expressing their unity with her in her Gospel Labors among them. - My mind was affected from the many afflicting circumstances that were before us, no less than four Young men were under dealing for their misconduct I never remember to have been in a meeting where in my mind was under more sensibility than in that, & desire to be thankful that I was capable of feeling, & kept in a tender quickened frame of Mind.
After Meeting I rode to [Middletown](#) on business, & staid all night. -The next day came home, & went to Narragansett where I staid overnight & the next day came home seventh day*

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December 2, Sunday: In a glittering ceremony at the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, a ceremony that included of course Pope Pius VII, [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) made himself the crowned emperor of France, and then crowned his wife Josephine as Empress. Everybody who was anybody was there. The music for the occasion, a mass and a Te Deum, was by Giovanni Paisello. Due to the entire absence of color photography, the scene would need to be depicted by David:



Our question for us of course would be, is the Napoleonic [General Thoreau](#) to be found anywhere in this sea of faces?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2 of 12 M 1804 / Our Meetings to day were very large. D Buffum was concerned in a few words of testimony in the morning: but my poor mind was tossed about with but little life. in the Afternoon it was rather better. —

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 December 4, Tuesday: [Myron Holley](#) got married with Sally House.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 4 of 12 M 1804 / I am sometimes fearful that there will be more writing in my journal than will tend to proffit, but am at this moment comforted with remembering that if it is faithfully kept, it may serve to remind me of the good or bad of my life, or what progress I make in my religious journey. - Oh! saith my very soul may this allimportant work go on in earnest. My heart hath this afternoon been drawn into fervant breathings unto the Lord Almighty for Streangth to abide in storms, & preservation from every hurtful thing. Oh! The number of tryals both from within & without that I have to endure, & it will be a great favor if I can pass thro' all, in that pure & innocent disposition which is nessary [sic] to keep in, to insure peace & happiness here & hereafter. -

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December 8, Saturday: Publication of the Variations for piano op.15 of [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

To celebrate the adoption of the title “Emperor of Austria” by Franz I, a Mass for double chorus was performed for the initial time, in Vienna, and was conducted by the composer Antonio Salieri himself (the work had originally been composed in 1799 to celebrate peace between Austria and France but peace had never been concluded and the mass had yet to be performed).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 8 of 12 M 1804 / I this day witnessed an interview between two Friends from which, may I learn wisdom - the feelings, the deep feelings, yea the Awful concern of soul that I felt on account of the two above mentioned, that they with my self might be preserved to the end. - On laying my head on my pillow at night, my heart craved a mental prayer that we might all feel that heavenly endearing love which will bind us in a bundle & make us true followers of Christ. & untill we experience this we shall never labor effectually in his glorious cause. -

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December 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*first day 10 [sic] of 12 M 1804 / Our Meeting this Morning was favored with the acceptable testimonies of our friends D Buffum Abigail Robinson & Jeremiah Austin.-
The afternoon was Silent, & my mind much oppressed on several accounts; but favored to feel a little life, which was comfortable.
There are many things operating in my mind in these days, which are of Great Moment, & deeply trying, which must be remembered not written; Oh may I be favored to get along rightly*

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December 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 13 of 12 M 1804 / Our meeting was Small but life was felt among us. - Patience Austin appeared in a short supplication. That the Lords Arm might be extended around the little handful who had gathered under his banner, & that we might be favored, as with a crumb from his table. —

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December 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 14 of 12 M 1804 / I have felt quite barran for several days, & Alass it was for the want of due watchfulness to the motions of the holy spirit, that I have been thus left. Oh! how often hath my mind fallen into langor by giving way to the little foxes, how often have they destroyed the precious vines that were intended to bear fruit for the service of the great husbandman who is ever by his matchless love wooing & drawing us by his holy cords into his service, which is not hard, but as we give way to it, & enlist with chearfulness, we shall find in the end, peace & happiness. My soul is humbly desirous at this season to become more & more faithful, & prepared to surrender my all at the footstool of him who a right to require it if he pleases. -

To know self to be subdued is of the utmost importance, & a work possible to be done, tho' from the Cross which lays in the way many are ready to doubt it. yet from the very small advancement which I have been enabled to make, am at present entirely satisfied, that before we can flourish in religious life it must be attained too. -

Last evening a young man, not a member of our Society was at my shop who of his own accord enter'd on religious subjects. he appeared to be in a very seeking state of mind, & said he had sometimes thought of joining the [Baptist](#) society, but now believed he had been favored to see beyond the form into the substance. he observed that people flocked among them & would speedily join in fellowship thro' persuasion of the ministers, but said he had seen that would not do, it must be an inward heart work for it was evident they were not sufficiently purged beforehand as even after they were dipt in Water, they would grow careless & sometimes immoral.- -

He said he had followed the friends meeting for some time, & when he first began, his mind would become very uneasy, think the time long, & want meeting broke up, but now, tho' they were silent yet they sometimes seemed short. — I have been led into reflection on the subject & believe that there are many tender seeking minds who have an eye upon friends, & would come forward faster than they do were it not the case that the conduct of some of our professing members are as stumbling blocks to them. - how necessary it is for us to be careful that no reproach be brought on the Truth by our means. But were we careful to let our lives comport with our profession, I have no doubt but there would be many more added to the Church & her pillars greatly strengthened.

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December 16, Sunday: At the Hôtel de Ville, the Emperor [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) threw the first biggie bash of his regime. This created a huge traffic jam in central Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1 day 16 of 12 M 1804 / Our Meetings were small & silent. it was a roving unsettled day to me. -

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December 21, Friday: [Benjamin Disraeli](#) was born in London. This male infant would be ritually circumcised. (His father [Isaac C. D'Israeli](#), a well-known author, would have Ben baptized into the Church of England when he turned 13 despite his mother [Maria Basevi D'Israeli](#)'s desire that he continue as a Jew.)

The Requiem of Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) was performed in France for the initial time, in Saint-Germain l'Auxerrois, directed by Luigi Cherubini.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 21 of 12 M 1804 / My mind has been so void of life for several days as to render it unfit for me to write in my journal, but being this morning a little favor'd, am free to insert that Yesterday I was at our preparative Meeting, & in the first was under good impressions which continued in the last. The Queries were answered, & the second which respects love & unity occasioned some exercise, feeling but too little prevailing among us. -

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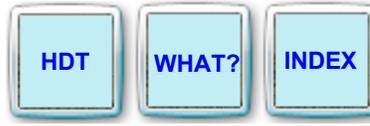


December 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day Morn of 27 of 12 M 1804 / I am now going to attend our M Meeting at [Portsmouth](#), under much weakness of mind. But Oh! may the father of mercies arise with his animating influence, that I may be favor'd to perform my duty acceptably in his sight. - After much difficulty of travelling thro' Snow & rain we reached the Meeting House -as the Stage went out late we did not get there till after the meeting had been gathered half an hour, & from the heavy rain, only in going from the Stage to the Meeting house I was wet nearly to my skin, but was soon dry and had a comfortable time. -

In the last meeting business went on rather dull, there was as many as 7 or 8 young people either disowned or under dealings, which often caused these words to pass my mind "There is hardly living enough to bury the dead" I know not what we are coming to, it seems as if my hands are ready to hang down with fear, knowing my own deficiency & short comings, my little capacity to contribute for the rebuilding of Lions Walls, & to see so many unconcerned ones among us, hath often occasioned this passage of Scripture to pass my mind with feeling "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" indeed there is no way but by the Mighty power of Jacob's Gods who, we may assuredly trust, will (on the grounds of our obedience) arise for our help, & the advancement of his Borders.

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received their Answer of clearness to proceed in Marriage engagement & the being so far from home at this inclement season of the Year, A Meeting was appointed to the usual hour. -Seventh day for them to consummate their Marriage. -
After meeting I travelled on foot with J Austin to Richard Mitchells facing an high wind, in & wet snow & mud sometimes half a leg deep, & took dinner.
The winds being so high & the travelling so bad that I really think I should have been sick, if D Buffum had not kindly offer'd us a ride home in his carriage which we accepted, & for which I desire to retain a sense of thankfulness, having had abundant cause to rejoice that I took pains to get to the Meeting. -

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December 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 29 of 12 M 1804 / Attended the abovementioned [sic] Marriage of S B & E W. it was a solid good meeting to my mind, & they spoke as well as any couple that ever I heard, when the certificate was signed we again return'd to silence & a remarkable time it was, our friend D Buffum was concern'd in a lively testimony. He said that from the close of the signing of the certificate he felt something like this "Be Still", & that he had no doubt diverse others present had felt a similar language, & wished that agreeable to scripture declaration, we might center down. "Be still & know that I am God." he said much more to the edification of some present. -

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December 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

This day 30 of 12 M 1804 & first day of the week closes the twenty third year of my life, & it is attended with some degree of sorrow and mortification, to find, that I have advanced no further in any respect, neither in religion nor property. But in the latter I labor to be content, & in the former Breathing desires are sometimes raised for greater & higher attainments. Our Meeting this morning was very quiet & favored with the testimony of D Buffum, * a precious drop from Hannah Dennis ... In the Afternoon J Austin was concerned in testimony, some floating thoughts passed my mind, but on the whole it was a good day to me ...

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December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

31 of 12 M 1804 / This Morning received from my esteemed friends James Bringhurst of Philadelphia, a Small Book entitled A Collection of of relious [sic] of religious Tracts recommended to the Serious attention of mankind generally, particularly the Youth. B Joseph Clark & a pamphlet entitled Judicious remarks & observations made by a person who renounced Deism with the dying expressions of a Young man who embraced the same principals...

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THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1805. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1805. By Benjamin West. [Newport](#): Oliver Farnsworth.



In [Rhode Island](#), Henry Smith was Acting Governor. The Douglas Turnpike, now Route 7, was chartered to run from [Providence](#) to [Smithfield](#). Rowland Hazard installed a carding machine at his fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown](#) (this marked the beginning of the Narragansett [Cotton Manufacturing Company](#)).

A new community to be known as “Slatersville” was developed by the partnership of Almy and Brown at Buffam’s Mills on the Branch River two miles upstream from the Blackstone River. John Slater purchased the land from the Buffams for \$6,035 and enlarged the mill pond, adding to the mill, store, and worker housing.

[SAMUEL SLATER](#)

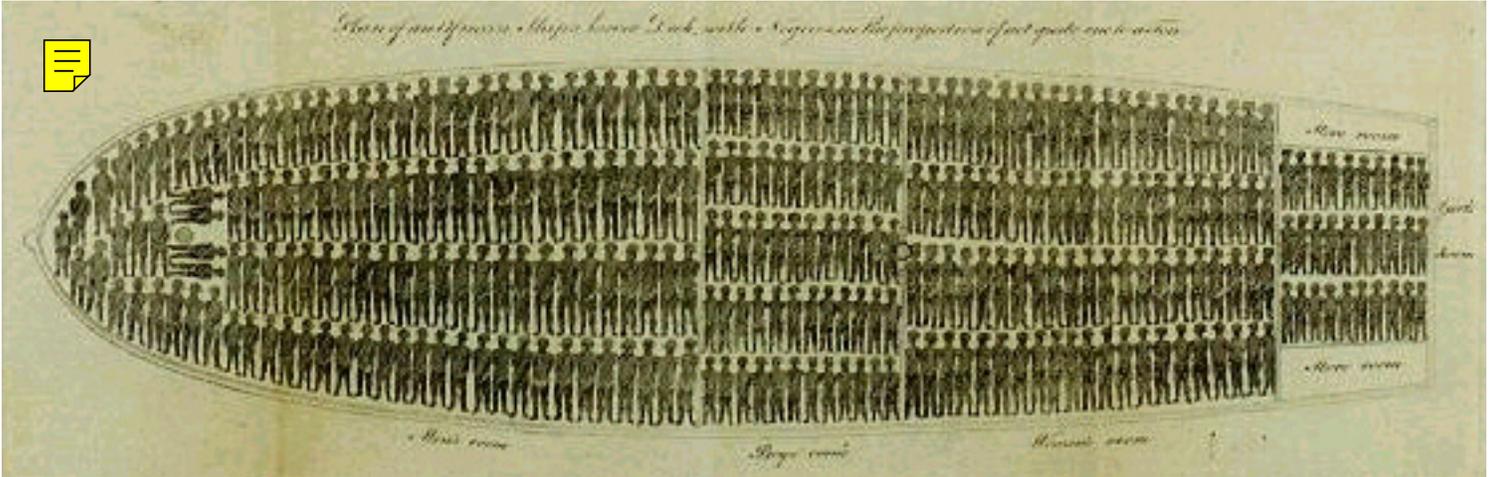
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In this year the [Rhode Island](#) brig *Neptune* brought a cargo of 144 new African [slaves](#) to America, and the sloop *Louisa* a cargo of 61.



INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Of the twenty years from 1787 to 1807 it can only be said that they were, on the whole, a period of disappointment so far as the suppression of the slave-trade was concerned. Fear, interest, and philanthropy united for a time in an effort which bade fair to suppress the trade; then the real weakness of the constitutional compromise appeared, and the interests of the few overcame the fears and the humanity of the many.



According to Jay Coughtry's *THE NOTORIOUS TRIANGLE: RHODE ISLAND AND THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE, 1700-1807*, [Rhode Island](#) merchants participated in the [African slave trade](#) over more than three human generations, from 1725 to 1807.

(What follows in this paragraph is a synopsis from Coughtry's study, with minor editing for compression and clarity.) Allowing for yearly fluctuations during our wilderness warfare with France and the eight years of our struggle for independence from England and our period of commercial stagnation that followed 1783, the trend had been, Coughtry establishes, toward intensification of this peculiar trade. The number of slaving voyages from Rhode Island ports had increased throughout the 18th Century and reached its high point, at 50 voyages, during this Year of Our Lord 1805. During that span of 75 years we now know of 934 vessels had left Rhode Island ports for the Guinea coast of Africa and had carried away an estimated 106,544 [slaves](#) (this is only what



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colony was never great because of the scarcity of local land for use in slave plantations, and Rhode Island slavers were soon rerouting the majority of their cargoes to markets more to the south, where higher prices could be obtained. The business had assumed its classic three-point “triangular trade” configuration almost from the outset, with a second leg known as the “middle passage” probably added to the itinerary by or during the 1730s. Most of these so-called “middle passage” voyages were to the Caribbean, where human cargo could be exchanged for specie, bills, and return cargoes of sugar or molasses for use in the distilling of more [rum](#). The trade began as Rhode Island’s focus turned toward the sea and ended when it turned toward the factory. Governor Ward, writing to the Board of Trade in 1740, calculated that investment in the shipping sector been negligible until the turn of the century. Prior to 1700, he explained, “necessity [had] engag[ed] the Inhabitants to employ the whole of their time and care to agriculture.” The principal concerns of the small farmers and religious dissidents who populated the colony during this period have been tersely but aptly described by Carl Bridenbaugh as “fat mutton and liberty of conscience.” There was a limit, however, to the population that could be supported on the thirty square miles of farmable surface in this colony which [John Brown](#) would describe as “scarcely anything but a line of seacoast.” Governor Samuel Cranston would write about a process had barely begun by 1708: “The land on said Island being all taken up and improved in small farms, so that the farmers, as their families increase are compelled to put or place their children to trades or callings, but their [children’s] inclinations being mostly to navigation, the greater part betake themselves to that employment. So that such as are industrious and thrifty ... get a small stock beforehand, improve it in getting a part of a vessel as many of the tradesmen in the town of [Newport](#) also doth for the benefit of their children that are bred to navigation.” In Cranston’s day the local merchant fleet consisted of 27 sloops and a couple of brigs, only four or five of which had been in existence twenty years earlier. Throughout the 18th Century, the market share of the American trade in African slaves by Rhode Island merchants would be 60%-90%. Despite a late start in the 1720s, they had soon surpassed Massachusetts as the chief colonial carrier, and by 1770 they controlled some 70 percent of the trade. From 1725 to 1807, what has been called the “American slave trade” might better be termed the “Rhode Island slave trade.” After the Revolution there were no serious American competitors. Even at the height of Massachusetts’ involvement, the slave trade was only an insignificant figure in its commercial statistics. Only in [Rhode Island](#) does the [triangular trade](#) appear in anything like the role described in our textbooks of American history. In no other colony or state did the [international slave trade](#) play as significant a role in the total economy. In both relative and absolute terms, then, Rhode Island was the leading American carrier of African slaves.



January 1, Tuesday (?): Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 1 of 1 M 1805 / Altho I have been much engaged thro' the day, yet my mind has been frequently absent & my spirit affected



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with breathings of mental prayer for preservation –³¹



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 January 4, Friday: France and Spain signed a mutual defense treaty in Paris.

 January 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 7 of 1 M 1805 / Yesterday attended Meetings, both were silent, & a little evidence of the truth was experienced in my mind. But for the week past I have been in such a dry barren state as almost to let go my hold, nor do I feel much better at this time, but of a sudden feel warm desires to spring in my heart, that Lion may again arise, shake her self from the dust of the Earth, resume her beautiful garments & shine in her ancient splendor. But oh the inability which my heart is surrounded with I can hardly lay hold of any thing that gives me belief that ever I shall be instrumental in repairing those waistplaces. - it has felt of late when I have wanted to cry unto the Lord for help as if he was affar off & had hidden his face from me. Oh the unfaithfulness of my heart! it has often been made mention of & described in the corse of my journal, & lamentable to say but little ammdement.

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 January 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9 of 1 M 1805 / It seems as if the longer I live the more sensible I see & feel the very great falicy there is in all human things; however promising our prospects may be, they are continually liable to various modes of defeat, & sometimes when

31. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1805: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 5 Folder 4 for October 23, 1804-May 31, 1805 and Folder 5 for June 1, 1805-December 31, 1805; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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we are raised, even to the Summit of our wishes, we are cut short, either by death, sickness or various other ways, all designed, for our lasting benefit, by the kind hand that inflicts the wound, which when viewed in its proper light is not a wound, but an healing stroke of his admirable Love & will if rightly taken & improved by ourselves, prove the very source of our permanent advancement towards that celestial happiness, which far transcends the glitter, pomp & vanity of this World. & altho the renunciation of these things may be attended with pain & mortification to our natural bodies, yet by carefully watching each emanating ray of divine light & by that true & living faith which worketh experience & by love we shall feel our spirits raised even while on this Earth to that glorious & everblessed ground where we shall be enabled to sing for joy that our lot has been cast as it has & when the last trump of Time shall be sounded in our dwellings here we shall reap far more Exceeding & eternal weight of Glory in the Mansions of eternal rest hereafter. I feel while thus I write, an expansion of desires that my mind may be weaned from all sublunary things & they be suffered to occupy no more of my time than is really necessary to provide a subsistence for this body & the residue to be wholly devoted to the Service of him who has created us for the purpose of his own Glory.

But Oh! of what short duration are these desires with me –it sometimes seems as if Satan had desired to have me, & had nearly accomplished his end, for when I am the most desirous to be in possession [possession] of better things, then is the time that he besets me the most, for it seems as if he pours torrents of his vain suggestions into my mind to divert it from thoughts on its God he stands ready to swallow up the least spark of celestial fire that kindles in my heart, but he is sometimes frustrated in his designs.

The Life of the mind is what he aims his blows at the first, once he can kill that, he will the more easily lead us on his own way even if we follow the form of religion, if it is but the dead lifeless form it suits him just as well as any way & the reason why he is So at enmity with the seeds of life is because it is more powerful than himself, & he can never stand before it, but must ever flee vanquished and dismayed.

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January 16, Wednesday: [Joseph Ivimey](#) was ordained as the pastor of a church on Eagle Street near Red Lion Square in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 16 of 1 M 1805 / Last night I drempt [sic] of being surrounded by a large number of Snakes which appeared to be on the bows of small trees, at which I felt something alarm'd as I am naturally affraid of them but with a degree of courage recollected that I had heard it said that a small switch was



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better to kill them with then a large stick, which I soon procured & killed several of them, tho with much difficulty as they did not appear to die easy. yet I awoke without being hurt by them -- What appeared to me remarkable was that this evening I met with a temptation which I had to resist with a mixture of fear & courage, the same that I felt when I was killing the Snakes. & I believe this dream was sent for my instruction.

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January 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 17 of 1 M 1805 / This morning I awoke sometime before day & as I lay musing on my bed my mind was assailed, & tossed with grievous temptations - & after I arose had to view the weakness & irresolution of the mind of man, unless immediately assisted by the Influence of the Holy Spirit
Attended meeting which was a quiet favor'd time, my mind being much refreshed for which I desire to be humbly thankful.
Jeremiah Austin spoke a few words to edification. He said he had been thinking of the prophecy of John which he saw in a holy vision - "The old heavens & the old Earth done away, & the new heavens & the new earth appear, & said that as we abode under this sanctifying operation our old things would be purged away & our heart become New, we should have restored to us Counselors as at the first & Lawgivers as at the beginning" The Young men would be made Instrumental & the Daughters polished after the similitude of a pallas - I spent most of the evening agreeably with Jon Greene & wife. They shewed me some writings of their brother David which afforded instruction.*

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January 20, Sunday: London Docks opened.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

first day 20 of 1 M 1805 / In our forenoon meeting D Buffum appeared in an excellent testimony, with which I believe the feeling present were edified, & the unfeeling had occasion to be aroused from their ease & be at work for their Salvation -- In the afternoon we were Silent - In the evening I called to see Wm Lee whose health is much impaired, & so spent the remainder of it at Clarke Rodmans

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January 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 23 of 1 M 1804 [sic] / I was thinking this morning while



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laying in bed, what I should compare my mind too, & it seem'd to me that it was an entire blank as to religious sensations - & so it continues to feel, tho' many times I have indeavor'd to turn to the Life but could not raise it - I now feel desires to spring in my long barran heart, for an increase of dedication, & faithfulness to search after that which is food to the mind & will satisfy as nothing will, which we can be in persuit of here, even satisfy us with the consoling hope of peace & happiness here & hereafter -

Having felt my mind thro' the corse of the day much depressed under divers weights both from within & without I feel as I am sitting alone in my shop this evening a freedom to commit to writing some things which seem not only to concern me alone, but the community at large. - It is now the 23 of the 1 M & now is, & has been for a long time extream cold & uncommonly stormy. - our Town is entirely destitute of Wood. not a stick to be bought, except from distill houses, bake houses or private Sellars. Pine wood is sold at the shocking price of 8 Dollar P Cord, & Oak for 10, & if the weather does not moderate it must be more. Many poor persons are entirely destitute of any fuel or means to purchase it, & of consequence are extream suffers. -these are circumstances which are deeply affecting to my mind, while I trust I feel a degree of humble thankfulness to the Author of all Good, for the benefit, which myself & fathers family at this time enjoys, of being comfortably provided for, with food & wood in this trying proving season - I feel for those who have not those comforts, & sincerely believe that was it in my power, my heart would expand at relieving their necessities. - But Alas its not so, I am but just able with great care to keep along & sometimes get so much discouraged as almost to dispare of ever closing my outward affairs, to my own peace & the honor of the cause which I profess. Altho they are not extensive yet from the Multiplicity of incumberances & discouragements which I labor under in my business, fear & trembling is often the painful companion of my mind - - Will add to this the state of my mind, as respects religious engagements is equally distressing - here I have been visited & revisited with the dayspring from on high, from my childhood up to the present day, & have yealded to many of its heavenly dictates, & often felt its holy enlivening flame to to kindle in my spirit, which has comforted & raised humble thankfulness in my heart, to find that I was so far graciously made sensible of its sanctifying operations - But Alass Alass the Years of Manhood have now arrived & those of Old Age may soon hasten, & that advancement, that holy lively Zeale which is necessary to make us acceptable to the Holy Heads is wanting, all for the want of a more full Surrender, & humble dependance in my early time. - now I see the very great advantage there is for Young people in the Morning of their days when they feel the first calls of Sacred love to their souls, to make an immediate surrender (even if it be in Childhood) in every thing, however Cross it may be, to our carnal inclinations, as by this means we may avoid that dwarfishness, leanness & Barraness of spirit which so often awaits those who are dallying with divine Mercy.



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How might I have been built up as a Young man, & even by this time become a strong man in the Lord, had I have been faithful in every thing which was made manifest, clear as the Sun at noon day while I was yet a child

But thanks & everlasting praises be Ascribed to the Lord forevermore, he hath not left me destitute but is still with me, & I trust hath at times engaged my soul to pray for & labor acceptably with some who are neglecting their chief concern & persuing Lying vanities to their souls hurt if not total destruction. which labor I desire not to arrogate to myself but render it to him to whom it all belongs & crave my own furtherance & lasting preservation, as it is he alone that is able to keep us from the wiles and stratigems of the enemy to which we are ever exposed & ever liable to be caught in, unless immediately assisted by his power. -

Since writing the above my mind is relieved & refreshed with a degree of divine love, & feel a concern to be increasinngly Watchful, that my mind may be fully dedicated to the Lord - often to retire & wait for the arisings of life whereby all true usefulness is derived.

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January 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 24 of 1 M 1805 / Attended meeting & in good measure enjoyed the sweets of silence

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January 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 25 of 1 M 1805 / I have this Morning been conversing with a friend who I do sincerly love & altho I differred with him in sentiment respecting some matters, yet I trust we were united in the most esential [sic].

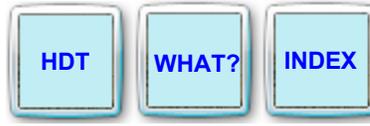
This afternoon my depression has been so great that I have been ready to wish that the earth would open & hide me from the face of Man.- But oh, may my hopes be raised by him [who] is able to exalt from the lowest state even to that of a King. May my dependence be firmly placed on the Almighty, & not give way to distrust in his holy saving power. Oh My God, my only helper, help I pray thee. My mind is ready to sink...

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January 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 26 if 1 M 1805 / This afternoon Attended the funeral of Deborah Townsend



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 January 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 27 of 1 M 1805 / Our meetings were small & silent, but quiet and comfortable. Took tea with D Williams, & in the evening was at J Earles

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 January 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 31 of 1805 / It has for several days been a time wherein but little engagement for the promotion of the cause of truth has been felt, either for my self or others But felt before I went to meeting, a dread upon my mind, believing, that in the last (which was M Meeting) that it might be required of me to put forth my hand to help the Ark. In the first meeting it was a pretty close time with me, being led to reflect upon my unfaithfulness & short comings in the line of duty, as respects faults which are hid from the outward eye only known to the Almighty ... While I was in the midst of those reflections, our beloved friend D. Buffum rose & delivered an excellent testimony founded on these words "Without faith it is impossible to please God" ... Hannah Dennis & Abigail Robinson were also sweetly concerned in testimony.... But to return to the Meeting for business - there was a very distressing case among us, with which my mind was seriously exercised, & I apprehended it to be my place to speak of it, but by setting too long the Matter was concluded upon & returned to the women directly opposite to what I apprehended to be right, & for my unfaithfulness after it passed from the Meeting my mind fell into a very distressing weakness which continued the remaining part of the Meeting ... I now have to believe, if I had have given up to submit my prospects to friends, it would have been concluded more to the honor of truth & society then it now is, as it hath appeared from conversation with several friends after meeting, that their prospects were exactly similar to mine. My mind has been grievously exercised & burdened with my unfaithfulness in this case, & greatly hope it may arouse me to greater care in the future.

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 February 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 3 of 2 M 1805 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with J & D Austin in a Sleigh, to meeting, where we set in silence. & I witnessed but little of that refreshing life which I wished for After meeting



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I went to Holder Almy's who has been unwell for sometime, but is now on the recovery, & took dinner, & spent the time very agreeably till 3 O Clock when I went up to the widow Shermans where were my abovementioned companions, & set a little while. then came homeward, & took tea with Jethro Mitchell & to me it was a sweet & precious time I do really love them & much desire our Mutual groth in the best things In the corse of my being there I read part of my letter from T Bringhurst with which his wifes Sister Caty was much affected - the conversation turned on several important subjects & I found Jethro & his wife much further advanced in religious experience than I was aware of.... There certainly is, & in this visit I was renewedly confirm'd that there is real advantage to be reaped from young friends visiting one another, & maintaining that Brotherly intercourse which will tend to unite us in the best things

After I had taken tea & spent part of the evening at Jetho's we went to see his father who is much unwell, from there we rode home, & althho some part of the visit was not attended with that precious savor of life which I could wish yet I believe no loss has been sustained by it, & that friends whom I visited were glad to see me...

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February 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 6 of 2 M 1805 / Owing to the langor of my mind, I am but poorly quallified to insert any thing as it ought to be. But the sufferings of the Town, & even Continent are so numerous as to cause oppression in the Minds of many - & it seems to be my lot to feel without being able to do much for the relief of the indigent, & believe it may not be amiss to commit a little to writing for my own use, that if I should live to see another Winter as distressing as this, & be better able to relieve the necessities of the poor. I may on that I had a disposition once to do it & thereby be stimulated to benevolence if my attachment to wealth should clash with my disposition

The weather has been so extreamly cold & the rivers so froze as to prevent the importation of wood whereby many have become extream sufferers - Snow has lain on the ground for several weeks, which made it the more tedious, as necessity obliges the poor people to go abroad, & if they stay at home they will be likely to perish I have heard of some who have froze themselves at home, which is truly affecting, & ought to stir the rich to a faithful discharge of their stewardship

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 February 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 7 of 2 M 1805 / I consider when my mind is under any exercise, or in any ways religiously affected, however distressing my feelings are, it is a favored time. This has been my lot, last evening & this morning, Oh! what shall I say, it seems as if my mind was so deeply affected that I know not what to do with my self, & was it not that I feel the Lords hand to be underneath my tryals, certainly I should let go my hold, & sink beneath the weight of my discouragement- I am now going to meeting & hope to be favord with the refreshing streams of life ...

Attended Meeting which was a comfortable time tho life was not so much in dominion as is some times but I was comforted in the opportunity

Oh Lord God Almighty, it is under an humbling sense of my own weakness, yea wickedness, that I approach they holy presence at this time knowing that my own work's are nothing unless in cooperation with thy holy Mind & will immediately & graciously dispenced to the mind, which I acknowledge I have been abundantly favord with & abundantly rebelled against.

It is under these sensations that I am engaged to crave thy help that I fall not by the way, but be streanghtened to hold out a little longer, & the truth be not wounded by me & my mind saved from total destruction, which from its low condition seemingly awaits me, from within and without.

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 February 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 12 of 2 M 1805 / "More are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife saith the Lord". My mind is in so low a condition at present, from my extreamly tried state, that as I have many times said was it not that the Lords hand was made known to me I should inevitably sink under it. This morning as I have been pondering over some things, the pressre has been renewed, & seemingly increased. Oh the strong cries, which have been raised in my spirit to the Lord the Everlasting God, for preservation when it hath felt to my poor mind that it was surrounded with almost insurmountable difficulties....

How long Oh! Lord Holy Just & true, shall this be my condition. arise for my relief I intreat thee, but why am I thus emboldened? Has not my sins & transgressions been so extensively multiplied against the manifestations of thy will, as to forfeit all claim to thy assistance? This reflection is hard to bear -But hope keeps the heart whole.

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February 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 2 M 1805 / In our meeting this day was sweetly felt the extendings of divine goodness, for which my heart was truly thankful, as for many days I have been (as it were) on the brink of dispair, may all within me bow before the Lord, & all that is opposed to the manifestations of Him the preserver of Men, be destroyed by the fire, that no reprobate Silver be found, & may that which is a consumer continue to have its thorough work in my heart untill no alloy be found – how I have felt as one forsaken for many days, & how "thankfully has my spirit received the refreshing shower of celestial rain this day ... I desire to adopt this language in sincerity "For all I bless thee, most for the severe" what an happy experience is this, & how few there are, who really are able to adopt it, or rather but few whose lives are so devoted to their God as to experience it wrought in them – It seems as if I can hardly stop writing, without adding that I never remember to have experienced a more quiet & satisfactory meeting, or one wherein the life flowed more freely than to day.....

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February 15, Friday: In Massachusetts, an amendment to the US Constitution was considered, respecting Slaves. (When the Governor of Massachusetts would on June 8th issue a message recommending this, the state of Connecticut would respond that it was there considered to be "inexpedient," whereas the state of [Maryland](#) would simply oppose the proposition.)

"Resolve requesting the Governor to transmit to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, and the Executives of the several States this Resolution, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, respecting Slaves." MASSACHUSETTS RESOLVES, February, 1805, page 55; June, 1805, page 18. See below, March 3, 1805.

SLAVERY

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 15 of 2 M 1805 / I have but little to insert except that after a long season of deep exercise I am now favored with precious incomes of life, under which my spirit bows in thankfulness under a sense of my unworthiness Oh! how joyful it is to have the Devine Masters presence, to feel him to be moving in my mind, with his holy love and life, teaching the way we should walk in & intelligebly discovering to us the way we should go ... I feel at this time desires to be preserved under his law, beyond what words or pen can describe....

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 February 18, Monday: At this point Carlisle, which had been “set off” as a district independent of [Concord](#) in 1780, as a district instead of its other neighboring town, the town of Acton MA, officially became a town in its own right. This would allow the residents there to send their own representative to the General Court instead of sharing a representative with Acton, as had been the case for the prior 25 years.

On the 6th of June, 1804, the district voted, that “it is expedient to be disconnected from the town of Acton.” Jonathan Heald, Esq., was chosen to present the subject to the General Court, and an act was passed, February 18th, 1805, conferring on the district all the privileges of a town.³²

These were the appropriations made in this year by the town of Carlisle:

	1785	1790	1795	1800	1805	1810	1815	1820	1825	1830
Minister	£91	90	85	\$285	290	280	320	275	320	500
Schools	36	30	60	360	300	360	360	450	360	360
Roads	60	45	60	300	480	350	400	400	350	400
Town Charges	74	60	50	300	500	550	550	700	600	600
County Tax	—	11 ³ / ₄	22	58	—	117	72	99	56	22
State Tax	484	48	64	227	—	210	130	180	—	65

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 18 of 3 m 1805 / For the lack of suitable feeling, I have omitted writing for several days, but can now say, that yesterday I was at meeting, (after skipping four by means of indisposition) In the forenoon yesterday, our friend D Buffum, bore a Zaelous testimony against the Doctrine of Predestination, much to the satisfaction of my mind, & hope to the confirmation of some others who have been in doubts respecting it – a few words were spoken in prayer by L Dennis & the meeting ended with a short testimony from H Dennis - in the afternoon I had a pretty good time in silence. After meeting in company with J Austin, walked down to J Dennis’s - took tea & spent the evening to my solid comfort & satisfaction -towards the close of it we drew into silence and Dear Hannah was concerned to express a few words, lively & prescious, exorting us to keep on the watch as the enemy was ever ready to devour the good, desires that may be raised in our minds - which left such a savor on my feelings as have not yet been erased, but several times in the corse of

32. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)’s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#). Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
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the day have been revived - which I desire may be kept alive, untill all opposition to the prescious life be effectually done away. -

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 February 23, Saturday: Publication of the Twelve Dances for piano op.16 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the Wiener Zeitung.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 23 of 2 M / My feelings are much as of yesterday

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 February 25, Monday: Anna Melvin died in Concord.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day morning, 25 of 2 M 1805 / Yesterday attended Meetings, both were silent, & very sweet to my mind, but was a little tried in the afternoon with the rovings of mind, the jostling of the mind -After meeting walked with J Austin to Sam'l Thurston's & took tea & spent part of the evening. - Then came to C Rodmans & set the remainder. -

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 March 1, Friday: [Harrison Gray Dyar](#) was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, a son of Jeremiah and Susanna Wild Dyar (he would grow up in Concord).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 1 of 3 M/ Last forth day evening, rode to Portsmouth to attend the M Meeting the next day. Lodged at the Chases- At the meeting I was brought under an exercise, apprehending it to be my duty to speak to Some matters before us, & was favored with streangth to do it beyond my expectation - but when I returned home in the evening was never sensible of feeling more nothingness of mind.

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 March 3, Sunday: Samuel Lee died at the age of 56, at Shediac, on his return from Halifax to Ristigouche.

Samuel Lee [of Concord], brother of the Rev. Joseph Lee, was born March 28, 1756, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1776.



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During the revolution he was a merchant at Castine, and after the peace at Tracadache in Canada and Ristigouche in New Brunswick on Bay Chaleur. He held various offices, civil and military, under the government of that province, and died March 3, 1805, aged 56, at Shediac, on his return from Halifax to Ristigouche.³³

The federal congress declared Buffalo, New York to be an official port of entry to the United States of America.

When Louis Spohr gave his first concert in Berlin, he asked the young virtuoso Jacob Beer (Meyerbeer) to take part and this caused the audience to swell with interested Jews.

The federal House of Representatives took under consideration the proposition originating with the government of the state of Massachusetts, that the national Constitution be amended to provide the federal government with instructions as to its proper response to the import portion of the [international slave trade](#). The proposal was immediately tabled, that is to say, killed.

Mr. Varnum of Massachusetts presented the resolution of the Legislature of Massachusetts, "instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives in Congress, from the said State, to take all legal and necessary steps, to use their utmost exertions, as soon as the same is practicable, to obtain an amendment to the Federal Constitution, so as to authorize and empower the Congress of the United States to pass a law, whenever they may deem it expedient, to prevent the further importation of slaves from any of the West India Islands, from the coast of Africa, or elsewhere, into the United States, or any part thereof." A motion was made that Congress have power to prevent further importation; it was read and ordered to lie on the table. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 8th Congress, 2d session, V 171; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 8th Congress, 2d session, pages 1221-2. For the original resolution, see MASSACHUSETTS RESOLVES, May, 1802, to March, 1806, Vol. II. A. (State House ed., page 239.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 3 of 3 M 1805 / In the morning meeting J Austin appeared in testimony, & D Buffum closed very sweetly by a few words - in the afternoon J Austin was again concerned in testimony, to me they were good meetings - attended a funeral & spent the evening at C Rodmans, to whose house I can but acknowledge, I am very fond of going, believing that from his edifying conversation on religious subjects I have been usefully improved, & also from the company of his valuable daughters Hannah & Ruth, the privilege of whose company I consider as a valuable acquisition -

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 March 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 dy [sic] 6 of 3 m 1805 / Notwithstanding my outward business calls my attention, yet believe it may be best to stop & insert my feelings. - When I went to my dinner was informed of the arrival of my unkle John Stanton in New York, & think I can use these words, with as much safety, as in any case I ever did use them in - "My mind bowed in humble thankfulness before the Lord" for his safe return to my dear aunt It exerted feelings, the savor of which remained for some time - May we with renewed fervor, ascribe unto Him thanksgiving & praise for the numberless & unmerited blessings, which we received at his Allbountiful hand -

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 March 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 19 of 3 m 1805 / I find a truth that times & seasons are in the Lords hand, & that we can not feel his holy enlivening presence without his assistance, which he is ever ready to lend if there is but a willingness cultivated in our minds to receive it, & there is something on our part to do, which is, to turn our minds to him, whenever we feel his holy power working in the heart, & that with all our strength laying our Wills at his feet. Then we shall receive streangth to overcome the suggestions of the Adversary, which at times pour into the mind as water on the wheel from the flood gate, & is ready to swallow up the good seeds sown in the heart, by the good Sower - Thus when we feel our minds disposed to a godly seriousness we must cleave to it. There is nothing in the nature of it which can or ever will hurt us - tho' some may take it to be the effect of melancholly, yet if we abide under it, in due time we shall be healed of all the wounds and diseases with which our minds may be afflicted -Oh that I had been more faithful to those heavenly inclinations, which have so often wrought in my heart, if I had I have no doubt, but by this time the pearl of great price would have been more fully injoyed, than it now is, & my mind staid on the everlasting rock of Ages- when now Alass, barraness of soul & dimness of sight is often my painful experience - Yet may I not say blessed be the Lord, he is still gracious, renewing the visits of his heavenly love to the consolation of my mind & I am sometimes encoraged with an hope that I am more faithfull than formerly.

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 March 24, Sunday: Prince Alois I of Liechtenstein died and was succeeded by his son, Johann I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 3 M 1805 / After Meeting in the Afternoon, walked out to see my cousin Alice Gould & family, where I believe the evening was spent to our mutual satisfaction. -

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 March 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 28 of 3 M / Attended our M Meeting with but little life - in the last I was appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#), which I hope may prove a season of more animation than this, or I shall be but little more than a burden to my friends there.

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 March 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 31 of 3 M / With leaness, much as usual of late I have closed this M
But was a little quickened from the lively testimony of our friend D Buffum on the right improvement of our time, took tea at Sam Thurstons I spent the Remaining part of the evening at C Rodmans -*

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 April 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 4 of 4 M 1805 / I am now going to meeting under dwarfishness of mind
Returned from meeting, & tho poor when I went, yet when there was favored with arisings of life. -*

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 April 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 6 of 4 M 1805 / From a want of care to be on the watch tower my mind has suffered barraness of late, but perhaps it may be best now to insert, that this afternoon my mind has been



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humbled under a prospect of attending our Quarterly Meeting – I have felt my own littleness, & desires has been raised, that I might not become a stumbling block among inquirers, & that my example may tend to encourage tender Minds. –

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April 7, Sunday, 1805 Fleeing debts, Lorenzo da Ponte boarded a ship in London bound for America.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Symphony no.3 "Eroica" was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna (it had been performed privately during the previous summer at the residence of the dedicatee, Prince Franz Joseph von Lobkowitz). The work left the critics confused.

After wintering at Fort Mandan in what has become North Dakota, the Lewis and Clark expedition sent about a dozen men back to civilization with a cargo of various natural, agricultural, and anthropological artifacts. The remainder of the exploring expedition headed west into the Rockies.



April 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 9 of 4 M 1805 / I am now going on board the packet for [Greenwich](#), & greatly desire a good measure of the same covering may attend me in my absence, that has been graciously vouchsafed this Morning altho it has been accompanied with poverty yet I have felt that moving in my spirit which has been strengthening I desire to be improved by visit & that my deportment may correspond with my profession, & move [?] to friends that I am not there, nearly as a spectator, but as one who is concerned for the cause.

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April 11, Thursday, 1805 A treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Russia to oppose France was signed in St. Petersburg.



April 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 12 of 4 M 1805 / After a pleasant tho' long passage of six hours returned from [Greenwich](#) with nearly the same company that I went with, which consisted of Twenty two females & about ten Males, we all conducted in a becoming manner, & I trust to the honor of the cause that we were abroad in – There was the largest number of sober young people, (especially women) that ever I saw together at such a time. Thanks & everlasting praises with humble adoration, be ascribed,



beyond what my tongue or pen can describe to the Lord our God for his manyfold favors which I have experienced at this time - having felt the operation of his holy spirit at work in my mind I trust I have seen it in others to my great encouragement — I felt on our passages up and down the river, deep seriousness to cover my mind, also in my visits to the several families which I called upon in [Greenwich](#), accompanied with a concern that my appearance & conversation might not wound any tender mind or my own peace, a compliance therewith has produced the effect of peace, tho' I might not have been quite so watchful in some instances as would have been best.

The testimonies at the Quarterly Meeting were by James Greene David Buffum, Sarah Greene, Jeremiah Austin, Anne Smith, Rowland Greene, & David Buffum the second time - Rowland Greene visited the womens meeting

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April 13, Saturday: Mary Morgan, a 17-year-old, was [hanged](#) at Presteigne in Radnorshire two days after being found guilty of murder (seduced and abandoned by a member of the gentry there, she had disposed of the illegitimate child). Her body was given for dissection (children are now informed in that locality that her lawyer had ridden to London to obtain a reprieve and had returned an hour late).

OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1805

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
18/03	Ann Heywood		York Castle	Murder of child
25/03	Elizabeth Barber	53	Maidstone (Penenden Heath)	Murder
03/05	Ann Davis (Gordon)		Sussex	Murder of child
12/08	Betty Hulee (Rogers)		Exeter	Murder
13/11	Mary Parnel		Newgate	Forgery

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 13 of 4 M 1805 / Last night was spent in Watching with Christs Champlin It was very tedious, he being very ill & requiring close attendance. But it was a time wherein my mind was much instructed: from looking at him in his extream bodily distress, & we are about to lanch [launch] into eternity, & appear before the awful judge of all flesh, the king immortal who reigns in heaven, & receive from him a reward according to our works. -

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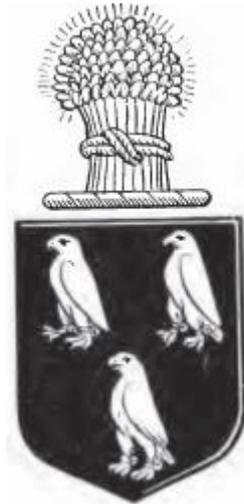
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 April 14, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 14 of 4 M 1805 / Owing to the fatigue of last night, I omitted our forenoon meeting, but went in the Afternoon to but little proffit, being very sleepy, then took a refreshing walk as to the body, tho' but little of mind, & towards the close of the evening call'd at the late dwelling of our J Hadwen, & spent about an hour in company with several valuable young women, in some interesting conversation

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 April 16, Tuesday: [William Emerson Faulkner](#) was born in South Acton, Massachusetts, son of [Francis Faulkner](#) of Acton and [Mary Wright Faulkner](#) of [Concord](#).



Eight months after reaching Nagasaki, Russian envoy Nikolai Rezanov was finally able to meet with representatives of the [Japanese](#) government. They proceeded to categorically reject his request for relations.

In the dispute between the United States of America and the [piracy](#)-oriented Barbary States of the Mediterranean coast of Africa, American forces captured Derna (Darnah).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 16 of 4 M 1805 / My mind has for several days been sorrowfully affected, on finding, one of my beloved young friends & intimate acquaintances had joined a society called a society for the promotion of literature, not so much from its name, as the corruption of its members as I believe many of them are infected with deistical principals, from which I conclude their Questions for discussion will be generally such as will, amuse or rather confuse the head, & not rightly affect the heart, but by degrees tends to lead a seeking mind from the truth, & imperceptibly bring us to assent to things which the truth never did nor never will own
And very clear I am that a mind (as his has been) seeking after best things will not proffit from such investigations, but at*



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every interview will sustain great loss & thus go behind hand, till finally landed on such ground as will be very hard if possible to retract from

These considerations have induced me in a degree of brotherly affection, & may I not say Gospel love to labor with him in order to turn his much beloved mind from what I conceive to be a gross error & again to abstract it from the confusions of the world, & its vain pursuits to the pursuit of the one thing especially needful to be known & possessed, which is Experimental Religion in the Heart

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April 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 18 of 4 M 1805 / Through the course of the Morning I have felt an exercise on account of the low state of society with this Querie "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" & was led to view the many stumbling blocks there are among us which greatly arise from the inordinate pursuit of Wealth – I have thought that many of the inconveniences & perplexities which await us thro' time might be avoided by attention to the inward principal in our first advancement, for if we begin wrong we are liable to intail evil consequences on our selves of long duration: an example of the children of Isriel has been brought very instructingly to the view of my mind, as I have been musing at my labor in my shop this morning before Meeting, as well as at many other times, which was the crafty conduct of the Gibeonites [Gideonites] towards them, we find them representing themselves as Strangers from a far country with their old clothes & mouldy bread, & for the want of a timely attention to the Urim Thumin [small precious stone in the center of the breastplate (hoshen) of the high priest, being the source of light and truth. Urim thummin = Lights and perfections. Alluded to as lost following the Captivity.] they were so blinded as to close in with their proposals, whereby mischief was intailed on them & their posterity, for altho they were to serve but as hewers of wood & drawers of water yet when Israel had still further neglected their God, they fell to marrying wives of strangers, & into other habits of intimacy offensive in his sight

Thus young friends when they are about to enter on the stage of tribulated actions become darkened, & perplexed in their projects, & instead of reverting to the holy Urim Thumin, they press forward with eagar [eager] pace after the pearl which perisheth with the using, & intail on themselves, & even their posterity, greivous afflictions, & dishonor to their God tho at first they may intend to do well being as yet innocent in their intentions, flattering themselves that their money shall be but a servant to them & not they to that, & perhaps carving out some great good they will do with it when they have it in possession, yet by going on step by step, they get rooted in the love of it till finally they loose sight & become callous to the effect of



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truth in their Mind. – I have been deeply impressed with reflections similar to these at various seasons, & I trust, they may be of use to myself [myself], as well as applicable to others, for I have clearly seen the necessity of closely adhering to the voice of the Lord, in the beginning of our time, & continuance in obedience to his holy calls thro' the whole of our lives– for many have I seen, who have run on from one step to another untill they have almost lost sight & sense of that which their souls craved in the beginning of their carrier. Being willing to adopt the language in sincerity, "I am the clay thou art the Potter make of me what thou wilt" This was assuredly the case with me & oh the hard afflicting struggles my poor mind has had, to keep in view the main chance, & have many times nearly lost sight of it. But thanks & praises be ascribed on my part to the father and fountain of all good. There are seasons in which I have found an evidence that the kind hand of the Almighty is still with me to the humbling of my soul – But how long it will continue I know not, as I see many snares & gins of satan very sublilly [subtily] laid for my too often unwary feet—

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April 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 19 of 4 M 1805 / Last night was spent in watching Christopher Champlin, thro the course of which exercises on different subjects were the companions of my mind, - a renewed concern for my right stepping along thro' time was felt, & was also dipt into a lively sensibility on account of a young man of my acquaintance who lives in Lynn & is about to undertake the momentous performance of Matrimony which is a subject that often attends my mind with a degree of living concern, & even breathings to the Almighty for individuals who are about to engage therein, as well as for my self, that I may be favored to know the time, place & person, with whom I am to be united. Tho' I have no prospect of such an union at present I know not that ever it will take place with me, but married or single, my strong desires are at seasons that I may fix on the Lord for my portion, & the God of Jacob for the lot of mine inheritance & serve him faithfully all my life long
And now to return to the sick room, I can say that I never was sensible of spending a night of more solid instruction, than the last. I was much affected in the Morning on seeing some of his family come into the room, & particularly his servant a black woman, who in a very affectionate feeling manner took him by the hand, & the emphasis with which they both enquired after one anothers wellfare was wont to draw tears from mine eyes – I have no wish to write useless detail of matters, but trusting this may never be perused by many besides myself, am willing to insert my feelings in another instance.*



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*The wife of the Moravian Minister being one of his watchers, towards day after a tedious struggle, being still he called to her & wished her to tell her husband to pray for him, to which she reply'd O yes my dear Sir, yes I will
It so affected my mind that I felt it to bow down with mental breathings that he might yet see further, & find [crossed out] and experimentally witness that the prayer of man was of no avail, unless offerd in cleanness of heart, & fervancy of Spirit that it may assend as sweet insence before the throne of grace, where all true prayer will ever find a most gracious acceptance, but the lifeless & formal must be rejected tho' cloathed with sound words, yet lacking the life & Spirit of mental prayer is offensive in his holy eye sight*

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April 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 21 of 4 M 1805 / Our meetings were silent, but measurably favored opportunities to my mind – after tea called to see Rouse Taylor – then spent the evening at John Early where were several of my young acquaintances & among the rest my valued friend Susannha Barker – immediately on entering the room I had a sense of the solidity there was among them, & that I was concerned to communicate something in a religios way among them -we soon drew into a solid quiet, & after a few minutes Susan spoke to individuals in a very sweet & encouraging manner

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April 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 23 of 4 M 1805 / From several afflicting circumstances my mind is affected with thoughtfulness, & a question arises, whether from the present low state of society here away, there is living enough to bury the dead whether we possess sufficient power in our M Meeting even to disown a member that has deviated from the rules of discipline - for while we see some who are making profession & standing forward in society, & not living up to the spirit of our holy profession - what? shall we say of them? are not they more subjects of dealing than some of the young men who go out from society with little or no profession at all – Alass for the times how are some falling on one hand & some on the other - the bane of wealth the bone of contention how they have made their way among us – there is cause of mourning among the sincere hearted, as between the poorest & the Altar.
Oh may my soul keep out of the mixture of false spirits -may all that is in one bow down in deep humility, & acknowledge the Lord*



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*is good & worthy to be praised - may the standard be supported
& made firm as its props are but weak now -*

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April 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 24 of 4 M 1805 / I have this morning been thinking, & really believe its true that many who are practicing one form of religion, who preach, sing & pray from book & note at stated times are absolutely more acceptable in the divine sight, than hundreds of our dry lifeless [Quakers](#) who are holding up to the world the profession of spiritual religion, when they possess, not half the sincerity or devotion of the class above mentioned Hence I believe the offerings of such tho under a fair shew with a sanctified face instead of being a pleasant smell are an offensive sink [stink] to the Almighty.

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April 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 25 of 4 M 1804 [sic] / Our Monthly Meeting was this day held at [Portsmouth](#) - I had a wish to attend [smudge, two words illegible] viewing the matter, thought my place was more at home than abroad at this time - I have just been informed that they were favored with a good meeting In the first Abigail Robinson was extensively concerned in testimony, & in the last business was transacted to the comfort of some who attended

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April 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 26 of 4 M 1805 / Yesterday about fifteen minutes past two in the afternoon Departed this life Christopher Champlin in the 76 year of his age.

I may add that it was been a favored day with me. - Oh saith all that is alive within me may my mind be more & more sanctified by the powerful operations of the Lord's spirit - it is a time of inward & outward discouragement but few that hold out to run the race acceptably that is set before them many turn to the right hand & to the left, & some not only look back, but actually go back into spiritual sodom



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April 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 30 of 4 M 1805 / I have this day been streanghtened in welldoing - a man came to my shop, who was here in the M Meeting last, & expressed to me the peculiar satisfaction he felt at conversing with me & on reading the pamphlet that I gave him I remember he came in at a time when my mind was under deep religious impressions - & our conversation turning on those subjects I spoke pretty freely on some points, which at this time I can not recollect, but am fully persuaded what I did say was seasoned with the right savor - My mind has been led to believe that there is nothing lost by submitting to right religious impressions at any time - It was the result of a strong sense of duty which made me have those pamphlets entitled Watch Unto Prayer, Ye, reprinted, they were brought from England by our friend Elizabeth Coggeshall on her return from her religious visit - &, on reading one of them it reached the witness of life in my heart, & every time I read it, it was renewedly edifying Therefore after much deliberation, concluded to have it reprinted, tho under allmost every discouragement, I thought as I was very young, some people would be making remarks upon me which was very trying, but that was not the most so for I thought if I should fall into reproach & become a cast away, my books would slay me wherever they found me or I found them, & there is generally worse consequences attending the fall of one that has been making a profession than one that has not But the outward means were also much wanting - tho I had a watch worth about ten Dollars which I told the printer I would give him if he would strike of such a number, which he acceded to - & Altho at first I could not sell a sufficient number of them to gain the first cost yet I believe they have been more advantage to me, even in my outward interest than Double the cost of them, & I trust they have served to edify many in the best sense, which ought to be a double satisfaction. Therefore there is great encoragement to trust in the Lord who in his unsearchable wisdom, brings to pass many things for us, that we could not expect, if we are but faithful to the calls of his spirit within. —

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May 1, Wednesday: Duke Wilhelm IX of Hesse-Cassel became Elector Wilhelm I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day of 5 M (4 day) 1805 / General Election is this held in town - my very spirit has been burdened within me to see the



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vanity & wickedness that has appeared among the people - Drunkenness & fighting has been the order of the Day I have been led to consider the very great inconsistency there is in friends dressing up their Children & sending them where they can behold the wickedness that prevails at such times - some weeks ago as I was sitting in my shop in a serious frame of mind -anticipating the confusion that would probably take place on this day, I wrote the following address -tho' not with a view to make it publick - The object of the writer is to arrest the Attention of youth generally, & particularly those of the Society of friends, & those who generally attend our Meetings, to examine the inconsistency of publick appearance at times of general Mirth, & particularly at times of general Election at which time, there are generally great numbers of giddy youth who are involved in various scenes of vice, such as drunkenness, Swearing, Gaming & - Whether the appearance of those acts of Abomination ought not to raise seriousness of mind rather than to promote an inclination in us to appear in the streets or at our windows with countenances which bespeak an assimilation of mind with those who indeed have concord with Belial.-

How much better would it be for us to retire into the closet of our minds, & with humble contrite minds, bow before the God of Heaven, & breath forth our supplication for His help -who of a truth takes no delight in seeing his creature man, walk with outstretched neck, & wanton eyes, but deplores their miserable condition, & is wooing us by gentle visits of his love, to become true followers of a Meek & crucified Saviour. Therefore let us rather than join in such offensive scenes, retire from them, sincerely craving, that holy knowledge of pleasure which is only known to the heavenly minded, it will last beyond the grave, when these bodies shall put on immortality, which the sensual pleasure at such time will not do but in the Awful hour of Death will prove a sting & condemnation -

How often have I seen the poor miserable & forlorn objects carried home dead drunk bearing upon serious wounds which they have received from their falls, others half killed from the brutal degrading practice of fighting and kudzeling -none of which I feel my mind authorised to say are pleasing to the Almighty, but are highly offensive in his sight & what his controversy is deeply against

Now let us ponder these things, feel & see, how much more of the balm of heavenly peace would be witnessed from inward retirement, than to deck our bodies with the finest apparel & exhibit them at windows, or in the streets among the Multitudes -

It is particularly those that are members with myself that I am concernd for, that you do not dishonor the plain garb worn by our worthy forefathers, as to appear as abovementioned - for what an affecting sight it is to see a plaidressed person walking the streets assimilating with the rude and drunken at such times, as I have often seen it & even to follow after the Military Companys -



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 May 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day, 7 of 5 M 1805 / I have not had time to insert my excursion to [Portsmouth](#), where I went last seventh day on foot & staid at Cousin L Chases - the next day being rainy I rode to meeting in their Chaise - the women side of the house was but thinly occupied their number but seven - some degree of life was witnessed by me but the enemy was very buisy, as is his generall rule with me

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 May 9, Thursday: Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller died of [tuberculosis](#) at the age of 45 in Weimar, Germany.

The Portuguese regent Dom João rejected the French ultimatum of April 25th and redeclared his country's neutrality.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 9 of 5 M 1805 / Our meeting was small & on some accounts a dull time to me, yet on observing several of my brethrerren with very sleepy countenances, all the Zeal that I was possessed with was moved

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 May 11, Saturday: Lord Horatio Nelson decided to sail west across the Atlantic Ocean in search of the French-Spanish fleet.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 5 M 1805 / Attended the funeral of my old School Master John Coit

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 May 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 5 M 1805 / The Adversary was very buisy about my mind, yet I trust I rather gain'd the assendecy over him, after meeting I took tea at San Thurstons & spent the evening at C Rodmans



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 May 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 16 of 5 M 1805 / In the forefront of the meeting (which was but small) the overshadowings of divine favor was sweetly felt in my mind, & is cause of renewed humbling thankfulness to the father of all sure mercies that he was pleased to manifest his inlivening presence among a few – Hannah Dennis was concerned to exort friends to attend to the motions of truth at home then the circulating Sap of life would be more felt in our assemblies than it now is – In the corse of the meeting I was led to reflect on the workings of the Adversary in the minds of those who are just entering the line of religious experience, & believe he is more apt to attack such, than those who are more advanced, as he knows that his time, for if he can but shake the foundation when newly laid, & set us to doubting, he thinks his work may be affected the easer [easier]. Therefore it is more necessary for the young & inexperienced to be watchful against his intreagues, & endeavor to lay hold of that which will ever discover who he is tho he may come in the form of an Angel of Light

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 May 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 19 of 5 M 1805 / This morning, on reading an old book which I met with at my indeared Aunt Martha Gould before Meeting, which contains some account of various Virtuous young people & their dying sayings, among which was the early toil & labor of our friend Edward Burroughs & others in the primitve days days of our society. I was led to contrast the difference between the state of things now & then - the power of their Meetings & force of their ministry with godly deportment, struck the loose & irreverent with Awe, & many were made to confess to the operations of the light within.- while now there are many who even go foremost in the rank are but stumbling blocks to honest enquirers. My mind is often sincerely desirous that I may walk uprightly, & Zealously after the example of those who bore the burden in the heat of the day ... While I was thus musing, inward breathings of soul were raised to the Almighty, that his holy lifegiving presence, might ever shaddow us in our meeting this day, that, that as sincere & lively devotion might be met felt, which our venerable prediccursors were favord with in their day - & on my part can humbly acknowledge that it was measurably granted, & appeared to be spread in the whole meeting - untill a woman fainted which set us into disorder by a greater number



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leaving their seats than was really necessary -. in the afternoon a good measure of the same spirit covered my mind as did in the Afternoon.

After tea I walked out into the Suburbs of the town - in which excersion deep & serious reflections arose in my mind, respecting the beauties & wonderful order of creation

My mind expanded on viewing the mercy & loving kindness of God the Almighty father, who created Man, & all things here below for his use but not Abuse -

Spent the remainder of the evening at C Rodmans where I do delight to go.

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May 20, Monday: Publication of Familiar Airs, in Various Styles, for the Piano Forte no.3 by John Crotch and William Crotch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 20 of 5 M 1805 / This forenoon we received a letter from Aunt Mary Wanton at New York which stated that my brother James who went from home on the 10th month last to work at his trade in Charleston, had arrived in N York, & had shipped on board the Ship General Hamilton, for Liverpool
Which news was affecting to my mind. May the Lord Almighty preserve him, & shield his mind from all evil.*

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May 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 5 M 1805 / In our meeting to day my mind was deeply engaged for our right assembling together, that those who may drop in to set with may feel the power of Truth to go over them, & acknowledge the Lord to be God over all - Two strangers came in after we had been gathered some time one which appeared as if he had never been to a friends Meeting before, & on their taking their seats the above reflections took place in my mind. But still more was I affected, when after a short space Joshua Bradley The [Baptist](#) Minister came in, - a deeper concern was witnessed, that we might dwell deeper & deeper in the spirit of truth, & our assemblies be so owned by the Master himself as to spread the beauty, & efficacy of our high & holy profession over those who may call to set with us as to evince to them that God may be worshiped in Silence, & must be worshiped in spirit & in truth - David Buffum was concerned in testimony much to the purpose -



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 May 26, Sunday: The Emperor Napoléon I was crowned as King of [Italy](#) in Milan Cathedral. Among the pieces of music was the initial performance of a Te Deum by Johann Simon Mayr for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra.

The Lewis and Clark expedition caught a dim distant glimpse of the Rocky Mountains.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Middletown 1 day 26 of 5 M 1805 / Owing to the increased derangement of my cousin Wm Gould I came here last evening, to be for company to the family who are affraid to be alone - & thought it more my place to be with them today, than at meeting.

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 May 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 28 of 5 M 1805 / I find the weaknesses of nature cling fast to me yet - tho' of late it seem'd as of they were in some measure overcome - but Alas my mind is often severely tried, & hardly ever able to keep on the ground of true watchfulness, long at a time.
Thy aid I crave Oh father strengthen and confirm me in everlasting truth*

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 May 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 30 of 5 M 1805 / Attended our M Meeting held in town, which was silent & to me a very dry barran time, scarce any life was witnessed - but little buisness in the last, a dry time
I am led to crave my future well being in humility of mind as it is often, in my way to see the extream frailty of mortal man, & have often expressed it in the corse of my journal
I know some who have begun well & run so for a time, but alas when they have placed themselves in a situation to acquire wealth, the love of it has drowned nearly all desires for the possession of truth, or if it has not drowned the desire, wealth has stopt the persuit after it -
My soul does bow in humble desires that I may be enabled to acquire wealth sufficient for the boody [body] without loosing sight of the main object...*



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May 31, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 5 M 1805 / This morning my young friend A B of [Tiverton](#) has called at the Shop & paid me a very pleasant visit -from his conversation he appeared to be one who is beginning to run well - his Ideas appear to be sound founded on some experience, he appears to have a concern for the promotion of the good corse & may it continue not only for a time but increase to the end of his days.

While I thus write my mind has bowed with cravings desires that I may hold out to the end & by close adherance to the heavenly Motion, I may be encoraged, not to dispare, tho my present discouragements are many, both in spiritual & temporal concerns -but little advancement in either has, as yet been witnessed - but the holy all preserving hand & arm hath often been near to support & sustain my drooping mind thro' many trials many of which seem at this time to present with renewed force -My feelings of this kind has not been written for some time, yet my situation has been no better in any respect - tho I think I have learnt to bear Crosses & disappontments with rather more patience ...

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June 1, Saturday: Succession of the deacons of Lincoln:³⁴

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.



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Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day Morning 1 of 6 M 1805 / My mind has felt an ingagement on behalf of an individual of my acquaintance, who is not in membership with us at present, but who I trust may be 'ere long if the Cross can be sufficently borne. I believe she is called to a life of holiness & is designed for a conspicuous station in the Church – Mental prayer has been breathed forth to the Almighty on her behalf, that she may rise superior to those giddy circles in which she sometimes moves – but happy for her, she has expressed to me that they are often a burden to her tender mind. – My spirit craves on her behalf that her whole soul may center in an entire dependence on our God, for in him is safety. & none that put their trust in him was ever made affraid, but feel their mind hedged about by the immutable fortress of Christ our Saviour. Here I am brought to view the glorious result of living at all times & on all occasions faithfully in our profession & principals

For was this generally the case, there would be many, by our example brought to the holyness of Truth, & be made willing in the day of Gods power to join heart & hand with us in promoting the cause of righteousness in the earth. They would see the comly order of us as a Society, & tho they may as yet be far from seeing as we do, yet in time, they would be wrought upon & many would flock to us as doves to the Ark – and truth would flourish even now as in Ancient times. – But Alas for the want of this how poor & dwarfish have we become – many of the pillars instead of standing as correct way marks, have become stumbling blocks

34. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:....](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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*to honest enquirers of the way Lion-ward
But for all this I believe there is great encouragement for the
honest laborer to take fresh courage & be up & doing, & many,
in this day both within & without society appear to be seeking
the true & living substance –*

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 June 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 2 of 6 M 1805 / Again left meetings & spent the day at
cousin Alice Gould from a belief, that it was more my duty to
be there than at home, seeing worship is not confined to either
time or place, but this should not so far actuate us, as to begit
negligence in assembling ourselves for that purpose*

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 June 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 6 of 6 M 1805 / In meeting, flesh & spirit strove in
opposition to each other & I fear the spirit did not get the
victory. –*

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 June 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 12 of 6 M 1805 / From inattention & unwatchfulness, I have
experienced much leaness for several days – but thro favor the
animating influence of the Spirit has been once more shed in my
heart
I feel at times strong desires to have the masters presence at
the Approaching Y Meeting that so much langor & poverty may not
be my lot as was the last Year –*

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 June 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 13 of 6 M 1805 / As I am sitting in my shop it seems that
perhaps it may not be amiss to insert that I am going to meeting,
& the spring of life is very low in my mind, & what for time it
will be with me at meeting I know not. – A Question arises which
is, What use is there in my writing the state of my mind, will*



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there be any proffit arising from it? & tho' I see but little, yet it seems as if it would do no hurt – therefore if these lines should ever be inspected by any but my self – let them remember that it has given me great satisfaction to look over my journal, & see what has been my experience from time to time. Many times have I been deeply affected & even bowed under the consideration of the very slow progress which has been made on my part in the line of religious growth –.

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 June 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 16 of 6 M 1805 / This day commenced our Yearly Meeting, which was this morning very large & highly favored with stillness & quietness – Our friends Richard Jordan & Elisha Thornton were the trumpets thro' which the word was chiefly sounded.

In the Afternoon the meeting was very still tho' more crowded than in the morning – Our Ancient truly honorable & much beloved friend Mehitable Jenkins from Dover in Salem Quarterly Meeting & A Jordan were the chief laborers, it was thought to be the most still meeting of any for some Years, considering there was but little preaching

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 June 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day commenced our meeting for buisness, which opened with edifying testimonies by Rowland Greene Richard Jordan & Daniel Howland – the buisness of the day appeared to be well conducted, –Epistles were received from all the Yearly Meetings except Virginia, the contents of which were Salutary & edifying, particularly by the general & private ones from London – In the afternoon we entered on the state of society as represented by the queries which were sorrowful, & occasioned deep travel [travail] & exercise among the burden bearers many deep & feeling remarks were made by Wm Crotch, R Jordan, [Moses Brown](#) & others. The meeting ended with but little further buisness. Rowland Greene & Tho Anthony took tea with me & soon after we drew into silence – a sweet & precious opportunity it was as ever my soul witnessed – a most solemn covering was over us – & all that was alive in me was brought down – was humbled – & laid in the dust. & the Lords glorious power was marvelously witnessed in my mind –after we had remained quiet sometime dear Rowland dropt some salutary counsel & sweet sympathetic expressions, greatly to my comfort & encoragement – we parted in indeared affection one towards another feeling our hearts (I trust) united in that bond of love which knows no bounds, but when felt towards any, even if a Stranger will remove all strangeness of mind & even countenance & make him feel like an



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old acquaintance – Altho Dear Rowland was almost an entire stranger to me yet he felt like a Brother as he several times expressed I did to him – may we both strive to walk in the path of holiness & virtue as reciprocally to merit each others love & Brotherhood.

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June 4, Tuesday: France annexed the Ligurian Republic (this included Genoa).

A Treaty Of Peace and Amity between the United States of America and the Bashaw, Bey and Subjects of Tripoli in Barbary ended the 6-year conflict between the United States and the [pirates](#) of Tripoli.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day / The cloud still remained over the camp, so that the Ark went on but heavily. Wm Crotch expressed a hope that if friends keep in true patience the Light would yet shine upon us & we should be favored to conclude better than we had begun – I acknowledge that Altho I have been sensible of the heaviness which has been felt in meeting, yet in my own proffitable dippings & humble prostrations of spirit, which has made me to believe that the Almighty was yet at work in me – May his everlasting name yet be exalted above all other things among men.

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June 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day / Our meeting has this evening concluded, having been favor'd thro' the sittings thereof to transmit the weighty concerns which have come before us much brotherly love & condescention one toward another – Much solid pertinent advice has been administered from season to season, by several friends of whom our deeply exercised friends Wm Crotch & R Jordan has been the chiefs
For my own part I do acknowledge with a degree of humility that I have been favored to go thro' it, to my own satisfaction, & to entertain a few friends more agreeably than I ever did before –my soul feels bound in brotherly love to some of them –Micajah Collins of Lynn & Rowland Greene of Scituate have been agreeably added to my acquaintance this Year. –*

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 June 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day / Friends are now returning to their homes – may they receive the seal of peace when they arrive at them, & be made sensible that these Meetings for worship & Church discipline were set up in the Authority of truth. & in the same Authority ought to be kept up & ~~by dwelling deep in their Spirits~~ & thus be willing to dwell deep in their Spirits in order to contribute – Mehitable Jenkins & R Jordan bore lively testimonies in our publick meeting to day

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 June 21, Friday: [Charles Thomas Jackson](#) was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts to Charles Jackson and Lucy C. Jackson.³⁵

Lieutenant Gabriel Moraga, on his initial exploratory expedition from the San Francisco Bay area into the great Central Valley of California, traversed Pacheco Pass over the Diablo Range.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day / Our friends have now all left us, & may I proffitably reflect on past favors
Yesterday afternoon meeting a friend whom I love & has felt very precious thro' the Y Meeting took me aside, & proposed for my consideration a subject of importance, which was Matrimony.
I have become seriously affected & am involved in some doubt respecting it, tho his judgement was that it was high time, yet I am not able to discover any open vision at present how or in what manner to dispose of myself.
I hope to be guided by the Lords Spirit in matters small & great – & clear I am there is no case wherein it is more necessary to be favored with discovering of it than in this, as in my opinion it is something that is liable to affect us in this, & the world to come.*

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 June 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 23 of 6 M 1805 / Our meetings were rather small, for a want of Zeal. the rain stopped many – In the forenoon D Buffum was largely concerned to bear testimony against the preposterous tenates preached be up by [?] the hirling priests, particularly that of Election & reprobation, which according to my sense of feeling was savory & came with Authority – The Yearly Epistle from London was also read – About 9 oclock this morning Dorcas Williams wife of our Dear friend O Williams, quietly & composedly departed this life, after a gradual decline of health for twelve months & more than six was confined to her room in a

35. In this year American physicians were using [ether](#) to treat pulmonary inflammation!



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 June 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 25 of 6 M 1805 / At 4 OClock this afternoon we met at the late dwelling of our departed friend Dorcas Williams, & from thence a large concorse of people followed the corps to the Meeting house – where after we were seated a few Minutes David Buffum rose in a very solemn manner addressed the audience in a few words from the Scripture "Be ye ready also" he said he had at several times set in the chamber with this our departed friend in the corse of her confinement & never remembered to have been with one from whom the gloom of death was more removed or less concern about launching into an endless eternity being intirely resigned to the disposal of the Lord Almighty – therefore he apprehended it was safe to adopt the language "Be ye also ready" having no doubt but that she was now in the Mansions of neverending felicity –

Hannah Dennis very sweetly added a few words of consolation, & a remarkable solid quiet season it was.

Some who were opposed to carrying the corps to the Meeting house, from a suspicion that it might be offensive the weather being warm – said when the funeral was over, they were glad it was done, & that they spent their time profitably.–

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 June 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 27 of 6 M 1805 / Rode in the Stage to [Portsmouth](#) & attended the MY Meeting stopt at Holder Almys, took some refreshment & walked to meeting, where in the first my mind was centered in solemn Silence, witnessing the renewal of covinant. I can say that at that time I felt my mind bound to the cause of truth – Oh saith all that remains within me – May the animating warmth of the everlasting truth so expand in my heart as to fit me for the Masters service in what ever Station he may see meet to place me even if it be but door keeper – & preserve me chast therein, with a willing heart to obey the divine requirings –

Abigail Robinson appeared in a sweet testimony part of which was peculiarly adapted to my state, & I was edified & instructed there from –

In the last meeting there was but little business, & what there was we were favord to transact in fellowship

It was a blessed opportunity with me & I feel cause of renewed thankfulness for my many favors received at the All bountiful hand – & humbled under a sense of my great unworthiness – After meeting walked in company with Rouse Taylor & John Rodman to



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Richard Mitchells, where we dined & spent part of the Afternoon with Jethro & his precious Wife – then went into Richards part of the house again, & took tea with the rest of the company, but the time was not spent so proffitably as at Jethros for their being much young company of us together we gave way to some light conversation which allways tends to destroy the inward Life –

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June 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 29 of 6 M 1805 / My feelings have this Morning been deeply afflicted with a view of human frailty – My very spirit has trembled on reflecting, & in some measure practically knowing that the paths of Youth are extreamly slippery – & however fair our lives & conduct may be among men, & even for a time meet the approbation of heaven – yet unless we keep our feet forever on the watch tower we are liable to stray from the holy enclosure of peace, & become as outcasts of both God & Man – May all that is alive within me be alarmed from a circumstance which has lately come to my knowledge of a young man P W who removed from R Island some years ago a member of society, & while with us was esteemed promising, & likely to become a useful ornament in society & continued so for some time after his removal to Virginia, but having given way to the unwearied stratagem of satan, has fallen into the ruinous practices of drinking, & is now here on a visit to his relations a pitiful object, my very spirit was humbled within me while sitting with him this morning, & reflecting, how the fairest of men may fall away & become as burdens to the earth –May is be an Alarm to me – may it teach me wisely & proffitably to improve my time & tallents to the best advantages –dilligence double dilligence.

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June 30. Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 30 of 6 M 1805 / I must needs acknowledge that I attended our meeting with but little life – & surely my mind at this time recoils at it, but the clogs of human nature are such that I know not whether I am ever to be divested of them – Our morning meeting was silent, & quite large, many not in the habit of coming to our meetings were there – In the afternoon D Buffum spoke very lively & authorative on the subject of watchfulness, & toward the close of meeting, I felt a degree of life to arise in my mind, & was led to reflect on what was expressed in our meeting some Years ago by our friend Rebecca Wright from the Jerseys when I was very young & then took fast hold of my mind & has never wholly quit it since tho' I can not repeat it fully



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yet the savor of what she said & the empasis [emphasis] with which she repeated it is still in my remembrance – it was of a young woman who she visited when near the final close of time – Oh (says she) What a woman I might have been, had I but have strove to serve my God & been faithful to his divine requirings And I was led to consider how much more of a proficient in the School of Christ I should have been had I but faithfully have given up & submitted my neck to the Yoak & shoulders to the burdens in every instance – I am often brought to view my short comings & light touches of Known Duty – & to see what a growth in divine knowledge I might have attained to had I have been faithful to every manifestation

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July 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day [sic] 3 of 7 M 1805 / Under a sense of my weaknesses oh! Father I am engaged to implore thy holy help in this time of great need Oh! how poor how low is the state of my mind as to the living sap of divine life, & there never was a time wherein it was more needful to feel the hedges of truth to encompass my mind than the present

Nothing but unfaithfulness or unwatchfulness stares me in the face from all Quarters, & tho' matters stands thus as to my own particular yet I am favord with so much sense of feeling as to be burdened in spirit on account of some who are persuing lying vanities to their wounding of the precious life in their mind, & it is to be feard the forfeiture of their future happiness – May I take due warning to bound my desires & not be over anxious about the things of tomorrow, which we know not that we shall live to posses, & yet have a prudent care to provide a competency not to be burdensome to others

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Thursday:³⁶ The toasts at a Republican 4th of July banquet in Washington DC described their politician [Thomas Jefferson](#) as “the penman of the declaration of Independence” and noted that it was their candidate’s “hand that drew the declaration of Independence.” The [National Intelligencer](#)’s lowercasing of this word “declaration” (on July 6th and then again on July 16th) suggests that the task of inscribing the words on the face of the document itself was being regarded as separate from the creation of the revolutionary idea of national autonomy, was being regarded as a clerical honor rather than as a full authorship.

Meanwhile, however, in Boston, Ebenezer French, at a gathering of “Young Democratic Republicans,” was praising President Jefferson as “the immortal author of the DECLARATION OF AMERICAN

36. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s, or [Hathorne](#)’s, 1st birthday.



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INDEPENDENCE.” French was granting to this politician far more than scribal status and also was reifying the [Declaration of Independence](#) document Jefferson allegedly had authored by conflating it with the achievement of American autonomy. He was coming perilously close to averring that his politician had by a stroke of a pen won for us our Revolutionary War.³⁷

As a follow-up for this amplitude and grandeur, on this night Boston offered its 1st municipal fireworks display.

In Charleston, South Carolina on this day, the American Revolution Society and the Society of the Cincinnati met at St. Philips Church.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 4 of 7 M 1805 / I feel so poor & barran that I hardly know how to write any thing respecting the day – I had a prospect before meeting of being favord with a good time, but from some cause or another, help was very much withheld It has been a day of much noise, of Drum & fife, being Independence day as I was walking to meeting, I met the Solders under parade, & thought I was livingly sensible that their conduct was an offence to the Almighty, & that he took no delight in what they were doing Oh may my mind be more & more drawn from the spirit & perishing things of this world, for sure I am, yea indubitably clear, that there is no other way to reach the haven of rest than by an entire surrender of all which the controversy of heaven is against –

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July 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 7 of 7 M 1805 / Our meeting, this morning, was favored with the living testimony of D Buffum – he spoke upon the necessity of unreserved obedience to the divine call, that we must not keep any thing which is required to be slain as Saul did when he was commanded to all that was of the Amalikity, he contrary to special command kept the best of the sheep under the pretence of sacrifice to the Lord, but afterwards when questioned by the holy prophet confessed that he feared the people. David observed that we must not fear the people but slay all that is offensive & appointed for destruction – In the afternoon we sat in silence but Alas for me my mind was poor & barran tho' favord to witness the precious life to arise for a season, then taken away again, and I left in the old condition. I took tea at D. Williams in company with E Huntington, & spent the forepart of the evening there agreeably.

37. AN ORATION, PRONOUNCED JULY 4TH, 1805, BEFORE THE YOUNG DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICANS, OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE



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Then went to J Earls & joined a sweet little company of my young acquaintance – we all centered in silence & had a precious opportunity & Dear Obadiah Williams was concerned in a few words by way of testimony upon the necessity of gathering our minds unto Shilo for by it we are prepared for every good work of service.

It ended to my entire satisfaction & was comforted and thankful for the opportunity – I am led to see the precious use there is in young people's rightly gathering, & soberly conversing together – & if we do not exceed the right bound of conversation I believe we may often witness the life & savor of truth to arise among us which will unite us in the best sense & qualify us for service in the Church.

I often deplore the manner in which young people generally spend their time together, they think if they cannot enjoy mirth the happiness of one another's company is frustrated But Alas they are mistaken for I verily believe there is more true solid & lasting happiness in one hour's conversation or even silence than in ten of light airy talk.

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 July 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 11 of 10 Mo 1805 / Attended meeting & while there was led to reflect on my present state of mind –Oh I long to be kept under the holy banner of truth, that all my actions may be in the true spirit of it.

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 July 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 16 of 7 M 1805 / My feelings for some time past have been so void of life that I have thought it hardly safe to insert any thing in my journal, but feeling a little exercise to arise am led to view the many ways which error subtly creeps into the mind some in running too fast & some too Slow, & to keep pace with knowledge is the only way to steer our barks safe thro' time.

I sometimes fear that I shall run too fast in religious concerns, & be more active in our Monthly Meeting than is required of me, & thereby wound the very cause I desire to promote. A false fire will not do; but it will consume the offerer as it did the Sons of Aaron formerly. It must be the holy fire of the Lord kindled on the alter of the heart that will burn Acceptable Sacrifice, & as we offer any thing out of this inward life becomes dead.



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July 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 18 of 7 M 1805 / The unwearied enemy was busy around me in meeting.

But truth was over him, & do I not feel thanksgiving & praise to spend unto the source & fountain of all good that he was pleased to be very near my spirit— My soul bowed in humble desires that none present might be sent empty away, but that life might be difused from vessel to vessel untill all became full, & be made to say "It is good for us to be here" —For some months I have not been so sweetly favor'd with the living evidence of truth as I was in meeting this day — it seemed as if my cup was full, & I was ready to say within myself — I now experience that "An hour in thy presence Oh God is worth a thousand elsewhere" —May my heart become renewed & all that is opposed to the living truth be crucified. My very soul at this season craves beyond words to be made new, & all that is flesh be done away.

The same current of life has run thro' my mind this Afternoon — How precious & altogether lovely it is to feel the Lord to be near.—

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July 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 21 of 7 M 1805, after meeting in the morning] Our meeting has been large, & to me a very favord opportunity. D. Buffum was largely in testimony to my instruction & particular satisfaction as he touched upon a subject which I believe was necessary to be revived among us, which was "That if friends did not live up to their profession & principals they were as stumbling to the sincere inquirers after truth, & that if we had but have remained faithful from the time of our first coming forth as a people, the nations of the earth would have flocked to us as the dove to the window, not finding elsewhere, rest to the sole of her foot &c." he exorted us in a lively manner to seek the one thing needful, & said what proffiteth it a man if he gain the whole world & loose his own soul..

Since dinner I have called to see an ancient friend of mine Meribeth Hall who is near the close of time in a consupraption [?] — My very spirit was touched within me while sitting silently with her, with strong desires to be ready to meet the solemn time when the flesh shall be Amaciated, & the blood flow slowly thro' the veins, & the powers of the mind reduced with age & infirmity —how solemn is the prospect be fore my mind at



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this time, it begets living desire that my account may be prepaid my light burning & my lamp trimmed that when I am called to meet the bridegroom I may go with readiness & not have to answer as the foolish Virgins did "Our lamps have gone out" I dont recollect ever to have been more sweetly & feelingly touched in a sick room- May it be lastingly teaching, & not as the early dew vanish with the Sun, but like the tender plant, flourish & grow more strong when its genial rays are afforded. - In the afternoon our meeting was silent & to me a precious opportunity Oh the tender emotions of my heart, how joyful it is to see the clouds disperse when they have a long time darkened the hemisphere.-

After tea I went to David Buffum's with him, his wife & daughter Wait in agreeable conversation.

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July 22, Monday: A Boston establishment famed as "The Beehive" (because it was where the honnies were) was raided by "outraged citizens" and the madam there, "old marm Cooper," and her working women, the "nymphs of Ann Street," were sent scurrying out of their Boston House of Erection to avoid being offed to the Boston House of Correction. This must have been a night to remember, as the "outraged citizens," having organized themselves as for a "2d Tea Party," had come attired, again, as Mohawk warriors. Let us hope that a good time was enjoyed by all.

When British ships met a combined French/Spanish fleet off El Ferrol, Spain, Spain lost two of its vessels.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 22 of 7 M 1805 / This evening took walk with my near and dear friend OW & fell into conversation on several subjects particularly that of unfaithfulness in not doing our duty when we are concernd to treat with individuals who deviate from the spirit of truth. he said he had experienced his mind to sink into leanness and poverty by puting by such concerns - I then told him that I could set my seal to it, & mentioned a circumstance where I was constrained to visit a brother who was older than myself but weakness prevailed & I fell in leanness & discouragement - & also for not speaking to a matter in the M Meeting that presses heavily on my spirit, but let it pass by, & then perfect death insued, & painfully attended me the whole meeting & an heavy exercise for several days. - Says he Stephen, Stephen, I warn thee by the Roes & by the Hinds that thou let the time past suffice & give dilligent heed to be faithful in little things. I observed that he was confirmed that those who are faithful in a little shall be made rulers over much - My spirit & all that was alive within me was called up & willingness wrought to serve the Lord in the way of his requiring with unreserved dedication.

I went to his home & passed the remainder of the evening with him in company with several of my young acquaintance, but the savor of our past conversation was so fresh in my mind, that I



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felt that I had little inclination to join in conversation – so set nearly silent that whole of the evening believeing it would tend most to my strength.

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July 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 23 of 7 M 1805 / The effusions of the holy spirit are upon me to day & I am ready to cry unto the Lord that I may dwell forevemore on this spot – I have had deeply to sympathize with some who have to walk thro' mournful paths & desolate ways – May the Lord by with them, may his Almighty power protect them & enlarge them in the mysteries of Godliness & teach them patiently to endure the turnings of his holy refining hand, for when he afflicteth it is for our Good.–

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M Meeting 25 of 7 M 1805 / Towards the close of the first meeting D Buffum spoke a few words – he said the Apostle Paul rose to great eminence in the Church, & thro' faithfulness near the close of life was enabled to testify, that he had fought a good fight kept the faith &c henceforth there was laid up for him a Crown of Glory. he said he would have us individually give up to what was required & manifested to be our duty, for how could they, formerly have enjoyed the good wine, if they had not obeyed the directions of the Mother of our Lord, to fill the Waterpots, & consulted flesh & blood & queried why it was so – it is probable the disign would have been frustrated. I preserve the heads to help my memory & desire to retain the savor

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July 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 26 of 7 M 1805 / Last night I spent in the room with a dying Man his groans pearced my heart – oh may I learn wisdom, lasting wisdom from such affecting scenes. how Awful to be with a man stupid & speachless & the last feeble taper of life about finally to be extinguished [two and a half lines blacked out] & the spirit to take its Mansion in eternity & appear before its God to receive its doom of Come ye blessed or go ye cursed – Awful were these considerations to me while sitting in the room



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& may they leave a lasting stimulous to faithfulness in all things – It was brought feelingly to my remembrance, that there was nothing else under heaven among men, that would be comforting when on an Agonizing pillow but an hope in Jesus Christ, that having submitted to his yoak we may look forward with assurance to a seat in his kingdom.

The person with who I watched was Joseph Wiseman the Spanish Consul, & being a man of note, I was further led to view the vanity of distinctions among men so common & so foolish [half line blacked out] – because a man hold a popular or rich post in the world why should he be more carressed than one in meaner life. Death & sickness levels all – when the pale messenger is sent to our habitations – Our length & breadth is all we can have – we then return to our Mother earth & are forgotten by those who once did us homage –

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July 29, Monday: Alexis de Tocqueville was born in Paris and would spend his early childhood in a château at Verneuil, near Paris, where his father, Herve, was mayor. The family was one acquainted with political



violence. His family, members of the petite noblesse, had been targets during the French revolution in 1789; his grandfather and an aunt had been guillotined and his parents imprisoned. His father had regained his position only after the rise of [Napoléon](#). As a child, Alexis would be tutored by the Abbe Leseur. Later he would live in Normandy.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

29 of 7 M 1805 / Last seventh day evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#) staid at Cousin Chases & the next day went to meeting where I felt very poor & miserable. we sat in silence & some were so ineseible as to fall asleep. I was led to reflect on the miserable example it is to the youth who attend our meetings for them to behold elderly friends with their heads falling, who ought to be fresh & lively – what can the honest enquirer gain by attending our meeting, surely they will not feel that animating spirit & power which was felt in our meetings when our ancestors presided, but will go away either disgusted or as they came, like the door on its hinges none the better but rather the



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worse.

After dining at cousin Chases walked homeward & called at cousin John Gould a few minutes, then to cousin Mary Gould, then went to cousin Alices & took tea – So to town to spend the remainder of the evening at J Earles.–

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August 5, Sunday: [Francis Faulkner](#) died in Acton at the age of 77, “after a long life of piaty and publick usefulness in Church and State.” The body would be placed in Lot 233 of Section C at the Woodlawn Cemetery of Acton.



The fulling mill at “Mill Corner” in South Acton would be operated by his son [Winthrop Faulkner](#).

Louis Spohr was appointed Konzertmeister in Gotha, the youngest person ever to hold that position in Germany.

An inaugural concert took place on the organ of St. Peter’s Church in Salzburg, newly rebuilt by Georg Joseph Vogler (Michael Haydn was moved by the majestic sound).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 5 of 8 M 1805 / Although I have been very weak & poor much of the time last week & prevailed with insensibility, Yet there has been seasons when the presence of the master has been witnessed –

Our meetings this day were silent & I think I may say they were proffitable opportunities, being preserved under a good degree of quietness thro’ them both.

Went with Clark Rodman to Sam’l Thurstons & took tea where we spent the evening very aggreably – D Buffum was with us part of the time. I do sincerely love the company of such friends, & esteem it a very great favor to be conversant with them. it is a priviledge which ought to be prized & proffited by – I have considered how much better it would be for young friends frequently to join in the company of experienced friends, than to follow & assimilate with the giddy circles.



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 August 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 6 of 8 M 1805 / Considererein my state & condition I have thought it a favor that I am kept alive. my heart is at this time touched with the life of truth. –

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 August 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day evening 7 of 8 M 1805 / I walked to [Portsmouth](#), & lodged at Zachery Chases where I found a large company of friends who were there for the same purpose that I was – to attend the Quarterly Meeting to be held the next day. I spent the evening & next Morning very agreeably with them, & I trust to a degree of improvement. Sylvester Wikes & wife, Joseph Harris & wife, Wm Anthony & Joseph Congdon (whose father was killed by lightning at the same house at the last Yearly Meeting time) [rest of line blacked out] & several of my young acquaintances were [there]

Before meeting I walked up to Holder Almy's & spent a little time there then to meeting where we had a very favor'd time, yea truly favor'd time, tho' our friend Wm Crotch in his testimony was lead to express himself very closely to divers states, & particularly those who are at ease in Zion, & had to mourn for the church which he said was in the Wilderness, yet spoke very comfortably to many present whom he apprehended as they walked into meeting had the seal in their foreheads that they had been with Jesus. to those he administered comfort & encouragement to continue in the way of well doing, he was also concerned to address some who were not under our name that he apprehended were in the way to the kingdom, & if faithful would come forth as bright lights to the world – The youth of society he was deeply concerned for & spoke to their states reaching & humbling many of our hearts – may his Ministry be as a lasting seal on my mind is what I crave, fully believing his testimony was delivered in the dread, power & authority of truth. it resembled the Idea which I have of the testimonies of our valient & powerful friends in former days sharpe & sharper than a two edged sword

At the close of the meeting he addressed the Young people on the subject of going out of meetings & requested them not to do it without a particular, necessity, which had a good effect as I



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never remember to have observed less of it in a Quarterly Meeting.

In the last meeting business went on very pleasantly & solidly Obadiah Williams was appointed Clerk & Jonathon Dennis assistant for the year insuing, whose service & solid countenances added dignity to the Meeting.

After meeting took dinner at Cousin L [Z?] Chases then came on to Middlton & visited my cousin Alice Gould & family, where I trust my visit was in some measure useful – then came homeward & met with some of my beloved acquaintances & spent the evening at D Williams.

Altho' from weakness & a degree of insensibility I have not felt the force & weight of the Meeting as at some other times, yet I can thankfully add that I have been greatly favor'd with quietness of mind, & at times thro' the corse of the day, have been reached to the very heart, all that was alive in me was quickened with desires for my lasting preservations, & my spirit has been bowed, on behalf of some of my acquaintance who is under religious exercise, & is ready to adopt the language "My soul is athurst after Thee O God" I do believe there are some who are desirous to become sanctified & purified from every defilement, & if They are but faithful to abide the refinement by fire will come forth as bright & shining ornaments in this part of the Lord's Vineyard, & may their streangth incese thro' faithfulness, which will build them up as strong & skillfull workman – My mind been peculiarly exercised for a precious female youth of my acquaintance who does not stand within the pale of the outward Church but of latter time hath steadily attended our, first, & weekday meetings, with solid concerned countenance, & hath this day taken the pains to go from [Newport](#) to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the meeting there. May the everlasting hand & Arm of the Almighty be with her, & support her thro' every conflict is at times the Ardent breathings, & anxncious solictitude of my spirit. Often when sitting in company with her, observing her pensive disposition my soul has been reached with unutterable sensations on her behalf, my prayer hath been Secretly & Solemnly poured fourth, that by the operation of the holy spirit in & upon her, she might come forth fair as the moon clear as the Sun, & terrible as an army with Banners Oh Gracious father be with the youth, that we may be encoraged to come up in the way of holiness & fight willingly & nobly under thy banners, enlarge us & deepen us in thy mysteries of Thy kingdom, Oh Lord prosper thy work make us useful in the world, that Zion may florish in her ancient splendor.

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August 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 9 of 8 M 1805 / This day receiv'd a very acceptable letter from my ancient beloved friend Jamy Bringhurst of Philadelphia



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whom I am glad to find in every way alive

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 August 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 10 of 8 M 1805 / Wm Crotch is here & was at our meetings this day. In the Morning he expressed that it was often his lot to be discouraged in getting along, having to see & feel the low state of society in different places where [he] has been, which he had peculiarly felt in this place & was ready to adopt the language "Oh that mine eyes were a fountain of tears, that I might weep day & night for poor Zion["] he said there were a number among us who did weep for her desolation, & wished they might be streanghtened, but he had been so low in his mind that he did not feel it to be his place to say much among us at this time so with a few more words expressed in divine Authority & sweetness, he sat down. In the afternoon we sat in silence, & were much discomposed by an hard thunderstorm which lasted nearly all the meeting tho' nearly all of us kept our seats many were much aggitated the more owing to the house being struck several times by lightning one young woman nearly fainted away and had to go out.

In the evening after a small walk, I went to J Earls, & staid about an hour in which time we drew into silence & Dear Obadiah spoke a few words in testimony which were truly comfortable & instructing to me. He said that just before we center'd into stillness he felt a language gently to run thro' his mind, little thinking that we should so soon be favor'd with solid quiet the words were "Zacheus come down for this day I must be at thine house" no doubt but he received it with alacrity of mind it being an important opening to him he then intimated that it was thro' faithfulness to come down when required of us, that we are favor'd to enjoy the presence of the Master. Spent the remainder of the evening at C Rodmans. -

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 August 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 15 of 8 M 1805 / Our endeared friend Wm Crotch after being at Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) yesterday returned & has been at meeting with us to day - He is a delightful friend, & if there were more among us as faithful as he is, neither we nor the strangers who sit with us would go away as empty as we often do. I think I feel no scruple to say that his testimony to day was living and Powerful & I trust reached the witness of truth in many minds present. I have attended no meeting with him wherein my spirit has felt so relieved as this day it now seems as if I



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am willing to part with him. & may & may that holy Baptizing influence go with him wherever he goes to the reaching of many hearts, which he hath evinced to us is now with him Sam Towle the Moravian Minister, & C Greene a New-lite preacher who are members of other societies, & were well satisfied.

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 August 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

16 of 8 M 1805 6 day of the week/ This morning our worthy Honorable & Dignified instrument Wm Crotch left town to visit Sam Elam from there he will return & dine with Richard Mitchell, & then go to [Tiverton](#) & [Swanzy](#) & so to [Providence](#) in the work & service of his Master who has doubtless sent him from his native land to this country as an instrument of great Good....

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 August 18, Sunday: Hersey Bradford Goodwin was born.

The Rev. HERSEY BRADFORD GOODWIN was born at [Plymouth](#), August 18, 1805, graduated at [Harvard College](#) in 1826, and at the Theological School in Cambridge in 1829. The first child he baptized bears his name. He married Lucretia, daughter of Benjamin M. Watson, Esq. of Plymouth, June 1, 1830. She died greatly lamented, November 11, 1831, aged 23, leaving one son.³⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 18 of 8 M 1805 / Our Meeting silent & much as usual for life – took tea at Sam Thurstons in company with Jeremiah Austin Junr & O Williams & spent the evening to my instruction –Oh the many favors which I enjoy in the company of good friends may they be duly prized while I have them, as the time may come, when those invaluable priviledges may be denied me.....

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 August 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 20 of 8 M 1805 / We have this day received letters from Aunt M. Stanton in N York stating the arrival of her husband – also one from Brother James which unkle brought from Liverpool stating their health.

38. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:....](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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August 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

22 of 8 M 1805 5 day of the week/ It has been an excessive hot day, the Thermometer has stood this afternoon at 83 degrees At Meeting we had the company of Willet Hicks & wife from N York Willet was concerned in testimony. He said the divine Masters querie to his immediate followers "Children have ye any meet" had been so impressed on his mind that he was made willing to stand on his feet & express it, with the miracle of the draught of fishes. he wished us to lanch [launch] out into the deep, & let down the net on the right side of the ship, & then we should have meet & to spare, and recommended that we do not dwell in shallow waters & toil all night & take nothing as they did. his testimony was acceptable & I hope may be useful among us ... It was a good quiet meeting, & may it be remembered, by the youth who he particularly addressed...

I spent the evening at J Earls in company with about twenty persons chiefly young friends, where we center'd into stillness, & dear Willet was concerned in testimony I trust to our edification -he sweetly addressed the youth & encoraged us to persevere in the way of truth intimating that it is a day wherein we are singularly visited -during the time of silence my mind was brought to a sense of its weakness & desires were raised to be more firmly established in the living substance - but it was a time of favor to me witnessing the power of truth in my heart, which made me tremble as I sat in the chair.

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August 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 25 of 8 M 1805 / Our meetings this day were silent, but in them my mind witnessed the renewal of life & sincere breathings were begotten in my soul to be wholly dedicated to the Lord. my spirit cried in secret unto him for help that I might be delivered from the boody of death with which I have so been so long cover'd. It seems as if I was alive with desires that our Zion might again flourish in her ancient splendor. I mourn'd to see so many among us so dull & lifeless as to religion, & felt desires that I might get into that quickening spirit which will go over & animate those who are at ease. I don't recollect when I have had a more edifying meeting. I took tea with my precious Aunt Martha Gould, & in the evening called to see several of my friends.

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August 29, Thursday: At the Episcopal Church in Cambridge, the Harvard College commencement listened as the [Reverend T.M. Harris](#) delivered a poem on Patronage of Genius.

Abandoning the idea of invading Britain, the Emperor Napoléon ordered his three army corps at Montreuil, St.-Omer, and Bruges to march east.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 29 of 8 M 1805 / I am thinking this morning of going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our M Meeting but there is such a weight of discouragement attends my mind that I hardly know what to do. After laboring under much discouragement both from within & without I rode in the Stage to the M Meeting It was a remarkable solemn quiet time Abigail Robinson was concerned in testimony to the comfort of many there. The last meeting held but little time & I dont recollect as I ever felt so small in any meeting that ever I attended I was willing to scruch [scrunch?] behind the back of any boody so as not to be seen, considering my self the very least & hindermost of all the flock present It was not that dry hard lean & barran state with which I am so often tried – So on the whole concluded it was a proffitable meeting & worth spending my time to attend it...

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August 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 30 of 8 M 1805 / I have this day met with a committee appointed at last My Meeting for the purpose of concluding on some suitable regulating for funerals &c, & tho' before I went I felt, but small & feeble, yet when we were all solidly seated in the meeting house I was never more quickened, or alive to any subject, that ever I was concern'd in. & thought myself wonderfully favor'd to express my prospects & I desire to be humbled under it, & not attribute – any thing to myself, but ascribe all to the honor & praise of the Lord who I trust was near my spirit & did assist me to my admiration. It was a season wherein I was the most deeply instructed of any of the kind that ever ever I was in, & feel this evening a sweetness of spirit which richly compensates the sacrifce of my time from the shop.

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September 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 8 of 9 M 1805 / I have spent this day chiefly at home having taken this morning some physick for boils which I have had on my face & throat & feel somewhat unpleasant at the mission



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of Meeting, for had my boils been dosed seasonable I might have gone this afternoon, without inconvenience from my physick. This evening went out & spent the evening at C Rodmans, & believe believe as I walked the streets that I felt a degree of Cains guilt, when he thought every man that met him would slay him. I was affraid people would think if I was able to be out in the evening I might have gone to meeting

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 September 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 9 of 9 M 1805 / I fell into an error this morning which was insued by the baptism of repentance. This afternoon departed this life in the 72 year of her Age Meribeth Hall after some years infermity, & about eight weeks confinement. She was a woman whom I have loved from my childhood and now hope, & believe there is reason to believe that her change is from pain & affliction in this world to the enjoyment of perfect felicity in the world to come.

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 September 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 12 of 9 M 1805 / At meeting my mind was sweetly cover'd with the influence of The holy Spirit. And think I may say it was a time of favor to many. When we came out of the house John Rodman told me that he thought it was good for him to be there. How glad I was to find that he had felt his mind instructed, & diped into sweetness in a Silent Meeting. May he be still comforted & encoraged in the right way. My spirit has often breathed in in secret for his preservation. This afternoon attended the funeral of Meribeth Hall & felt a good degree of the same covering to be upon me as at Meeting.

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 September 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 14 of 9 M 1805 / I have written but little of late in my Diary either of the state of my mind or of common occurences. But feeling an uncommon presure of exercise, which I went to bed with last night, & rose with this morning, am free to say that it is a time where in my hands are ready to hang down & my knees smite together. A living fresh concern is now weightily on my



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spirit, that the holy ever blessed cause of Truth and righteousness may be exalted in the minds of the people, that they may know the Lords power to do away in them all that is unholy. It surely is a time of great trial in this Land both from within and without. It is a time of inward trial, because the harvest is great & laborers are few, & because of gainsayers of whom this land abounds; Oh for the sincere hearted burden bearers, may I be found among them, & may their hands be strengthened to do with diligence whatever they may find to do, tho' they may have to travel as in the night when fear comith. It is a time of outward trial because of the contagon which is spreading in our Twons & Cities, especially in N York & Philadelphia & whatever may be attributed to natural causes, I do believe the Lords hand is in this, & that his judgements are sent abroad that The Inhabitance may learn righteousness. Even this town this healthful situation is not wholly exempt tho' the people have boasted of the salubrity of the air, & that contageons could not originate nor live among us, yet there are two people who have lately died of very putrid complaints called by some The Yellow Fever – & several others have been suddenly taken & are alarmingly sick...

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September 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 15 9 M 1805 / This morning took Chaise with Daniel Austin & went to [Tiverton](#) & staid at Thos Barkers till Meeting time after meeting we returned & dined in company with Jonathan Dennis & two others from Town – we all crossed the ferry together. I took tea & J Bordens & Daniel at Preserv'd Fishes & on our passage home stop'd at the Widow Thurmans. it was an agreeable visit.

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September 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 17 of 9 M 1805 / Last night I spent in watching with Rouse Taylor who is alarmingly Sick with putrid fever.

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September 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 19 of 9 M / My dear Aunt Martha Stanton & her daughter



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*Niobe has now come on shore, after having performed Quarranteen from N York – She has come on Account of the Sickness which prevails there – May she find safe Assylum among us This morning my mind is quickened & tendered, & seems to be in a favor'd state, may it continue thro' the day & may our Meeting be blessed.
At Meeting my mind was brought into a state of Stillness, & cloathed with sweetness. it was a time of refreshment for which I desire to be thankful. Towards the close Asa Russel was concern'd in a short testimony.*

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 September 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 26 of 9 M 1805 / I have fallen into such a deathly state of mind since last first day that I have not felt streangth even to insert that I attended Meeting, & David Buffum was largely in testimony from these words "The leaders of the people cause them to sin. in the afternoon we were silent & after meeting I went with Obadiah Williams & took tea with Jon Dennis & wife.

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 September 27 or 28, Friday or Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*I feel this Morning strong desires to be favor'd with Wisdom & streangth in our M Meeting held this day.
Returned from meeting Our publick laborers were Holder Almy & Asa Russel it was a remarkable solid time.
In the last there were four couple published their inentions of marriage Viz Walter Cornell & Lydia Hadwen, Asa Russel Mehitable Earle, Isaac Mitchell & Sarah Gould, Asa Sherman & Elizabeth Mitchell. ————— Anthony wife of Gideon was received into membership.*

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 September 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 29 of 9 M 1805 / A very rainy day small meetings, & to me poor ones. my mind was in rather a confused state the whole day with that satisfactin which I wished
Oh that life may again rise for it has been with me a barran time for some days, so much so that it is even a burden to me to write as much as I have.*



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 October 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day of 10 M 1805 / The funeral of Luke Bliven has this morning passed my shop, he was drowned some days ago in the Harbor.³⁹ There has two accidents of this kind happened in the corse of ten days.

I am now going to meeting & hope to be favor'd with an improving season.

Our meeting was small, but to my mind a pretty solid time, tho' I underwent some roving of Mind.

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 October 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 4 of 10 M 1805 / I have just returned from the funeral of Wm Tillinghurst who departed this life Yesterday aged —— & this day between 10 & 11 OClock in the Morning was inter'd in the Clifton buring ground. he has left 6 small children & a wife to bear his irreparable loss. he was a man much esteemed by all who knew him, & may be consider'd a loss to the community at large, for several years he has been a very constant attending of friends meeting in first days, & sometimes on week days. he allways brought several of his children with him, & sat in a very examplary manner by the side of them. & even a severe storm of rain or snow did not prevent his coming. He departed out of time in an Awful manner, being sick but a few days, of a severe fever which was thought terminated in the Yellow fever & was deprived of his reason allmost the whole time of his illness. I do not feel in a state of mind to make many remarks upon it but hope it may tend to awaken me to a sense of mortality, & how soon & sudden we are taken from this to another world. It may be truly said that it is a time of great alarm to the inhabance of our town, as it is a very sickly time, & indeed so it is all about this country. The news paper of Yesterday announced that in some parts there was not well enough to take carre of the sick.

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39. Luke Bliven had been a friend of a Captain on a ship quarantined in the harbor, and had tacked out in a small sailing craft. A gust of wind capsized his boat. It seems this was witnessed from the shore and rescue was attempted. However, the corpse was not found until four days later, at the shore by Fort Adams.



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October 7, Monday: The Grand Armée crossed the Danube River.

Having crossed the Continental Divide, the Lewis and Clark expedition arrived at the Clearwater River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 7 of 10 M 1805 / Last seventh day I met at the meeting house with the committee from the M Meeting (of which I was one) to confer on the subject of friends funerals & burying places & after a long sitting from 9 till half past 12 O'clock we agreed on a report.

This as well as at our other opportunities together, were seasons of very great instruction, & even enlargement to my mind. & I think young people like myself should esteem it a great favor to have the privilege of being with experienced friends at such times, as I believe if a right use is made of them, furtherance & advancement in experience will be the result.

In the Afternoon I rode to [Portsmouth](#) with L [? OR Z] Chase & the next day went to meeting where I may justly say it was to my mind a season of uncommon favor. it is some Months since I have experienced any thing near equal to it. I was centered in humble waiting before the Lord, & earnest breathings of Spirit was raised for my own preservation, & even the preservation of the little band there assembled. how did I humbly crave that they might be strengthened, & more faithful pillars raised up to support & do honor in the Church. It seemed as if I was ready to call on my young brethren & sisters to join heart & hand, & come up to the house of the Lord, the mountain of his holiness that his great & excellent name may be exalted in the Earth. I continued in this susceptible frame of mind till I came home & went to bed at Night. in the evening & went to C R's where E R & M C were sitting alone. (The rest of the family from home) with whom I joined in conversation, & found the latter in such a tender exercised frame of mind as claimed my affectionate sympathy. We were conversing on our meetings' & I mentioned it to be a favor'd time with me at [Portsmouth](#), that I was almost at a loss to know whether to shed tears or not, to which she replied, that in the morning tho' it was a silent meeting, she did, & they were the tears of repentance too. I told her them were good tears. we then went into some weighty & deep conversation which confirmed me in the belief which I have long had that she was a youth that is tenderly visited with the day spring from on high, & if she is faithful will ere' long come forth among us much brighter than some who now stands as members of society.

I felt for her in her tried situation much more than I was able to express. And may the preserving hand of the Almighty be with her is my earnest prayer of spirit.

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 October 11, Friday: Austrian troops almost trapped 4,000 French in the vicinity of the village of Albeck. But, not quite.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

11 of 10 M 1805 / We have this day received a letter from my brother James mentioning his arrival in New York from Liverpool

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 October 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 13 of 10 M 1805 / This morning before I went to meeting my mind was in a very favor'd state, which continued with me through the whole day, the morning meeting was a memorable time, my mind was in good subjection & the truth was witnessed in an eminent degree. Our friend Benjamin White from Pensylvania was at meeting & preached in the demonstration of the power & spirit of Truth, I believe many tender minds were mightily reached by his testimony, & may it have a lasting effect. I have not been so reached by any friend for a long time if ever. The meeting was disturbed in the morning by a drnken man who came in & talked very loud at times while Benjamin was preaching. I desire to receive with thankfulness every favor which is vouchsafed by the Giver of all good Gifts & may now say that, tho' I have not written the state of my mind so frequently of late as in times past, yet it hath been a time wherein I have often witnessed the renewal of life & frequently had to suffer much poverty, but even in times of poverty the spirit has been with me as a comforter, & my mind at times has been fervantly engaged for the wellfare & prosperity of the everlasting & unchangeable truth. may my spirit be brought more & more under its dominion, & be made acceptable to him who is alone worthy of all honor & praise.

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 October 14, Monday: French troops captured Elchingen on the Danube River and established a bridgehead across the river.

 October 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 15 10 M 1805 / Tho it is now an hard time with me, yet my mind has this day as well as at many other days become seriously concerned & affected for the wellfare of divers of my young acquaintance. May the Lord the Almighty God preserve them & be near to them in times of deep trial. how has my best life been nearly affected, & drawn into sympathy with some who are now entering the School of religion Oh! it is a precious school, my



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very soul can bear witness to it. all that I ever learnt that was worth having was obtained here....& may it never be forgotten, but daily improved upon. was it in my power to express what I feel it might be some relief; but neither my tongue or pen is able to do it & may only add that my spirit is deeply bowed within me, & my mine eyes nearly brought to weeping as I write.

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 October 16, Wednesday: The Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Columbia River.

The emperor [Napoléon](#) ordered his artillery to bombard Ulm.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 16 of 10 M 1805 / I have had this day to witness inward peace & innocence in a time of outward perturbation, & am ready renewedly to acknowledge that I believe all true peace & comfort is only derived from virtue & religion. how sweet, how comfortable, beyond description, it is when we are visited calamity to feel our hands clean & can lift them up in the midst of it & say in sincerity, Lord it is not I that has offended thee. Oh! this innocence I feel it to be a precious thing, & may I be more & more to gain possession of it. my spirit is more affected with a sense of Gods goodness at this time than usual. I desire to be preserved in this tender frame of mind which I now experience beyond the power of words to express.

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 October 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 17 of 10 M 1805 / Our meeting to day was sweet & precious. I was favor'd soon after I took my seat with the incomes of Divine life, & to keep within the holy enclosure most of the meeting. I desire to thank & praise the Lord for his goodness vouchsafed this day, & am ready to believe that others beside myself was sensible that it was a good meeting. there was much solemn quiet over us, & dear Abigail Robinson was sweetly concerned in testimony which I have no doubt came from the fullness of an exercised mind, & was instructing & moving to my feelings

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Austrian forces in Ulm agreed that they would surrender to the French should no help arrive by October 25th.

Behind the Schönbrunn bei Wien palace of Österreich in Vienna, in the Mauer des Schlossgartens, the young German who had attempted to stab the Emperor [Napoléon](#) on October 13th, Friedrich Staps, shouted “Long live freedom! Long live Germany!” just before the volley from the firing squad.



(There was nobody back there to hear him, of course, except Frenchmen, none of whom seem to have been particularly impressed.)

Napoleon und Staps

*Wie vor Varus, den Römer, so trat im geknechteten Deutschland
Vor Napoleon auch mahnd die Nemesis hin.
Hätt' er den Jüngling verstanden, der, ohne zu zittern, das Leben
Vor die Füße im warf, als er's ihm wieder geschenkt:*



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*Nimmer hätt' es der Völker bedurft, ihm die Lehre zu geben,
Daß der germanische Geist immer den sittlichen rächt.*
— Friedrich Hebbel



October 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

18 of 10 M 1805 / 6 day I can acknowledge that my mind is affected with a concern for my own wellfare, & a longing is witnessed for that exaltation of truth & righteousness, that men & women may no longer follow fables of mans device, but cleave to the inward teacher which teacheth in secret as never man taught in public. I have been persuaded this day that there was hardly ever a time when Preast craft more generally & hurtfully prevailed, or more of the Babylonish form of religion among men, for they will come forth under some impressions of religion, & the Ministers of the day will hear that such & such are under conviction as they call it, & will run to persuade them to adopt their doctrine, drownd. confuse & affright them with terror. & after a time they lead the poor things into the Water, so after they are baptized they think, they are members of Churches, & the workd is compleat. & thus by being in haste to get relief from their first excess[?] which is but the beginning of the furnace they fall short of that holy refinement which they might have attained too by patiently in during the cross for a season. But alas alas my Soul has this day mourned over those poor concerned creatures, & if they would but patiently wait as it were at Jerusalem until endued with power from on high they would come forth with renewed lusture, & even exceed their teachers for money & be brought to see that their preaching is an offence & a perversion of the ways of the Almighty, & their prayers instead of assending in sweet incence before the throne of Grace, is a stink in his nostrils, & their doctriined tho' cloaked & painted like religion, yet they blaspheme the Great & holy name of the Lord.

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October 19, Saturday: According to a church record, Sally Lawrence, dau'r of Widow Lawrence of Groton, died aged 18.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 19 of 10 M 1805 / It is a time of blessed favor, my mind keeps to the center & is not easily jostled about with every passion to which our natures are incident. I desire to be renewedly thankful, as for several days successively I have witnessed the renewal of light & life afresh to shine on my tabernacle. Blessed be the holy name of our God, it is a great mercy when he is pleased to unvail his countenance to the comfort & refreshment of his creature man. A fervant Zeal accompanies my mind thro' this time of visitation that Our holy profession may not be laid to waste but that sons may come from far & daughters



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from the ends of the earth to build up & adorn the waste places of Zion.

Oh may the beloved Youth of this town & Island distinguish themselves in this work – I often breathe to the Almighty for our furtherance & advancement in the cause of righteousness.

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 October 23, Wednesday: [John Russell Bartlett](#) was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). His family would relocate to Kingston, Canada in order to avoid the War of 1812, although in his late teens John would return to Rhode Island.

23,000 Russians arrived at Braunau in Upper Austria, joining 22,000 Austrians to oppose Napoléon.

 October 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 27 of 10 M 1805 / Since the last date my mind has experienced a stripping even unto death, nevertheless I have been favored with intervals of life & spiritual engagement. Our Morning meeting was a dry time, but the afternoon was rather better – took tea at Sam'l Thurstons with D Rodman.

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 October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 31 of 10 M 1805 / This morning rode with my beloved Aunt Martha Gould to [Portsmouth](#) to attend out Mly Meeting & on my journey to the meeting house my mind was void of life, & I was in expectation of a dry barran meeting, but was very agreeably disappointed, to feel the animating influence of the good spirit to arise in my heart & continue with me both in the first & last meetings, it was to me a very instructing time... a Copy of a minute was received from the Quarterly Meeting expressing a wish that the Monthly Meetings would bestow labor on such as are in the practice of neglecting the attendance of Meetings, & those who are in the practise of sleeping.– upon which weighty & feeling remarks were made by several friends and a committee appointed to treat with such delinquents. The committee in case of funerals & burying grounds made report & proposed the appointment of a committee to superintend funerals assist families by their advice. my name was mentioned for the service which appears to me to be weighty & requires more experience & force in religion than I have got to move in it, but feel a willingness to do my endeavors to preserve good order & decency at such times, & hope to be favord to do it by a steady example as well as precept.

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 November 4, Monday: The Austrian Imperial Court evacuated Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 4 of 11 M 1805 / Last seventh day afternoon I crossed the ferry to Connanicut in company with Asa Russel of [New Bedford](#) & D Williams I lodged at cousin Greenes & they ar P. Weedens the next day we attended the meeting held on the Island which was an highly favor'd opportunity Asa was concerned in testimony which I believe was living & powerful reaching the witness in many minds present, his supplication lively, fervantly craving that the standard of truth might be raised in this land. I can say I was glad of my being there After meeting we returned to cousin Greenes. And after dinner we had a precious time in conversation & cousin Anne droped some excellent advice which would not hurt the best of us. we returned across the ferry with a pleasant sail - & thro the corse of the evening my mind was thankful for a deep seriousness of mind, feeling desires to be preserved under the holy sanctifying influence of truth. While I was drinking tea this afternoon all that is alive within me was moved at hearing that My brother James was taken by the press gang when in Liverpool & kept by them all night, he was taken by his collar & dragged from the house in a very trying manner & what took particular hold of my feelings was that when they were carring him away the woman with whom he boarded very affectionately told him that she would send him some breakfast in the morning, & as he was going thro' the streets, a young woman acquaintance of his landladys daughter with who he had become some acquainted, ran out as he passd by where she lived. & in a very affecting manner & seeing him in distress said to him, "James May God keep thee & preserve thee James." She was a Methodist & used the plain language. as he expects to follow the sea fairing business for a lively hood, renew'd desires are fervantly raised on his behalf to the Lord of heaven Sea & Land that he may acquaint him of his ways, that when he is far seperated from his friends & Aged parents he may look to him for help in times of outward & inward calamity may his mind be stayed upon the rock of Ages the only sure foundation.

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➡ November 5, Tuesday: [Wilson Flagg](#) was born in Beverly, Massachusetts. His father was a grammar-school teacher and musical leader. He would be educated at Phillips Andover Academy and go on to Harvard College. He would be described as “a man of small size and light weight, not robust, ... a regular walker for pleasure of physical profit.”

[Thomas Wilson Dorr](#) was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the son of a wealthy businessman. He was from a distinguished family, his grandfather Ebenezer having been one of Paul Revere’s companions on that famous ride in 1775 (his grandfather’s name would be left out of the poetic, patriotic legend as it developed for no other reason, perchance, than because no very useful rhymes could be attempted with “Dorr.” –“Door?” –“Roar?” –“Whore?” –“Soar?” –“Lore?” –“More?” –“Bore?” –“Four?” –“Gore?” –“Score?”).



Gramps

It was two by the village clock,
 When he came to a **door** in Concord.
 Ebenezer **Dorr** heard the **roar** of the flock,
 Saw the birds **soar** among the trees,
 And was **bored** by the breath of the morning breeze
 Blowing over the meadow **dour**.

And one was safe and asleep in his bed
 Who at the bridge would be first to fall,
 Who that day would be lying dead,
 Pierced by a British musket ball.

➡ November 7, Thursday: Lewis and Clark 1st sighted the Pacific Ocean and discovered the mouth of the Columbia River, just in time. (It had been right there waiting for them all along.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 7 of 11 M 1805 / This day was married at our Meeting house in [Newport](#) Asa Russel of [New Bedford](#) to Mehitable Earle Isaac Mitchell son of Richard to Sarah Gould daughter of John both of Middletown



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November 8, Friday, 1805 French forces defeated the Austrians at Mariazell, southwest of Vienna.



November 9, Saturday: Russian troops effected an escape across the Danube River.

Rumors of impending financial collapse so worried French citizens that troops needed to be called in to keep order among investors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 9 of 11 M 1805 / There has been two Suicides in this town two days running one of a man who drowned himself, the other a woman who cut her throat. It seems as if Satan had beset the mind of some with corage & success.

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November 11, Monday, 1805 At Dürenstein, 5,000 French troops blundered into a Russian force eight times their size. The day was saved for the French by prompt reinforcements, and the Russians withdrew, but the fighting was at the expense of some 7,000 casualties.

November 12, Tuesday, 1805 French troops reached Vienna.



November 13, Wednesday: French troops marched into Vienna, unopposed.

The [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) got married with Mary Morrill, a daughter of Deacon James Morrill of Boston, in Boston or in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. It was probably at about this time that the house the Reverend Packard had built in Chelmsford was purchased as his parsonage. The couple would produce five boys who would grow to maturity: James Morrill Allen, Charles Hastings Allen, John Clark Allen, Nathaniel Glover Allen, and Wilkes Allen. Three of these would attend college.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 13 of 11 M 1805 / This day my brother James has sailed for NYork expecting to go to sea. My mind is often drawn forth in supplication for his preservation & enlargemnt in the best things. may the All protecting hand go with him wherever he goes & may he be obedient to its directions

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November 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 11 M 1805 / Asa Sherman & Elizabeth Mitchell, Walter Cornell & Lydia Hadwen will be married in our Meeting today, with the latter I expect to sit, & after meeting to return to be at their wedding, & I humbly crave to be favor'd to keep on



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the watch tower that my mind be not drawn aside into levity, but to endeavor to let my example be of a good savor to those around me Oh Lord be with my spirit this day & let all things work together for thy honor & Glory.

In meeting my mind was favor'd to witness a good degree of quietness, & favor Obadiah Davis of New Bedford was there & was very extensive in testimony I believe to good satisfaction, & I am sure to my edification. I returned to the house with Walter & Lydia & thro' the course of the day & evening, the company (tho large) were all remarkably solid. There was no unwarrantable conduct or conversation. – & for my own part I was very far from feeling any inclination to lightness, for instead of feeling myrthdom (as the saying is) my heart was in my shoes, & weeping of spirit was my lot, & it sometimes seemed as if I was ready to cry aloud my depression was so great, which occasioned such a seriousness that I was at times wholly unable to join in, or introduce conversation, but on the whole it was a very agreeable opportunity & I believe none that were there, were sorry for it but rather went away proffited.

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November 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 17 of 11 M 1805 / Soon after I took my seat in meeting this Morning my mind became favor'd with the rising up of life, & I was apprehensive that we should have a favored opportunity, & so it proved for a general solemnity prevailed over the gathering. Soon after we were gathered D Buffum was concerned to address us in a feeling powerful testimony, then Abigail Robinson rose & was very large in the Ministry, I trust to reaching the dormant witness of truth in many hearts present. Thanks be to God & father of all things that he is still pleased to follow after us with reproofs of instruction, tho' we daily walk counter to his will my mind has often for several days been bowed under a sense of his goodness to his creature man, & have been made sensible that without his immediate assistance we are as marriners destitute of the compass to direct our barks on the tractless deep, but if we have not this unerring guide it is our own fault, as he is ever graciously willing to help us if we are but obedient to the manifestations of his holy spirit in our hearts.

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November 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 21 of 11 M 1805 / I have but just streangth to insert that at Meeting Obadiah Davis was large & lively in testimony – he



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addressed the Youth sweetly.

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November 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 27 of 11 M 1805 / I seem to have my feelings over-cast with heaviness both on my own account, & on the account of some others, for whom I am allmost ready to to think it will be no mockery for me to say that my spirit travels for their wellfare, their groth & perminent establishment in the everlasting truth. And while I am concerned for others I trust I am in some degree thoughtful of my own wellfare tho' things from within & without are far from being as I could wish them, & are so that I cannot easily alter them at present, yet am encouraged to hope that ere long they will be different. I greatly long to be differently situated in life as to my manner of living. And still more earnestly crave to be founded & grounded in that which will last to all eternity

I am very weak & poor at times & find that the continual watch is necessary to be kept up, or Satan is as busy as ever he was to ensnare & destroy the life of the mind.

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November 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 29 of 11 M 1805 / I have had this day peculiarly to feel, & labor under great weakness, but am favor'd with a belief that the streangthening hand is ready on conditions of my faithfullness to heal all my infermitites, under which I am often borne down & even ready at time to sink.

In our Monthly Meeting held Yesterday in town I was beset in the forepart of it with a wordly matter which I Strove hard to get my mind raised above, & after wrestling a while I felt it to vanish, & the blessed truth came into dominion in my mind, & in this state I sat for some time, & was then sweetly edified by the testimonies of Holder Almy & Anne Greene.

In the last meeting we had but very little business, & rather a low time.

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December 3, Tuesday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 5th Annual Message.

The Emperor Franz I of Austria called on the Emperor [Napoléon](#), to sue for peace.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3 day of 12 M 1805 / Tho' I have been much engaged in outward business for some days past, yet the pure witness has often in the midst of it been raised, so that when my hands have been on my labor my heart has enjoyed the life, & thanks be to the Author of every blessing, things as to an outward living seems to increase, & I desire that the lure of wealth may not draw my mind from an entire dependance on the Lord, & that my feet may never stray from the holy enclosure, that neither heights nor depths or any thing else may lay waste the seed of life in my heart.

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 December 4, Wednesday: A private performance in honor of the Emperor [Napoléon](#) was given at the Schönbrunn Palace of Vienna and was directed by Luigi Cherubini. 300 political and military men of Napoléon's staff and government were in attendance. At the conclusion the Emperor stood and walked out without applauding or acknowledging the music.

 December 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 5 of 12 M 1805 / For several days I have been emersed in business & had severel cloging things in my mind, but the prcious life had not been whooly neglected, it has often risen & sweetly difused itself over the whole man, & I am thankful that I feel the precious covering at this time. I seems as if I am ready to crave on the bended knee of my spirit that I may not be left in the barran desart at our meeting today. In meeting the spirit was near me but it did not rise into dominion as at some times, owing to some things of an outward nature being more uppermost that I could wish. Since I have returned from meeting my spirit has been brought low, & I have thought the enjoyment of every outward thing was taken away, & have been Baptized afresh with a sense of my own weakness- "Oh may all my faculties be bent to the service of my great Creator; for he is the only sorce from whence we are to attain the enjoyment of the streangth & ability which will work for us peace & hapiness, & quallify us for every work & service."

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 December 11, Wednesday: News of the victory at Austerlitz reached Paris and the financial markets, so recently desperate, began to turn around.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

11th day of 12 M 1805 / I have been led this evening to consider (as I often am) the weakness & poverty there is among us as a society & I have queried why it is that there is not that Zealot



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firmness among us that there was in former days, & it hath clearly appeared to me that it is because there are so many dwarfs in this our day & time. The sincere laborers have not only to travel for those who are affar off, but have many hindering burdensome things of their own household, & I think in this the old saying becomes verified, that a Mans enemies are those of his own household, were it not for those drownish unconcerned members who are but stumbling blocks in the way of honest enquiries, it would not be such a time of Mourning in the Land as it now is, -but were we as mighty in streangth as we are in numbers, what a time it would it be surely the nations of the earth would come unto us for safety, & the Mock Babylonish form of religion would be done away & we should be distinguished above all the famillies of the earth. I am often concerned in mental supplication, that I may stand the storms of temptations, & not suffer my feet to be drawn aside, from daily seeking that bread which norisheth the soul.

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December 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*13 of 12 M 1805 } "A few unwary words"
6 day of the week } "More mischief make than twice so many swords" are poetical expressions or maxims which I have experienced the verity of this morning, as I have fallen into some unguarded expressions which I am very sorry for, & hope by repentance at this time to avoid similar trouble in future.*

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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day of 12 M 1805 / At meeting Dear Hannah Dennis was concerned to call our attenion to watchfulness, that we might labor acceptably for him who created us for a purpose of his own glory, adding that it needed continual watchfulness to keep away the enemy, & that we could not expect to accomplish our warfare but by labor, & sometimes so close that we might have to build the walls of Jerusalem with one hand & keep off the enemy with the other. As for my part thro' inattention to that Power which can preserve us out of the snares of the enemy I have suffered him to predominate to my hurt of late, & I have feared that he hath even taken down part of what I have built, but I feel desirous at this time to renew the conflict & try to regain what I have lost.

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December 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

23 of 12 M 1805 2nd day [sic] / Since the last date I have experienced a want of exercion to raise the inward life to keep away the enemy, but it has sometimes seemed as if there was never more real Zeale in my heart against the Babylonish forms of religion, never more earnest breathings to the Lord for my own firm establishment on the everlasting foundation, & many times has all that was alive & quick within me been engaged in supplication that Sons may be brought from far, & daughters from the ends of the earth. to acknowledge ther Goodness, & Glory of our God. I am often concerned that the precious youth of my acquaintance may not follow after cunningly devised fables, by going to hear the false teachers of the present Age; many of whom it is often sealed on my spirit are up & down in this country who are raising sparks of their own kindling, and warming others by them which will do them no good, but rather tend to blend them to that pure inward principal which of its self well work for them, all that is necessary; without the help of Man.

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December 25, Wednesday: Johann Philipp Karl, Count Stadion-Warthausen was named Lord Chamberlain and Chancellor to Emperor Franz I of Austria.

Dalmatia was attached to the Republic of Italy.

Brixen and Trent were removed from Austrian rule and attached to Bavaria.

In [Cranston](#), Noah Brown and Alice Prophet Greene, a widow, got married and would create a black and red mixed-race [Rhode Island](#) family. One of their sons, [William J. Brown](#), would eventually place this day on record in his autobiography, THE LIFE OF WILLIAM J. BROWN, OF PROVIDENCE, R.I.; WITH PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF INCIDENTS IN RHODE ISLAND:

PAGES 32-35: My father married Alice Greene; her maiden name was Alice Prophet. She was a widow, having lost her husband, Uriah Greene, several years previous to her second marriage. They were married in Cranston, R. I., the 25th of December, 1805, and commenced keeping house in that town, but being engaged in a seafaring life, he removed to Providence, and rented a house of Dr. Pardon Bowen, situated on Wells street. During his residence in Cranston, he had a son born, July 10th, 1810, and named him Joseph George Washington Brown. My sister, Mary Alice, was born September 1811, in this city. My brother George was born September 23d, 1817. After residing in Dr. Pardon Bowen's house five years, we were obliged to move, as Mr. Bowen wished to make



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a strawberry bed in the garden where the house was located. My father hired a house called the Red Lion, near the junction of South Main and Power streets, on the north side, the place where the Amateur Dramatic Hall now stands. My brother Henry was born there in 1820....

My mother, as I stated, was a widow when she was married to my father. I never had any knowledge respecting her first husband's relations. My mother's relations were the Prophets, who belonged to the Narragansett tribe, and resided in Cranston. My grandmother's father was a man of note and one of the chiefs, and called, Grandfather Jeffery. Whether he was a prophet by name or by title I know not. He had two daughters, but whether he had any sons I know not, but think he had none. One of grandfather Jeffery's daughters married a white man, preferring civilized to savage life. The other daughter, my grandmother, purchased a colored man and married him, by whom she had five children, one son and four daughters, John, Phebe, Mary, Alice, and Eunice. Her father being very much displeased with her management, gave his effects to the first, who married the white man, and the fourth generation are living in the city at present, and moving in upper circles. After some years his anger abated towards his daughter's husband and he rendered some aid to the family....



December 26, Thursday: A treaty of peace between France and Austria was signed at Pressburg (Bratislava). Austria ceded Dalmatia and Venetia to the Kingdom of Italy. Tyrol, Vorarlburg, and other Alpine lands went to Bavaria, a French ally, and Swabia was ceded to Württemberg. Bavaria and Württemberg were made kingdoms while Baden was created a Grand Duchy. Würzburg was made an electorate under Ferdinand Joseph Johann Baptist of Austria.

Gli americani, a melodramma eroico by Johann Simon Mayr to words of Rossi, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 25 [sic] of 12 M 1805 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my beloved friend A Greene to attend our MLY Meeting. Holder Almy & David Buffum was acceptable in testimony. David rose with the text "Be not deceived God is not mocked, if ye sow to the flesh, of the flesh ye shall of the flesh reap corruption but if of the spirit ye shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." It was to me a good meeting, & in the last my heart was much reached at the reading of the London Epistle for the present year & was almost ready to conclude it was right for me to stand up & make some remarks on the part of it respecting Slavery & War but fearing the People as Saul did when he neglected to slay all that was appointed for destruction, I let it pass by, but D Williams was concerned to speak excellently on the subject of Slavery, endeavoring to awaken the minds of friends to a sense of the dreadful situation of the poor black held in bondage, & desired that our testimony against the traffic might not relax, but be maintained as far as possible, & said he believed that the



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exercions of society was not at an end.
On the whole I was well paid for my expence & pain at going & hope it may prove lastingly useful to my mind. we dined at Richard Mitchells where were a precious company of friend both young & old.

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December 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 29 of 12 M 1805 / Last evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#) to visit my cousin Z Chase & family, & on my journey there I had proffitable reflections.

Owing to a very heavy storm of wind & rain I was obliged to stay there through the forenoon as I could not get to meeting which I was desirous of – so I spent the time mostly in reading the Life of our ancient worthy friend Thos Ellood, when it clear'd up in the afternoon I came homeward & stop'd at cousin Alice Goulds took tea & set awhile with them, then came to town & went to J Earles where my very spirit became very deeply affected insomuch that I could not join in conversation & setting under much exercise, I came home & am now writing this account –When I consider my own weakness Oh what inability do I feel but nevertheless, there are times when my heart is enlarged, & craves on the bended knees of my soul the prosperity & permanent groth of some who are as yet much unacquainted with the operations of truth. It seems to be such a discouraging time that I am almost ready to give up & conclude it will never be better, for there are some who have run well & continue hopeful for a time, but when the rains descend & the storm comes to beat against them they turn back from whence they came, & their last state is likely to be worse than the first. I am often ready to weep for them for it is harder to go back to the right ground than it was for them to leave the bad in the beginning. Oh what a state of barraness will they have to wade thro' if ever they return to their first love. I often feel concerned for my young friend & some others of my acquaintance that they with my self may experieince our hand to be made strong, & be enabled to keep our ground against the enemy of our peace, now in this time of dearth & famine.

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December 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 30 of 12 M 1805 / This day compleats the 24th Year of my Age & tho' I have not improved my time perhaps in any sense to the best advantage yet I trust I have done generally for the



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best, & have several times thro' the day felt my heart drawn to give thanks to the Author of my being, that he hath helped me thus far & is still graciously pleased to give me an evidence that he is still with me & is often working in me, & for me beyond what I deserve. I do feel sincerely desirous at this time that a more full surrender of my heart may be made to the Father & fountain of all Good.

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 December 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 31 of 12 M 1805 / This is probably the last minute which I shall make in this year, & am not desirous to invent many words to bed adieu to it, but may say that it has been a year of many vicissitudes particularly of mind, & I am willing to hope if I am permitted to close another, it may be still more to my own peace & the honor of my God... But Alas I am yet but young, & there are many snares for my feet, which requires watchfulness to shun, - & there are some concerns of moment which have for a long time been weightily before my mind, & claims all the discession & discernment which I am capable of attaining too, to assceraint which path to persue - if whether I shall be favor'd clearly to discover the right is yet a matter of uncertainty. I desire thro all that I may meet with to retain my love for the unchangeable truth, & closely in all things, (both inward & outward) to consult with it, & if I do my present faith & even firm beliefs is that I shall never want for the best counsel tho' I may be often left in the dark & be striped & tried even to an hairs breadth, yet I believe it will be for a trial of my faith & patience to see if my desires are still to be a true follower, willing to endure suffering.

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 [Elizabeth Buffum Chase](#) was born as Elizabeth Buffum in a [Quaker](#) family of [Smithfield, Rhode Island](#).



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THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1806. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1806. By Benjamin West. [Newport](#) Oliver Farnsworth.

THE COLUMBIAN CALENDAR OR [ALMANAC](#) FOR 1806. By Remington Southwick. [Newport](#). Printed for the author.

A [LUNAR CALENDAR](#) FOR A. M. 5566. (1806) By [Moses Lopez](#). [Newport](#): Newport Mercury (a copy is preserved at the [Touro Synagogue](#)).

This Almanac was calculated for the Jews who at this time had a very prosperous colony in Newport.



At this point Isaac Wilbour was [Rhode Island](#)'s Lieutenant Governor,

Between this year and 1826, the new-model industrious community known as "Slatersville" would be being developed.

[SAMUEL SLATER](#)

At the original Slatersville Mill, which would be not only the very largest but also the most progressive textile mill in our nation, [Walton Felch](#) would begin his career as a master machinist. Promoted to management, Felch would incorporate his experiences as the superintendent of this mill into a didactic poem, THE MANUFACTURER'S POCKET-PIECE; OR THE COTTON MILL MORALIZED. As his subtitle suggests, Superintendent Felch would come to regard his cotton mill as an allegory of the moral life. In New Lanark, Scotland the entrepreneur Robert Owen had turned his factory into a utopian community founded on socialist principles, and in New England the mill of Francis Cabot Lowell would become a symbol of efficient and benevolent industrialism. Pilgrims would come from all over to see and study such factories; one such reformer, Henry R. Colman (October 9, 1800-February 7, 1895), would report that the "moral spectacle here presented is in itself beautiful and sublime." In such a cotton mill "each part retains its place, performs its duty," modeling the proper function of human civilization at large. In 1976, in CIVILIZING THE MACHINE: TECHNOLOGY AND REPUBLICAN VALUES IN AMERICA, 1776-1900 (Hill & Wang), Professor John F. Kasson of the Department of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill would explain that the "discipline of the factory, Felch suggested, might provide just the salutary influence to keep republican spirits from running to excess. He chose a cotton mill as an illustration and carefully traced the moral lessons of control taught by each of the various elements; then Felch solemnly gestured to the whole and instructed his countrymen:

Remark the moral order reigning here,
How every part observes its destined sphere;
Or, if disorder enter the machine.
A sweeping discord interrupts the scene!
Learn hence, whatever line of life you trace,
In pious awe your proper sphere to grace."

The factory, Professor Kasson would argue, was becoming the symbol of a new kind of social order in which each citizen was to function in her appointed place in the great humming machine of the global economy. His insight would be that what Henry R. Colman and Walton Felch were describing was "essentially an industrial version of the Puritan doctrine of the calling, by which each person pursued his appointed vocation in the place which God had ordained. Factory discipline would provide social discipline as well."

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 [Robert Gray](#), born in [Rhode Island](#), first American to circumnavigate the globe, died in poverty at [Charleston](#), South Carolina.

 In [Providence](#), Water Street, King Street, Williams Street, Constitution Street, and Prince Street, together with a new street leading to the North End, were renamed as, collectively, Main Street. Later, Prince Street, which had been named in honor of the Prince of Wales, would become Constitution Hill.

At some point between 1806 and 1811, John Melish visited [Rhode Island](#).

JOHN MELISH

The Louisquisset Turnpike was chartered to run from [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to Lime Rock (now Route 146A).



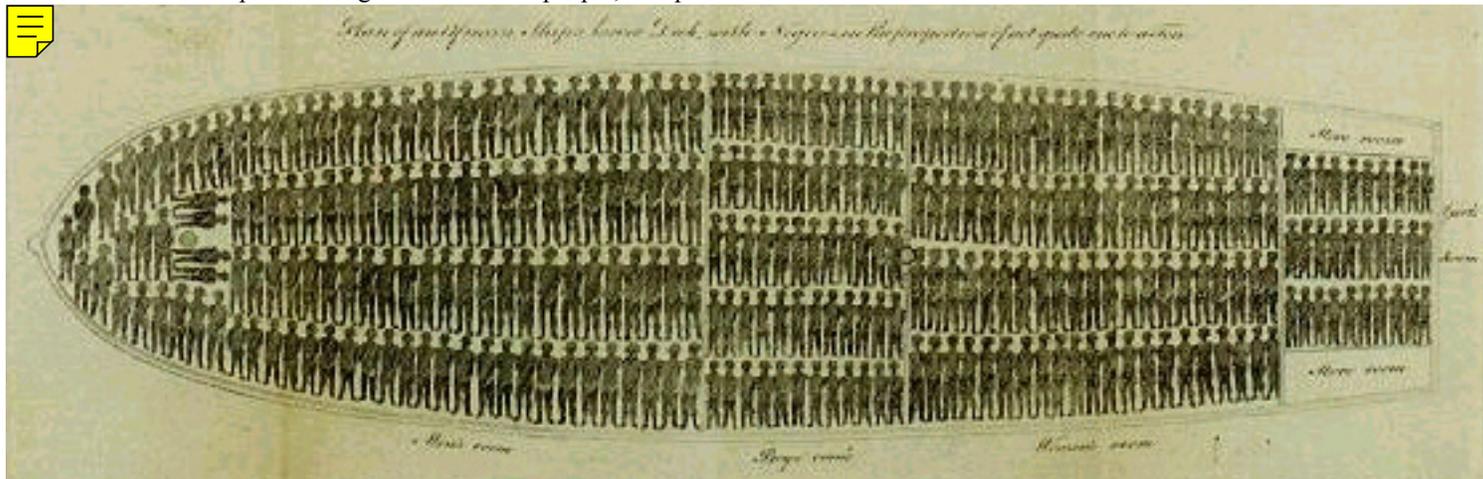
Entrance to Turnpike



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 In this year the [Rhode Island](#) brig *Factor* brought a cargo of 102 new African [slaves](#) to America, and the brig *Neptune* a cargo of 132. —New people, to replace the ones that had been worn out in service!



INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Of the twenty years from 1787 to 1807 it can only be said that they were, on the whole, a period of disappointment so far as the suppression of the slave-trade was concerned. Fear, interest, and philanthropy united for a time in an effort which bade fair to suppress the trade; then the real weakness of the constitutional compromise appeared, and the interests of the few overcame the fears and the humanity of the many.

In 1768, Isabel Marchant had sold a “Negro Man Slave named Cajoe aged about Thirty three Years” to Governor Samuel Ward. [Cudgoe](#) had accompanied his slavemaster to Philadelphia where this white man assisted in the deliberations of the other white men assembled there, about the preparation of a [Declaration of Independence](#) for these American colonies, and Cudgoe had attended at the deathbed of his slavemaster there in 1776 (unfortunately this slavemaster died before being able to affix his signature to our Declaration — which is why we find instead the signature of William Ellery of [Newport](#)). In this year there comes to our attention a certificate issued by the Town Council of [Westerly, Rhode Island](#) naming “Cuggo” and “Pegg” as being “in want” and as requiring “some speedy support” from the heirs of Governor Samuel Ward. If Cudgoe had been 33 in 1768, this slave would by this point have reached the age of 71 or 72, so it is apparent that Cuggo and Pegg, who as working [slaves](#) would never have been allowed wages, would have needed at that point some assistance, from the community if not from the heirs of their former slavemaster.)



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 March 31, Monday: A [duel](#) was fought near [Providence](#) at the Cold Spring, just over the Red Bridge across the Seekonk estuary from Massachusetts (where dueling was a criminal offense) into [Rhode Island](#) (a libertarian venue in which dueling had not yet been criminalized) — a piece of property incidentally belonging to Friend [Moses Brown](#). (If you'd like to go for a weird walk on the East Side, said source of drinking water had been between what is now Pitman Street and Waterman Street.)

Said duel was between a couple of [Harvard College](#) men, Mr. James Henderson Elliot of Boston and Mr. William Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts. One duelist was a Federalist and the other a Democrat, and their confrontation was over a perceived insult to James Henderson Elliot's father, Major General Simon Elliot. The accusation was that after a militia officer, Joseph Loring, had been cleared of all charges against him, Major General Elliot had not immediately released him from custody but had allowed him to languish in confinement for some additional duration of time. Austin's second was Charles Pinckney Sumner and Elliot's was the portrait painter Henry Sargent. In the 3-shot exchange Austin was twice wounded, but not critically.⁴⁰

 April 5, Saturday: The [Providence, Rhode Island Phoenix](#) reported on the [duel](#) of March 31st as if it had been reporting on the innings of a ballgame:

The first round Mr. Austin's pistol flashed.
Mr. Elliot fired and wounded Mr. Austin in the neck.
The second round they both fired and Mr. Austin was wounded in the thigh.
The third round had no effect.
The parties immediately retired from the field for Boston. We understand Mr. Austin's wounds were not dangerous.

(Mr. William Austin of Charlestown, Massachusetts's children would not learn of their father's involvement in this escapade for many years — in fact only subsequent to his demise.)

 April 16, Wednesday: In [Rhode Island](#), Old [Glocester](#) was divided, the northern half going its own way as "Burrillville."

 May 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 3 of 5 M – 1806 / It has been a day wherein my mind has witnessed some refreshment by being tender'd & (at seasons) nearly [nearly?] melted with a sense of divine goodness being still near & ready to help. For a long time it has felt as if all that was good was withdrawn & no tender feelings spot remaining, but am led to believe there is a way to avoid this barrenness which I am tried with, which is by watchfulness & obedience. I am often sensible of suffering much loss & weakness by entering into conversation which tho' innocent in itself tends to destroy the Life, the precious Life in the mind. Oh that I may be more watchful, & search daily to see how far I have

40. Austin, Walter. A FORGOTTEN DUEL FOUGHT IN RHODE ISLAND BETWEEN WILLIAM AUSTIN, OF CHARLESTOWN AND JAMES HENDERSON ELLIOT, OF BOSTON, MARCH 31, 1806 (68 pages, privately printed, 1914)



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*lived up to knowledge.*⁴¹



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May 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 4 of 5 M / Before meeting this Morning was refreshed with a sense of good being near, but was rather uneasy, & could not get centered in meeting as I expected
In the Afternoon life rose & a better Meeting. Our precious A Robinson was concerned in a living & powerful testimony which I have fully to believe reached the witness in many minds, her testimony was fitting many states, but particularly one who hath known the visiting arm of the Lord from season to season, but hath been halting, or not closed in with it so fully as was required, "Return unto me & I will return unto thee" was a scripture she repeated several times.*

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May 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 5 of 5 M / My mind of late has been much exercised about, & engaged in a matter which has labor'd in MY Meeting, & from an examination of my conduct am ready to conclude my motives for acting were pretty good tho' I have differed in sentiment from some who are older & much more experienced than myself

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41. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1806: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 6 for January 1, 1806-May 1, 1806 and Folder 7 for May 3, 1806-December 30, 1806; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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May 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day of 5 M / My mind was brought under a right feeling last evening which remained 'till after I went to bed, & sleep for a while departed from mine eyes. I feel a desire to be thankful for every favor, Oh Father be with me a little longer try me yet a little longer

The supplication of my heart this morning was graciously answered, it has been a precious day for tho' I have been much engaged in my business, yet the current of divine life has run thro' my mind very sweetly, & desires were earnestly raised for strength to stand the beating storms of temptations, the besetments of satan which are incident to our passing thro' this world

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May 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 7 of 5 M / The town is full of Muster & much Military parade owing to its being Election day. I have been favor'd with quietness of mind & to feel raised above the sound of the drum and fife. While I have sat musing have remembered a saying of our Venerable Ancestor Wm Penn "The vanities of the Wicked world" says he "would clothe a naked one to see the excess of food & clothing that has appear'd in our streets this day is really affecting

Philip Dunham from Little Compton called into the shop to see me with whom I had some agreeable conversation. he feels near to my mind as one who is endeavoring to live in the Truth

This evening walked out to Sam'l Thurstons with D Rodman & came home with E & P Earle.

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May 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day of 5 M / While walking to Meeting, I began to reflect on the weak state of my mind, & was ready to conclude it would be to me a barren meeting, & on going into the meeting house yard & finding it late was almost on the point of turning to come home, but from a little further reflection went in, & was well paid for it, for immediately on taking my seat I felt the sweet & precious incomes of divine life to arise in my mind, & those



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*deathly feelings to vanish, which greatly refreshed my mind. Oh may I bear those seasons of favor in remembrance, & not give over the pursuit, even when things appear so dark & discouraging that no way may appear to be cast up for our escape from the enemy, on how or from where help may be derived. for many times has a way been made when none has appeared, & the fountain unsealed when to all human appearances none could unseal it, & the waters thereof have refreshed my mind when weary & ready to faint for which I desire to be humbly thankful & render praise where it is alone due
This Afternoon my dear friend Clarke Rodman called to see me, we had a very precious time together his counsel & excellent remarks I hope may be long remembered.*

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May 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 11 of 5 M / Our meetings were silent & seasons of deep thoughtfulness with me ... particularly this afternoon mine eyes were led to look around & behold the gloomy prospect there is among us, & was almost ready to despair of its being better. some who have known at least good from evil, & been very desirous to walk in the path which leads to everlasting peace & happiness, feeling at seasons the humbling hand of Almighty Power to operate on their hearts & draw them with the cords of his holy love unto his fold of rest, are ready to give out the path proves too narrow, the terms too hard for them. All that was alive within me often of late has been moved & drawn into mental & even vocal earnest prayer that they may yet come to know a being cleansed from all uncleanness, come forth with brightness, & as ornaments to the Church, but Oh how few there are that there are is much to be expected from. I was this Afternoon ready to sink with discouragement & conclude All hopes prayers, & labors were in vain.
Spent most of the evening at D Williams afterward called at J Er & C R.*

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May 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 13 of 5 M / Since the last date my mind has labor'd under much exercise & I trust I have been a mourner in Zion. The



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extream discouraging prospect which has been almost continually before me has brought me nearly to despair whether there are any that will hold out to the end in welldoing some who have known the work of truth well begun in them, & convincingly heard this language sounded in their spiritual ears "come ye out & be ye seperate from them" are halting & do not come up faithfully to the standard; my spirit has been sorely exercised on this acct & was there any thing which I could do to establish them most gladly would I do it, but the work must be wrought out in them selves. The help of others will serve but to stir up the mind, & unless they are faithful to what is made manifest labor will be but in vain

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 May 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 14 of 5 M / Tho there are some things left deficient, yet I consider it has been a favor'd day as I have been in a tender susceptible frame, & whenever this is my state I desire to be thankful, as it is often such that it feels as if good was not to be come at or as if when I cryed unto the Lord he was affar off

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 May 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 15 of 5 M / Our meetings were silent & probable was favor'd to some, but as to me dry & hard. was tried with drowsiness which is uncommon

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 May 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 16 of 5 M / Face much swollen & head out of order from an heavy cold, yet have written a letter to my friend J. Austin & family



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 May 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 17 5 M / My head continues much out of order & my mind depressed, yet feel something like thanksgiving to arise that I have been helped as I have & am able to keep in my shop.

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 May 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 [?] 18 of 5 M / Our morning meeting was silent, in the afternoon DB was concerned in a very lively testimony on the necessity of watchfulness. Took tea with D. Williams Am in hopes nothing has been lost today tho' perhaps but little gained

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 May 19, Monday: The Free School Society opened the first Lancasterian school, in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 19 of 5 M / My head being much affected, & some other things weightily on my mind, was on as low a spot as at almost any time in my life. My earnest prayer at seasons is that I may be watchfull over my conduct & be enabled to discharge every duty allotted me with clean hands & to the acceptance of him who assigneth them – face rather more comfortable but quite sore & painful

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 May 20, Tuesday: Birth of John Stuart Mill, a mind which would return “time and again to the idea of improvement”⁴² as if it were a law of the social universe — the way a dog returns to its vomit.

Gott hat unter uns aufgerichtet das Wort von der Versöhnung by Johannes Herbst was performed during the consecration of the Moravian church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 20 of 5 M / This day exercise of mind has been very great,
Oh! how goes my poor soul go mourning on its way.*

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 May 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 21 of 5 M / My face broke last night & is very comfortable
this morning*

*While setting silently just now my mind was humbled under a sense
of the many unmerited favors which are bestow'd on me – I long
to dwell nearer & nearer to the fountain of life, for from it
is all true Strength & wisdom derived.*

*My exercise thro' the day has been much, tho' perhaps the time
not so well improved as might have been.*

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 May 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 22 of 5 M / Gave way to too much laughter this morning
which is a weakness I'm much subject too: nevertheless my
feelings of yesterday were renewe'd, & went to meeting under
them & sat pretty well composed, tho' life did not arise as I
wished or even expected If I was favor'd with a right sense of
the state of the meeting, It was a very low & even suffering
time with those who were watchmen on Zions Walls.*

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 May 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*day 23 of 5 M / I wish not to stamp my exercise higher than it
really is but it is as much as I can well get along with.
It being near the close of the day & looking over what has past,
cannot find but that I have kept pretty near the Life, or rather
the Life has kept pretty near me.*

42. BOOKS THAT CHANGED OUR MINDS, ed. Cowley, Malcolm and Bernard Smith. NY, 1939, pages 247-8



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 May 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 24 of 5 M / Tho' the watch may not have been kept up so carefully as it might have been yet a degree of living concern has been witnessed in my spirit - I have longed that I might dwell nearer & nearer to the holy spirit, & that Zions border may be enlarged is at present my chief concern. Oh the mourning of my spirit for those who have felt the operations of Truth in their mind & do not surrender to what it mannifests should be done. there are some of these within my circle for whom day after day for many days together have I been deeply Baptized for. & I long beyond the power of words to express that they may come forth with their garments clean.

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 May 25, Sunday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 3rd birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 25 of 5 M / Our meetings were Silent & to me seasons of Deep wardings tho in the midst of it I felt the mercy at work Oh the exercise & suffering of my poor mind in these days, words fall far short to tell it all
Took tea with Saml Thurstons in company with Jon Deenis. Spent the remainder of the evening at C Rodmans*

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 May 26, Monday: [Lewis Cass](#) got married with Elizabeth Spencer.

The Emperor Napoléon decreed the dissolution of the Republic of Dubrovnik.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 26 of 5 M / In a pretty guarded State of mind & the pressure of exercise not so great, tho' not free from it

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 May 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 27 of 5 M / Rather a want of religious life. This Afternoon seriousness has cover'd my mind, & I have seen that watchfulness us still necessary for me & others – I have been compairing the prospect in society to the state of the present weather – it has been for some time very dry, tho' there are frequent appearances of rain, the wind lashed [?] & heavy clouds hang around, yet rain does not come. & so it is with some they appear hopeful for a time & as far as can be seen & even felt, have begun well, & gone on so for a time, but do not surrender themselves wholly up to be led & guided by that inward principal which is striving within them, & would increase their strength even to strong men & women, & greatly does my very heart fear & tremble on account of some who have often known & felt the living power of truth in a very convincing manner, but from their flexible disposition are in danger of being carried off the ground entirely....

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 May 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 28 of 5 M / Scarcely a day passes but there is something that might have been better'd – yet I have felt the Lord to be gracious & long suffering to all – Things have appear'd very dismal & discouraging respecting what was hinted yesterday. It is a time when the ways of Zion do most assuredly Mour

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 May 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*May Meeting in town 29 of 5 M / In the silent part of our first meeting my mind was uncommonly favor'd to keep from roving thoughts & near to the sorce of life. I beg to be duly sensible & thankful for all my favors which are many It is a precious enjoyment to feel an easy access to the fountain Dear Abigail was sweetly concerned in supplication, Whereby I felt inwardly helped & it seem'd as if my spirit join'd with hers in a remarkable manner
In the last meeting the business labor'd. & I feel very thankful*



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*for not having said any thing to wound my own mind or the cause
tho' I had like to have spoken once as would have done me much
hurt.*

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May 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day of 5 M / Spent the evening at D Williams in company with
Susanne Barker, tho' my company was agreeable yet felt but
little inclination to join with them in conversation my mind
being dipt into an exercise which hath attend it closely for
some time...*

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June 1, Sunday: Bavaria officially became a kingdom under the terms of the Treaty of Pressburg.

The "Delicate Investigation" into the indiscreet conduct of [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), estranged wife of [George, Prince of Wales](#), formally began.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 1 of 6 M 1806 / It has been a day of deep exercise, even
deep trial... In the morning meeting D Buffum deliver'd a short
testimony impressing the necessity of the improvement of our
time from the Parable of the ten Virgins... In the afternoon we
were silent & after meeting went in company with Obadiah
Williams Phebe Earle & Mary Ann Smith out to D Buffums, & tho'
my company was agreeable & of the best kind yet could not join
much in conversations.*

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June 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 2 of 6 M 1806 / My exercise continues so that I could not
sleep till late last night, & feeling a renewal thereof this
morning, was induced to send for the individual (on whose
account it chiefly is) to a friends house where I apprehend I
was favor'd to discharge my duty as far as I can feel (as yet
pretty much to my own release & satisfaction) It was a memorable
season which I hope not to forget, the individual was much
tendered, even to tears by what I found to say, I desire not to
attribute any thing to my own works, but what ever is done thro'*



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me may be ascribed unto him who fits & quallifies for every work & service.

This afternoon went to Narragansett, & on passing both ferrys there was not a man on board (except myself) but was the worse for liquor; it occasioned a search in my mind, & I was ready to thank God that I was not like them... In crossing the Narragansett ferry there was a young woman on board whose innocent countenance took my attention tho' I did not speak to her while in the boat - when we got over it was quite dark & late in the evening & the poor thing told me she had to walk some distance before she could get to her lodgings which gave me some concern for her - She went on a little distance & returned to the ferry house affrighted which put me upon noticing her a little further, as he looked reputable & dressed something like a friend, there being many lodgers previously engaged at the ferry house she could not stay there, & a man on horse back offer'd to take her along but he appearing to be intoxicated she prudently declined, so I seeing her in a great streight, offer'd to go with her to the next house, about half a miles distance. & as we walked our conversation turned on religious subjects - she appear' to be one who was desirous to walk in the right way, & had, as she expressed been almost bewitched by the Newlites in Narragansett but had lately lived with a friend & had contracted a love for them & their ways, tho never fully conform'd to any of them, but was convinced of their ways of worship. Her mentioning the effect the Newlites had upon her mind led me into some expression - I answer'd to her that the effect they had upon her was the workings of her passions & that true religion was found in the silence of all flesh, therfor She must not depend on them for much of their preaching & praying was but a mear form of words with out the true life & power, & then appealed to her judgement if she had not often been burdened with it & found them as empty vessels, to which she very feelingly reply'd "O yes I have found them so" She appear'd to be very tender & I was glad it fell in my way to converse with her, often having to feel much on the account of those who are in a seeking state & feel the power of truth to strive in them but have not arrived to a state, clearly to know what it is that thus affects them. My mind was humbled & brought into desires for her advancement & establishment

After finishing my business at Narragansett came home the next day, & it was remarkable that in both going & coming there was some on board the ferry boats that were the worse for liquor. it is really cause of mourning to see what destruction there is among mankind, by spirituuous liquor.

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June 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4 day 4 of 6 M / Felt some disposition to levity, yet very serious thoughts have attended my mind (at times) thro' the day, & trust a good degree of watchfulness – This morning a young man who has been absent from home for several years came to see me, when he went away his conduct was a grief to his friends, but has now returned with a plain dress & uses the plain language, & appears to be under much concern to do right, while I was with him my mind was brought into sympathy & desires were raised for his preservation it seems remarkable that I should be so often dipt into feelings with people of this description – Oh that my conduct may be such as to encorage the honest seekers, & those who know the power of truth in their hearts, to come forth & profess it nobly, & in sincerity, for such there are, & I am led sometimes to fear that the reason more of them does not come forward, is that they meet with stumbling blocks in those who they might expect would be helpers on their journey.

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June 5, Thursday: The [Emperor Napoléon](#) transformed the Batavian Commonwealth into the Kingdom of Holland, making his brother Louis the monarch there. The Principality of Benevento was created, subject to France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 5 of 6 M / I'm going to meeting where I hope to get to the center, having felt this morning a renew'd engagement lie [be?] in the line of religious improvement. In the forepart of the meeting felt pretty lively but grew dull before the conclusion – This evening had an agreeable visit from my beloved & intimate acquaintance A Barker, he felt very near to me. Should he continue faithful he bids fair to be of use to Society.

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June 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 6 of 6 M / This evening called at a friends house where I met with a beloved acquaintance, & finding her to be in a sweet state of mind & apparently under a right concern for her own furtherance in well doing, it was a great comfort to me. I believe it will be from the heart when I say "May the Lord bless her, may his gathering Arm be around her & keep her from the follies & vanities of Youth".....

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June 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 7 of 6 M / A want of watchfulness but a degree of favor...

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June 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 8 of 6 M / In our morning meeting A Robinsons bore an encouraging testimony. She observed that her feeling had been far from joyous in our religious meetings for some time past yet she had been comforted in this, with a belief that the Lord would feed his people himself, & went on to menage [mention?] those who were deprived of the company or acquaintance of those who were helpers & sympathizers, believing that however destitute they were as to the outward, by obedience the Lord would be a present help in every needful time, & wished them to lift up their heads in hope as he knew the most secret thoughts of all, & would help all who look unto him. It appear'd to be a solid meeting, but with me as Doc Rutty says "The coles were under the ashes" -spent the evening at C Rodmans.

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June 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 9 of 6 M / Tho' I have had a considerable reduction of mind of late, yet I find the unwieried Adversary is still working in me with an aboundance of craft, he hath tried me hard this day, & whether ever I shall subdue him is hard to tell, but I believe & find by degree of experience, that strength is mercifully afforded in proportion to what we have to undergo.

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 June 10, Tuesday: A DISCOURSE, DELIVERED BEFORE THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, JUNE 10, 1806 BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#)... (Boston: Printed by E. Lincoln).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 10 of 6 M / A sweet current of life this morning, but the day does not conclude with that savor which I could wish...

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 June 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 11 of 6 M / I have had very deeply to feel my own weaknesses & have even groaned under them this morning. This afternoon our dear friend R Mitchell called & set a while with me in the shop, his company & conversation was very interesting & encourageing – Also dear J R-n called, & our minds were humbled together under a sense of the continued visitation of our dear Lord & Master, it is a season of humbling affliction with him, & my heart prays that he may be faithful even to the parting with a right hand or a right eye or as he expressed himself to offer up Isaac the only son, or that which is as near & dear if required he is one for whom my spirit hath groaned for deliverance & travelled for his furtherance
Oh the deep exercise which I have had of late on account of several may it all tend to deepen me in the root of wisdom.*

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 June 12, Thursday: John Augustus Roebling was born in Mühlhausen, Thuringia, Prussia, now Germany, the youngest son of Christoph Polycarpus Roebling and Friederike Dorothea Mueller Roebling.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 12 of 6 M / My cousins Henery [sic] & Abigail Gould were this day married. The meeting was remarkably solemn & quiet, and as to my own particular state I know not when it was better... At the conclusion Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short but lively supplication which I believe was felt by some present in a low state...

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 June 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7 day 14 of 6 M / Many friends have come to attend our Yearly Meeting Sacrifice which commences in Town tomorrow I can truly say my spirit seems revived at the sight of some of them, but some that have passed by occasion a very different sensation, & from their appearance had better have kept at home... Had the company of Our beloved friend Micajah Collins from Lynn this evening whose conversation was truly sweet & encouraging to my mind. I love him much & wish there were more of his cast.

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 June 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 15 of 6 M 1806 / Our Meetings this day have been very large, & little or no disturbance which is uncommon when the House is crowded in every part. they appeared to me much favor'd & the heavenly wing of divine love was marvelously stretched over them. The ministers apparently laboured with much power & their testimonys appear'd to reach the minds of many & satisfy all. I have felt thankful & even humbled in believing that the day has closed in a good degree to the Honor of our God. Wm Crotch Isaac Bonsall & Naoime Halstead were the public laborers of the day

This afternoon was gratified with the company of divers of my dear friends to take tea, & had a little precious conversation with Dear Rowland Greene which I hope may prove strengthening.

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 June 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day / Owing to the great Eclipse of the Sun which happened this morning & was nearly total, the meeting began business [sic] after a solid silence of about fifteen minutes which is much sooner than is common - at near eleven O Clock the meeting broke, as it was very dark & adjourned to three in the Afternoon - In the afternoon we met & entered on the State of Society as represented by the Queries which drew forth the testimonys of divers living members among whom were Wm Crotch, Enoch Dorland, Isaac Bonsall, Daniel Quinby & others.

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A total [eclipse](#) of the sun was visible from San Diego, California to New-York. In the Indiana Territory, the Shawnee prophet Tenskwatawa accurately predicted this eclipse. As a result of observing this eclipse from Kinderhook, New York, José Joaquin de Ferrer came up with the name “corona” to designate the faint outer glowing atmosphere of the sun visible only during such a total occultation. On Boston Neck the grazing cattle began their evening walk home at noon as the eclipse blackened the cloudless sky. Observing this phenomenon, [William Cranch Bond](#) determined to become an astronomer. In the garden behind his home on Chestnut Street⁴³ in Salem sat Nathaniel Bowditch with a [telescope](#), and a lantern by which to consult his watch.

*“The moon was seen like a black spot in the heavens surrounded by light like that of twilight.
Several of the fixed stars were visible to the naked eye.
At 11h 32’ 18” the light burst forth with great splendor.”*

SKY EVENT

HARVARD OBSERVATORY

Many years later, a description of this event belatedly recollected by [James Fenimore Cooper](#) in about the year 1831 would belatedly appear in 1869 in [Putnam’s Monthly Magazine](#) (Volume 21, pages 352-359):

THE ECLIPSE. FROM AN UNPUBLISHED MS. OF JAMES FENIMORE COOPER.

Note by the Editor.— During Mr. Cooper’s residence at Paris, he wrote, at the request of an English friend, his recollections of the great eclipse of 1806. This article, which is undated, must have been written about the year 1831, or twenty-five years after the eclipse. His memory was at that period of his life very clear and tenacious, where events of importance were concerned. From some accidental cause, this article was never sent to England, but lay, apparently forgotten, among Mr. Cooper’s papers, where it was found after his death. At the date of the eclipse, the writer was a young sailor of seventeen, just returned from a cruise. At the time of writing these recollections, he had been absent from his old home in Otsego County some fifteen years, and his affectionate remembrance of the ground may be traced in many little touches, which would very possibly have been omitted under other circumstances. S.F.C.

THE eclipse of the sun, which you have requested me to describe, occurred in the summer of 1806, on Monday, the 16th of June. Its greatest depth of shadow fell upon the American continent, somewhere about the latitude of 42 deg. I was then on a visit to my parents, at the home of my family, among the Highlands of Otsego, in that part of the country where the eclipse was most impressive. My recollections of the great event, and the incidents of the day, are as vivid as if they had occurred but yesterday. Lake Otsego, the headwaters of the Susquehanna, lies as nearly as possible in latitude 42 deg. The village, which is the home of my family, is beautifully situated at the foot of the lake, in a valley lying between two nearly parallel ranges of heights, quite mountainous in character. The Susquehanna, a clear and rapid stream, flowing from the southeastern shore of the lake, is crossed by a high wooden bridge, which divides the

43. Now 12 Chestnut Street.



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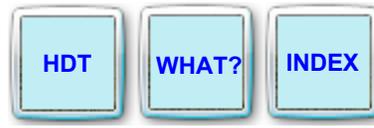
main street of the little town from the lawns and meadows on the eastern bank of the river. Here were all the materials that could be desired, lake, river, mountain, wood, and the dwellings of man, to give full effect to the varied movement of light and shadow through that impressive day. Throughout the belt of country to be darkened by the eclipse, the whole population were in a state of almost anxious expectation for weeks before the event. On the eve of the 16th of June, our family circle could think or talk of little else. I had then a father and four brothers living, and as we paced the broad hall of the house, or sat about the family board, our conversation turned almost entirely upon the movements of planets and comets, occultations and eclipses. We were all exulting in the feeling that a grand and extraordinary spectacle awaited us – a spectacle which millions then living could never behold. There may have been a tinge of selfishness in the feeling that we were thus favored beyond others, and yet, I think, the emotion was too intellectual in its character to have been altogether unworthy. Many were the prophecies regarding the weather, the hopes and fears expressed by different individuals, on this important point, as evening drew near. A passing cloud might veil the grand vision from our sight; rain or mist would sadly impair the sublimity of the hour. I was not myself among the desponding. The great barometer in the hall – one of the very few then found in the State, west of Albany – was carefully consulted. It was propitious. It gave promise of dry weather. Our last looks that night, before sleep fell on us, were turned toward the starlit heavens. And the first movement in the morning was to the open window – again to examine the sky. When I rose from my bed, in the early morning, I found the heavens serene, and cloudless. Day had dawned, but the shadows of night were still lingering over the valley. For a moment, my eye rested on the familiar view – the limpid lake, with its setting of luxuriant woods and farms, its graceful bay and varied points, the hills where every cliff and cave and glen had been trodden a thousand times by my boyish feet – all this was dear to me as the face of a friend. And it appeared as if the landscape, then lovely in summer beauty, were about to assume something of dignity hitherto unknown – were not the shadows of a grand eclipse to fall upon every wave and branch within a few hours! There was one object in the landscape which a stranger would probably have overlooked, or might perhaps have called unsightly, but it was familiar to every eye in the village, and endowed by our people with the honors of an ancient landmark – the tall gray trunk of a dead and branchless pine, which had been standing on the crest of the eastern hill, at the time of the foundation of the village, and which was still erect, though rocked since then by a thousand storms. To my childish fancy, it had seemed an imaginary flag-staff, or, in rustic parlance, the “liberty pole” of some former generation; but now, as I traced the familiar line of the tall trunk, in its peculiar shade of silvery gray, it became to the eye of the young sailor the mast of some phantom ship. I remember greeting it with a smile, as this was the first glance of recognition given to the old ruin of the forest since



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my return. But an object of far higher interest suddenly attracted my eye. I discovered a star – a solitary star – twinkling dimly in a sky which had now changed its hue to a pale grayish twilight, while vivid touches of coloring were beginning to flush the eastern sky. There was absolutely no other object visible in the heavens – cloud there was none, not even the lightest vapor. That lonely star excited a vivid interest in my mind. I continued at the window gazing, and losing myself in a sort of day-dream. That star was a heavenly body, it was known to be a planet, and my mind was filling itself with images of planets and suns. My brain was confusing itself with vague ideas of magnitude and distance, and of the time required by light to pierce the apparently illimitable void that lay between us – of the beings who might inhabit an orb like that, with life, feeling, spirit, and aspirations like my own. Soon the sun himself rose into view. I caught a glimpse of fiery light glowing among the branches of the forest, on the eastern mountain. I watched, as I had done a hundred times before, the flushing of the skies, the gradual illuminations of the different hills, crowned with an undulating and ragged outline of pines, nearly two hundred feet in height, the golden light gliding silently down the breast of the western mountains, and opening clearer views of grove and field, until lake, valley, and village lay smiling in one cheerful glow of warm sunshine. Our family party assembled early. We were soon joined by friends and connections, all eager and excited, and each provided with a colored glass for the occasion. By nine o'clock the cool air, which is peculiar to the summer nights in the Highlands, had left us, and the heat of midsummer filled the valley. The heavens were still absolutely cloudless, and a more brilliant day never shone in our own bright climate. There was not a breath of air, and we could see the rays of heat quivering here and there on the smooth surface of the lake. There was every appearance of a hot and sultry noontide. We left the house, and passed beyond the grounds into the broad and grassy street which lay between the gates and the lake. Here there were no overhanging branches to obstruct the view; the heavens, the wooded mountains, and the limpid sheet of water before us, were all distinctly seen. As the hour for the eclipse drew near, our eagerness and excitement increased to an almost boyish impatience. The elders of the party were discussing the details of some previous eclipse: leaving them to revive their recollections, I strolled away, glass in hand, through the principal streets of the village. Scarce a dwelling, or a face, in the little town, that was not familiar to me, and it gave additional zest to the pleasure of a holiday at home, to meet one's townsmen under the excitement of an approaching eclipse. As yet there was no great agitation, although things wore a rather unusual aspect for the busy hours of a summer's day. Many were busy with their usual tasks, women and children were coming and going with pails of water, the broom and the needle were not yet laid aside, the blacksmith's hammer and the carpenter's plane were heard in passing their shops. Loaded teams, and travellers in waggons, were moving through the streets; the usual quiet traffic at the village counters had not



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yet ceased. A farm-waggon, heavily laden with hay, was just crossing the bridge, coming in from the fields, the driver looking drowsy with sleep, wholly unconscious of the movement in the heavens. The good people in general, however, were on the alert; at every house some one seemed to be watching, and many groups were passed, whose eager up-turned faces and excited conversation spoke the liveliest interest. It was said, that there were not wanting one or two philosophers of the skeptical school, among our people, who did not choose to commit themselves to the belief in a total eclipse of the sun – simply because they had never seen one. Seeing is believing, we are told, though the axiom admits of dispute. But what these worthy neighbors of ours had not seen, no powers of reasoning, or fulness of evidence, could induce them to credit. Here was the dignity of human reason! Here was private judgment taking a high stand! Anxious to witness the conversion of one of these worthies, with boyish love of fun I went in quest of him. He had left the village, however, on business. But, true to his principles, before mounting his horse that morning, he had declared to his wife that "he was not running away from that eclipse;" nay, more, with noble candor, he averred that if the eclipse did overtake him, in the course of his day's journey, "he would not be above acknowledging it!" This was highly encouraging. I had scarcely returned to the family party, left on the watch, when one of my brothers, more vigilant, or with clearer sight than his companions, exclaimed that he clearly saw a dark line, drawn on the western margin of the sun's disc! All faces were instantly turned upwards, and through the glasses we could indeed now see a dusky, but distinct object, darkening the sun's light. An exclamation of delight, almost triumphant, burst involuntarily from the lips of all. We were not to be disappointed, no cloud was there to veil the grand spectacle; the vision, almost unearthly in its sublime dignity, was about to be revealed to us. In an incredibly short time, the oval formation of the moon was discerned. Another joyous burst of delight followed, as one after another declared that he beheld with distinctness the dark oval outline, drawn against the flood of golden light. Gradually, and at first quite imperceptibly to our sight, that dark and mysterious sphere gained upon the light, while a feeling of watchful stillness, verging upon reverence, fell upon our excited spirits. As yet there was no change perceptible in the sunlight falling upon lake and mountain; the familiar scene wore its usual smiling aspect, bright and glowing as on other days of June. The people, however, were now crowding into the streets – their usual labors were abandoned – forgotten for the moment – and all faces were turned upward. So little, however, was the change in the power of the light, that to a careless observer it seemed more the gaze of faith, than positive perception, which turned the faces of all upward. Gradually a fifth, and even a fourth, of the sun's disc became obscured, and still the unguarded eye could not endure the flood of light – it was only with the colored glass that we could note the progress of the phenomenon. The noon-day heat, however, began to lessen, and something of the coolness of early



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morning returned to the valley. I was looking upward, intently watching for the first moment where the dark outline of the moon should be visible to the naked eye, when an acquaintance passed. "Come with me!" he said quietly, at the same moment drawing his arm within my own, and leading me away. He was a man of few words, and there was an expression in his face which induced me to accompany him without hesitation. He led me to the Court House, and from thence into an adjoining building, and into a room then occupied by two persons. At a window, looking upward at the heavens, stood a figure which instantly riveted my attention. It was a man with haggard face, and fettered arms, a prisoner under sentence of death. By his side was the jailor. A painful tragedy had been recently enacted in our little town. The schoolmaster of a small hamlet in the county had beaten a child under his charge very severely – and for a very trifling error. The sufferer was a little girl, his own niece, and it was said that natural infirmity had prevented the child from clearly pronouncing certain words which her teacher required her to utter distinctly. To conquer what he considered the obstinacy of the child, this man continued to beat her so severely that she never recovered from the effects of the blows, and died some days after. The wretched man was arrested, tried for murder, condemned, and sentenced to the gallows. This was the first capital offence in Otsego County. It produced a very deep impression. The general character of the schoolmaster had been, until that evil hour, very good, in every way. He was deeply, and beyond all doubt unfeignedly, penitent for the crime into which he had been led, more, apparently, from false ideas of duty, than from natural severity of temper. He had been entirely unaware of the great physical injury he was doing the child. So great was his contrition, that public sympathy had been awakened in his behalf, and powerful petitions had been sent to the Governor of the State, in order to obtain a respite, if not a pardon. But the day named by the judge arrived without a return of the courier. The Governor was at his country-house, at least eighty miles beyond Albany. The petition had been kept to the last moment, for additional signatures, and the eighty miles to be travelled by the courier, after reaching Albany, had not been included in the calculation. No despatch was received, and there was every appearance that there would be no reprieve. The day arrived – throngs of people from Chenango, and Unadilla, and from the valley of the Mohawk, poured into the village, to witness the painful, and as yet unknown, spectacle of a public execution. In looking down, from an elevated position, upon the principal street of the village that day, it had seemed to me paved with human faces. The hour struck, the prisoner was taken from the jail, and, seated, as is usual, on his coffin, was carried to the place of execution, placed between two ministers of the gospel. His look of utter misery was beyond description. I have seen other offenders expiate for their crimes with life, but never have I beheld such agony, such a clinging to life, such mental horror at the nearness of death, as was betrayed by this miserable man. When he approached the gallows, he rose from his seat, and wringing his fettered hands, turned his back upon



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the fearful object, as if the view were too frightful for endurance. The ministers of the gospel succeeded at length in restoring him to a decent degree of composure. The last prayer was offered, and his own fervent "Amen!" was still sounding, hoarse, beseeching, and almost despairing, in the ears of the crowd, when the respite made its tardy appearance. A short reprieve was granted, and the prisoner was carried back to the miserable cell from which he had been drawn in the morning. Such was the wretched man who had been brought from his dungeon that morning, to behold the grand phenomenon of the eclipse. During the twelve-month previous, he had seen the sun but once. The prisons of those days were literally dungeons, cut off from the light of day. That striking figure, the very picture of utter misery, his emotion, his wretchedness, I can never forget. I can see him now, standing at the window, pallid and emaciated by a year's confinement, stricken with grief, his cheeks furrowed with constant weeping, his whole frame attesting the deep and ravaging influences of conscious guilt and remorse. Here was a man drawn from the depths of human misery, to be immediately confronted with the grandest natural exhibition in which the Creator deigns to reveal his Omnipotence to our race. The wretched criminal, a murderer in fact, though not in intention, seemed to gaze upward at the awful spectacle, with an intentness and a distinctness of mental vision far beyond our own, and purchased by an agony scarcely less bitter than death. It seemed as if, for him, the curtain which veils the world beyond the grave, had been lifted. He stood immovable as a statue, with uplifted and manacled arms and clasped hands, the very image of impotent misery and wretchedness. Perhaps human invention could not have conceived of a more powerful moral accessory, to heighten the effect of the sublime movement of the heavenly bodies, than this spectacle of penitent human guilt afforded. It was an incident to stamp on the memory for life. It was a lesson not lost on me. When I left the Court House, a sombre, yellowish, unnatural coloring was shed over the country. A great change had taken place. The trees on the distant heights had lost their verdure and their airy character; they were taking the outline of dark pictures graven upon an unfamiliar sky. The lake wore a lurid aspect, very unusual. All living creatures seemed thrown into a state of agitation. The birds were fluttering to and fro, in great excitement; they seemed to mistrust that this was not the gradual approach of evening, and were undecided in their movements. Even the dogs - honest creatures - became uneasy, and drew closer to their masters. The eager, joyous look of interest and curiosity, which earlier in the morning had appeared in almost every countenance, was now changed to an expression of wonder or anxiety or thoughtfulness, according to the individual character. Every house now gave up its tenants. As the light failed more and more with every passing second, the children came flocking about their mothers in terror. The women themselves were looking about uneasily for their husbands. The American wife is more apt than any other to turn with affectionate confidence to the stronger arm for support. The men were very generally silent and grave. Many a



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laborer left his employment to be near his wife and children, as the dimness and darkness increased. I once more took my position beside my father and my brothers, before the gates of our own grounds. The sun lay a little obliquely to the south and east, in the most favorable position possible for observation. I remember to have examined, in vain, the whole dusky canopy in search of a single cloud. It was one of those entirely unclouded days, less rare in America than in Europe. The steadily waning light, the gradual approach of darkness, became the more impressive as we observed this absolutely transparent state of the heavens. The birds, which a quarter of an hour earlier had been fluttering about in great agitation, seemed now convinced that night was at hand. Swallows were dimly seen dropping into the chimneys, the martins returned to their little boxes, the pigeons flew home to their dove-cots, and through the open door of a small barn we saw the fowls going to roost. The usual flood of sunlight had now become so much weakened, that we could look upward long, and steadily, without the least pain. The sun appeared like a young moon of three or four days old, though of course with a larger and more brilliant crescent. Looking westward a moment, a spark appeared to glitter before my eye. For a second I believed it to be an optical illusion, but in another instant I saw it plainly to be a star. One after another they came into view, more rapidly than in the evening twilight, until perhaps fifty stars appeared to us, in a broad, dark zone of the heavens, crowning the pines on the western mountain. This wonderful vision of the stars, during the noontide hours of day, filled the spirit with singular sensations. Suddenly one of my brothers shouted aloud, "The moon!" Quicker than thought, my eye turned eastward again, and there floated the moon, distinctly apparent, to a degree that was almost fearful. The spherical form, the character, the dignity, the substance of the planet, were clearly revealed as I have never beheld them before, or since. It looked grand, dark, majestic, and mighty, as it thus proved its power to rob us entirely of the sun's rays. We are all but larger children. In daily life we judge of objects by their outward aspect. We are accustomed to think of the sun, and also of the moon, as sources of light, as ethereal, almost spiritual, in their essence. But the positive material nature of the moon was now revealed to our senses, with a force of conviction, a clearness of perception, that changed all our usual ideas in connection with the planet. This was no interposition of vapor, no deceptive play of shadow; but a vast mass of obvious matter had interposed between the sun above us and the earth on which we stood. The passage of two ships at sea, sailing on opposite courses, is scarcely more obvious than this movement of one world before another. Darkness like that of early night now fell upon the village. My thoughts turned to the sea. A sailor at heart, already familiar with the face of the ocean, I seemed, in mental vision, to behold the grandeur of that vast pall of supernatural shadow falling suddenly upon the sea, during the brightest hour of the day. The play of light and shade upon the billows, always full of interest, must at that hour have been indeed sublime. And my fancy was busy with



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pictures of white-sailed schooners, and brigs, and ships, gliding like winged spirits over the darkened waves. I was recalled by a familiar and insignificant incident, the dull tramp of hoofs on the village bridge. A few cows, believing that night had overtaken them, were coming homeward from the wild open pastures about the village. And no wonder the kindly creatures were deceived, the darkness was now much deeper than the twilight which usually turns their faces homeward; the dew was falling perceptibly, as much so as at any hour of the previous night, and the coolness was so great that the thermometer must have fallen many degrees from the great heat of the morning. The lake, the hills, and the buildings of the little town were swallowed up in the darkness. The absence of the usual lights in the dwellings rendered the obscurity still more impressive. All labor had ceased, and the hushed voices of the people only broke the absolute stillness by subdued whispering tones. "Hist! The whippoorwill!" whispered a friend near me; and at the same moment, as we listened in profound silence, we distinctly heard from the eastern bank of the river the wild, plaintive note of that solitary bird of night, slowly repeated at intervals. The song of the summer birds, so full in June, had entirely ceased for the last half hour. A bat came flitting about our heads. Many stars were now visible, though not in sufficient number to lessen the darkness. At one point only in the far distant northern horizon, something of the brightness of dawn appeared to linger. At twelve minutes past eleven, the moon stood revealed in its greatest distinctness – a vast black orb, so nearly obscuring the sun that the face of the great luminary was entirely and absolutely darkened, though a corona of rays of light appeared beyond. The gloom of night was upon us. A breathless intensity of interest was felt by all. There would appear to be something instinctive in the feeling with which man gazes at all phenomena in the heavens. The peaceful rainbow, the heavy clouds of a great storm, the vivid flash of electricity, the falling meteor, the beautiful lights of the aurora borealis, fickle as the play of fancy, – these never fail to fix the attention with something of a peculiar feeling, different in character from that with which we observe any spectacle on the earth. Connected with all grand movements in the skies there seems an instinctive sense of inquiry, of anxious expectation; akin to awe, which may possibly be traced to the echoes of grand Christian prophecies, whispering to our spirits, and endowing the physical sight with some mysterious mental prescience. In looking back to that impressive hour, such now seem to me the feelings of the youth making one of that family group, all apparently impressed with a sensation of the deepest awe – I speak with certainty – a clearer view than I had ever yet had of the majesty of the Almighty, accompanied with a humiliating, and, I trust, a profitable sense of my own utter insignificance. That movement of the moon, that sublime voyage of the worlds, often recurs to my imagination, and even at this distant day, as distinctly, as majestically, and nearly as fearfully, as it was then beheld. A group of silent, dusky forms stood near me; one emotion appeared to govern all. My father



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stood immovable, some fifteen feet from me, but I could not discern his features. Three minutes of darkness, all but absolute, elapsed. They appeared strangely lengthened by the intensity of feeling and the flood of overpowering thought which filled the mind. Thus far the sensation created by this majestic spectacle had been one of humiliation and awe. It seemed as if the great Father of the Universe had visibly, and almost palpably, veiled his face in wrath. But, appalling as the withdrawal of light had been, most glorious, most sublime, was its restoration! The corona of light above the moon became suddenly brighter, the heavens beyond were illuminated, the stars retired, and light began to play along the ridges of the distant mountains. And then a flood of grateful, cheering, consoling brightness fell into the valley, with a sweetness and a power inconceivable to the mind, unless the eye has actually beheld it. I can liken this sudden, joyous return of light, after the eclipse, to nothing of the kind that is familiarly known. It was certainly nearest to the change produced by the swift passage of the shadow of a very dark cloud, but it was the effect of this instantaneous transition, multiplied more than a thousand fold. It seemed to speak directly to our spirits, with full assurance of protection, of gracious mercy, and of that Divine love which has produced all the glorious combinations of matter for our enjoyment. It was not in the least like the gradual dawning of day, or the actual rising of the sun. There was no gradation in the change. It was sudden, amazing, like what the imagination would teach us to expect of the advent of a heavenly vision. I know that philosophically I am wrong; but, to me, it seemed that the rays might actually be seen flowing through the darkness in torrents, till they had again illuminated the forest, the mountains, the valley, and the lake with their glowing, genial touch. There was another grand movement, as the crescent of the sun reappeared, and the moon was actually seen steering her course through the void. Venus was still shining brilliantly. This second passage of the moon lasted but a moment, to the naked eye. As it ceased, my eye fell again on the scene around me. The street, now as distinctly seen as ever, was filled with the population of the village. Along the line of road stretching for a mile from the valley, against the side of the mountain, were twenty waggons bearing travellers, or teams from among the hills. All had stopped on their course, impelled, apparently, by unconscious reverence, as much as by curiosity, while every face was turned toward heaven, and every eye drank in the majesty of the sight. Women stood in the open street, near me, with streaming eyes and clasped hands, and sobs were audible in different directions. Even the educated and reflecting men at my side continued silent in thought. Several minutes passed, before the profound impressions of the spectacle allowed of speech. At such a moment the spirit of man bows in humility before his Maker. The changes of the unwonted light, through whose gradations the full brilliancy of the day was restored, must have been very similar to those by which it had been lost, but they were little noted. I remember, however, marking the instant when I could first



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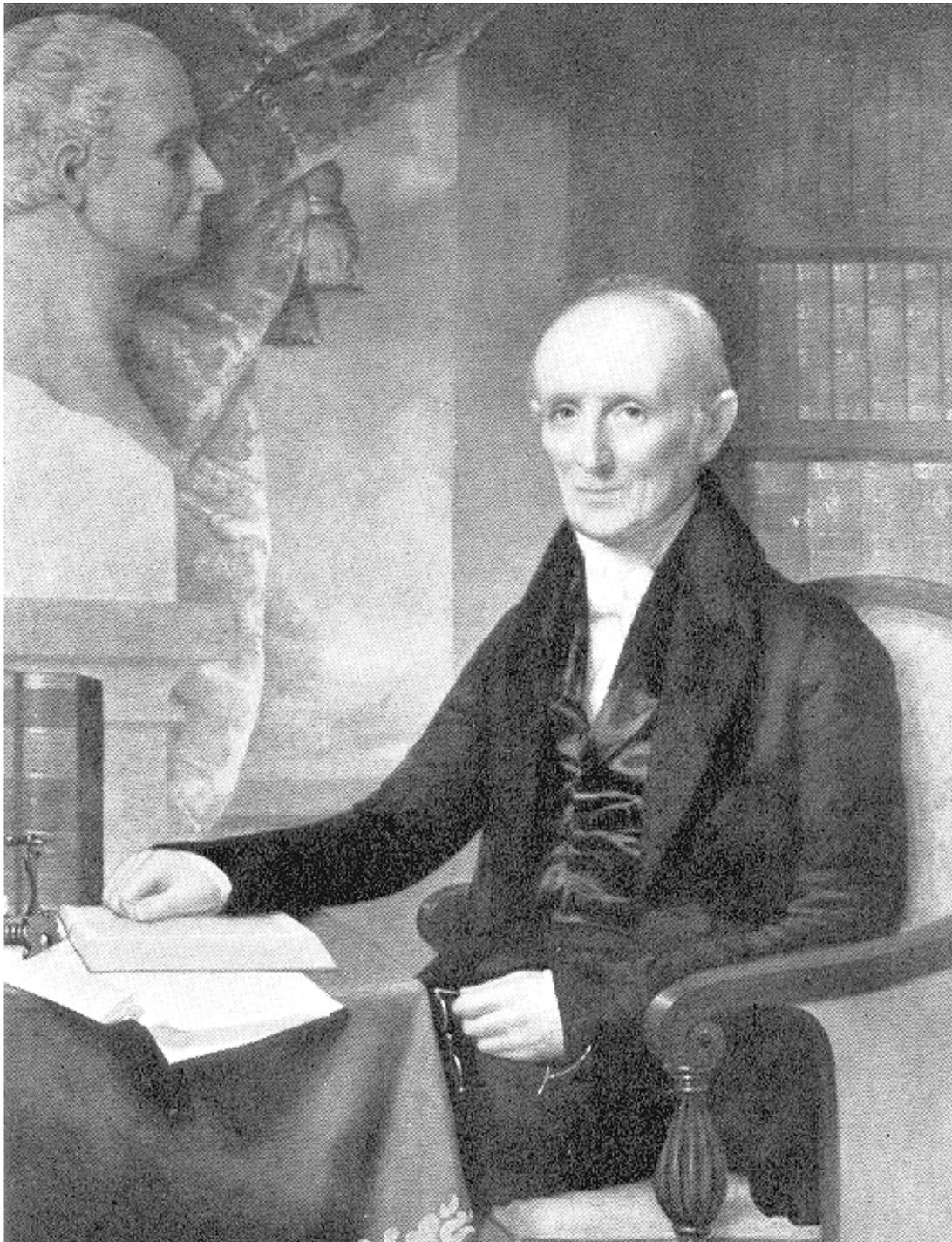
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distinguish the blades of grass at my feet – and later again watching the shadows of the leaves on the gravel walk. The white lilies in my mother's flower-garden were observed by others among the first objects of the vegetation which could be distinguished from the windows of the house. Every living creature was soon rejoicing again in the blessed restoration of light after that frightful moment of a night at noon-day. Men who witness any extraordinary spectacle together, are apt, in after-times, to find a pleasure in conversing on its impressions. But I do not remember to have ever heard a single being freely communicative on the subject of his individual feelings at the most solemn moment of the eclipse. It would seem as if sensations were aroused too closely connected with the constitution of the spirit to be irreverently and familiarly discussed. I shall only say that I have passed a varied and eventful life, that it has been my fortune to see earth, heavens, ocean, and man in most of their aspects; but never have I beheld any spectacle which so plainly manifested the majesty of the Creator, or so forcibly taught the lesson of humility to man as a total eclipse of the sun.

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[Henry C. Wright's autobiography](#)



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When quite young, there was a total eclipse of the sun in June. That event made a deep impression on me. I heard much about it for weeks beforehand. I knew not what it was to be like, except that it was to be dark about mid-day. I was hoeing Indian corn, with two older brothers. They sent me off on an errand, and as I passed to the place, I could see the woods becoming dingy. I started to return, and by this time, birds and beasts began to be in extraordinary excitement, rushing to the roost and the lair. The woods became dark and gloomy. I was in the midst, and night seemed to drop down upon the scene in the midst of daylight. The forest had the same gloomy appearance which it had at night. The sun had an appearance I never saw before; it seemed to be in a process of going out, till, for a moment, it was all gone. I knew where I was, and the way out of the wood, and what was the matter, and had no fear. I stood still in the woods, and contemplated the scene with wonder. It soon passed, and I went on my way; but an awe was on my spirit long afterwards, whenever I saw the heavens by day or night.

 June 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

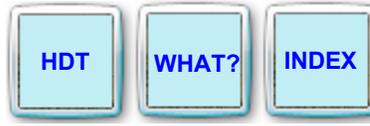
3 day / buisness was conducted with brotherly love & condescention. I never remember more favor'd meetings. the young people very quiet, & many appear to be bound to the good cause

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 June 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day / There has been the most cordial uninimity prevailing in the minds of friends in conducting the concerns of Society thro' the setting of this meeting, & altho three have been some of a trying nature before us today which hath occasioned much exercise & some debate among the bretheren yet all was done in love, & condescention, & no jar or discord appear'd in any. The youth have in every setting, been encoraged with much seasonable caution & counsel, by our friend Wm Crotch, Enoch Dorland, John Casey, Isaac Bonsall, Daniel Quinby & Brownell Swift, & at the close of our meeting this Afternoon Lydia Rotch paid us a visit & particularly address the young men. For my own part, I have not been favor'd with the arisings of the prescious seed of life as at some seasons owing to many concerns I was obliged to attend too such as visiting the boarding houses &c, Yet it has been a strengthening time & the company of my friends was very grateful & I have reason to be humbly thankful that things have gone on as well as they have

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 June 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 19 of 6 M 1806 / Our friends have now nearly all left us, tho' they are absent in boody yet I trust they will remain present in spirit with some, having doubtless left precious seals behind them. Our meeting to day was large & the testimonys of those concern'd were lively & powerful

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 20 of 6 M / Seem to be pretty much like the dry bones as to inward & spiritual life, yet at times I have thought it was operating in my mind in the corse of the day & at others doubtings & fears have been let in whether by my unfaithfulness I have not frustrated the design of Providence concerning me

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 June 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 22 of 6 M / I am hardly able to determine whether any improvement has been made today. My mind in meetings was either dull or floating on the surfice. I could not keep to the center long at a time. In the Afternoon O Williams delivered a short testimony nearly in these words "It seems to be my place to say to this people improve your time, you that have known the divine visitation improve your time, thousands have missed of those blessed mansions for which they were designed," which appear'd to bring solemnity over the meeting

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 June 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 23 of 6 M / Very barran, & life hard to come at.

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 June 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 24 of 6 M / There seems to be a precious revival of life in my mind this morning. This afternoon there arose a violent



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thunder gust attended with violent wind (tho' not materially felt in town) the storm appear'd to run in a vain [vein] especially the wind across [sic] the neck, the lightning struck the four chimney'd house, did much damage to the roof threw down two stacks of its chimneys, part of the bricks falling on the top of the house penetrated thro' all the floors into the cellar. It is remarkable & displays an hand of providence that there were eleven persons in the house & none of them hurt a woman standing with a door in her hand had it taken off the hinges & knocked against the wall & she not hurt, a spinning wheel was split to peaces which a girl had left but a minute before & nearby [?] hog troth which a boy was sitting on & left but a minute before was split to peaces by the lightning. The wind or lightning or both tore up fourteen large Apple Trees in the Orchard near the house. The hail in the same gust broke many windows in the neck, Connanicut & Narragansett

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June 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 26 of 6 M 1806 / I'm going this Morning to [Portsmouth](#) in company with my precious young friend John Rodman to attend our MY [monthly] Meeting, where it hath been for several days the concern of my spirit that I may be preserved from saying or doing any thing which may wound any or injure the good cause, & that buisness of Society may be conducted in the wisdom of truth & the honor of its cause. Oh Lord keep me humble keep me low, keep me watchful

Our first meeting was silent, & buisness in the last went on better than I expected considering it appear'd to be a low time among us. We dined at Holder Almys, took tea at Jethro Mitchells, & rode home pleasantly.

I felt a wish that when things are pleasant as to the outward, that we may not enter into the enjoyment of them so much as to hurt the life or strength which we may have attained by inward suffering, which is often the case, which I fear was something so today, but on the whole am glad I was there.

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June 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 27 of 6 M 1806 / This Afternoon attended the funeral of my cousin John Wanton who was drowned 12 of 4 M [April] last & has not been heard of since till last evening when he was found at point of trees in the neck.



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June 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 29 of 6 M / This morning my mind was touched with the precious spirit of life which measurably continued thro' the morning meeting, tho' while I was setting I was reduced very low & almost began to conclude my case was so bad that I had never done any thing good in my life. Abigail Robinson was concern'd in testimony, to encorage those who had set their feet in the path of Religion, & exorted such to press forward that they might touch the hem of Jeusu's Garment & thereby be healed of their infermities, & observed that she was of the belief that he did not ask who it was that touched him because he knew not, but did it in order to bring the woman more into public notice that others might see her faith, infering from thence, that those who are desirous to follow the Master must do it as well publicly as privately

Our Meeting this Afternoon was silent & my morning afflictions were repeated & greater than in the morning for I fear'd I had carried more sail than ballace [ballast] or was more in profession that perception & was in great danger of becoming a reproach & a castaway. I often breathed to the Lord in these words which was all I could utter "Oh God help me, save me." Went to Dennis's & took tea with J Rodman in the evening we drew into silence, & it was doubtless good for us to be there

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July 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 3 of 7 M 1806 / After several days derth & keen poverty or leanness, my mind is again once more favor'd to feel its beloved to arise with his life giving presence, tho' there has been much of the time since the last date in which I was unable to witness that refreshment which is trylu deletibles Yet there was seasons wherein the Masters presence was felt, tho' not long at a time. I am in measure sincerely desirous to return thanks for this days favor in particular. Our meeting was silent, perhaps laborious to some Yet to me it was a precious season feeling an earnest engagement to remew my covenant. Oh saith my spirit at this season may my ears be boared to the Posts of the doors of my masters house that I go no more out. Spent the evening at Tho Robinsons in company with D & J Rodman

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July 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 6 of 7 M / Was favor'd this morning with the precious flowings of life & therein fresh desires were raised that my mind might be purified from all uncleanness, which continued in good measure thro' our morning meeting, but in the afternoon leaness again enter'd for the want of labor to get enough down to that spring from whence flows the waters of divine life. Oh the very great loss I have sustained in the corse of my time for the want of timely diging & searching after that which give strength in weakness & enables to overcome the enemy tho' ever so strongly beset.

Took tea & spent the evening at my cousin Henry Gould, for the first time since he has commenced house keeper, which was in the forepart of last week. Their pretty convenient situation almost made me wish mine was like theirs, but when or ever will it be cannot tell, therefore desire sincerely to be content with my lot whether Married or single, Rich or Poor so that I keep my place in religious duty, for this soul is often concern'd, & feel at this moment renew'd fervant desires to dwell deeper & deeper in spirit, for I am confirm'd beyond a doubt that there is no real enjoyment in this life without it or acceptance in the life to come.

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July 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 7 of 7 M / Tho' disputes with deists are seldom or ever proffitable yet this Afternoon I had a little with one which I thought pretty much to the purpose. We did not dispute Pro & Con, or enter into metaphysical reasoning, but I endeavor'd to [speak to] him to that certain something within him, which he acknowledged, had many times told him when he had done wrong. he acknowledged he was often in much doubt respecting the truth of his sentiments & wanted to feel more certain. what little I Said to him appear'd to Sober his mind, & I really thought was reached but strove to conceal it. The sincerity & anxiety which I manifested for his restoration & wellfare, he appear'd to take affectionately tho' I spoke very plainly. Oh that the poor child may timly see his error for I must say it is an effecting sight & did move me to the heart to see a youth as he is possessed of uncommon tallents & devoting them to such ruinous principals.

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July 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9 of 7 M / This morning my mind is brought into desires



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to be more faithful, & have had to remember an observation of our friend Richard Jordan when here the first time in an highly favor'd testimony, speaking to the youth he said, "beware of the snares & intreaques of satan, & one of the most dangerous is that of his diverting the mind from the life by presenting vain thoughts, & lulling it into a state of ease, for, says he his first blow is to root out the life in the mind, he strikes at that first, & if he can kill it he matters not how much we are in outward performance of religion, for he know, unless we possess as well as profess our profession is vain." My mind has felt the necessity of an increase of watchfulness to maintain this inward life, for I feel the truth of Richards expressions & know the enemy is continually let work in my mind to lay waste the precious seed there sown.

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July 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10 of 7 M / Tho' attended with much weakness & discouragement yet feel a degree of humble thankfulness to the tender father of mercies that he hath vouchsafed this life giving presence to my mind this morning. I am favor'd beyond what I deserve, concidering [sic] my small advancement, & sometimes fear my unfaithfulness is so great that the sorce of help will be taken away.

At meeting my life was nearly taken away but was favor'd with a little strength to wrestle against the enemy, who strove hard to overthrow me. All I could breath forth in the midst of my conflict was "Do help me Oh Lord" & that arose but feebly. Thro' divine favor there are divers hopeful young men & women in this town who at present appear to be under religious exercise, which affords a prospect that the Great Head of the Church will not leave himself without living witnesses to his holy name & Power, & tho' it is my lot to experience much leaness, & conciousness of my short attainments in religion yet my heart is often under deep exercise & travel [travail] for their advancement & I have been brought to sympathise with divers this afternoon.

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July 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 7 M / My mind is tried on various sides. I have endeavor'd to investigate my conduct thro' life & do not find but my intentions have been Sincere, with a wish to be in my place whether rich or poor, I find hard rubings in my outward circumstances, which is almost a discouragement, & I am ready to



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give (at times) & fear I have not exerted myself as much as would have been best. I frankly acknowledge I could have done more buisness & made larger calculations than I have done, but from my early life having felt a desire to possess a large share of the One thing needful, & that desire increasing with my groth, have never felt freedom from the best discernment that I have been favor'd with to lanch out into the world so largely as is common for young men to do when first entering the Stage of action. I humbly trust that hitherto my life & conduct has been preserved in a good degree of innocency, & that the main bent of my Spirit is faithfully to serve the Lord in the way of his requiring, & if I can keep under this precious influence to the end of my days, But Oh the darkness, the dimness of Sight which has been my portion this day in this painful State if I cried unto the Lord it seemed as if my prayer was unavailing & my heart not right before him. I have groaned under these sensations with bitterness. Oh my God I feel myself in need of thee, purge me, purge me that all offence be removed. This days barraness has not been without its use for in my Silent waitings this evening the Sweet incomes of divine love life & favor has sweetly flowed into my mind. I feel thanksgiving beyond expression.

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 July 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 13 of 7 M / In the forenoon Hannah Dennis David Buffum & Abigail Sherman were concerned in testimony. David was large & all were acceptable. Afternoon silent & a good degree of life arose in my mind. for several days past my mind has been under close exercise & a search witnessed even into holes & corners with lighted candles. Took tea at D Buffums in company with John Rodman, & on our way home we stopt at D Williams where we met Russel Davis, who after a few minutes pause addressed me, but from the witness I thought I felt of my own state & condition He came far short of true sight of it, tho' some things which he mentioned was just and necessary but what he mentioned respecting the gain of wealth I thought premature & apprehended if he had tarried at Jerusalem a little longer he would have known better how to divide the Word perhaps his testimony on the whole will have a good effect as my mind was deeply humbled.

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 July 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 15 of 7 M / The two last were days of deep search, trial & discouragement. May the search continue & Jerusalem be searched



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*even as to holes and corners with lighted candles.
In my silent waiting this evening, my spirit was comforted with
a lively hope that I should yet attain to a place of religious
stability. it seemed while setting in my shop in Awful profound
Stillness before God this evening, that if my whole mind & boody
was filled with divine life & animation, May thanksgiving &
praise assend unto him.*

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 July 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 17 of 7 M / Several of the last have been days of great
conflict trial & exercise of mind. it seems to be a visitation
from the Almighty for which I am thankful believing it is
permitted for my refinement
I am led deeply to search into & examine myself, & find defects
where I little suspected them. in the time of my conflict I have
almost doubted whether I had ever known any thing of religion,
& felt so discouraged that I have been ready to sink, & really
believe I should had not the divine hand been kindly manifested
in the midst of proving Oh the deep inward cries of my spirit
to the Lord for preservation how have I longed to be made clean
if preserved from bringing reproach to the precious testimony,
which I do sincerely love & at time am willing to spend & be
spent in its cause "A Saviour or I die a Redeemer or I perish".*

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 July 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 18 7 M / Hardly assurance to say Lord have mercy on me a
sinner*

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 July 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 21 of 7 M Last seventh day evening rode to [Portsmouth](#) with
Daniel Austin, lodged at Cousin Chases & in the Morning went to
[Tiverton](#) & attended meeting where we had the company of Asa
Russel who spoke a few words which might fully apply to all
present & encorage to a stedy perseverance in the line of
religious duty.
Tho' very low & depressed in my mind, yet was comforted by my
visit We din'd at Thomas's & took tea at Joseph Barkers, & in*



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the evening came home.

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 July 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day Morning 27 [sic] of 7 M / My feelings for some time past were such that I durst not attempt to insert anything of them. it is a time of Singular & deep Baptism even the Baptism of suffering wherein I have had to go back & search into holes & corners, & see how far my life has been concistent with, & sincere in what I have long made profession of. Oh the Stripedness, the nothingness to which I have been reduced. May I be reduced till all which is of the reprobate kind be done away, for I am sensible there is much remaining that hinders my groth in the truth. My soul has often craved in deep humility to be made a true self denying follower of Christ, but my unfaithfulness so stares me in the face I have feared the day was over & that I should never attain to any stability in the truth. I have not dared to look out at others either for example or precept, but find the most peace in dwelling in my own tent, nor dare I to advise others as my concern has been on my own account, that my heart may be renewdly washed & cleansed from the hurtful things & spirit of the world
I am thankful to be able to say that I had good meetings Yesterday, & trust it was a day of some proffit.*

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 July 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 30 of 7 M 1806 / My sufferings still continue, & trust they are necessary that I may be taught in the School of Christ. daily experience teaches me there is much to be reduced. I greatly desire patiently to abide under every dispensation however trying to flesh & blood.

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 July 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 31 of 7 M / Our M Meeting is held in town. Before meeting inward desires were raised in my heart to the Lord for help in my weak condition, & under a thankful sense of his goodness may now acknowledge that it was a remarkable favor'd time to me. my mind was inwardly & sweetly gather'd to the right sorce. I have not witnessed such a refreshing season for a long time. The testimony of our friends Anne Greene & Holder Almy were truly



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sweet & comfortable Holder concluded the meeting in supplication & those who were affar off in heart from the truth were sweetly remembered.

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 August 1, Friday: The Emperor Napoléon declared the Holy Roman Empire to be no longer in existence.

Bentheim and Steinfurt were annexed to Berg. The County of Salm-Horstmar was also annexed to Berg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 1 of 8 M 1806 / Last night watched with a sick friend who was in great extremity of pain & required constant attention. It was an awful scene which moved all within me. Oh Lord prepare me for my final Awful change.

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 August 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 3 of 8 M / Our morning meeting was thought to be measurably favor'd with sweet quiet but my mind was tried with rovings, tho' not so much as at some times. In the Afternoon I was pretty well gathered, tho' under a sense of my unworthiness. Anne Greene was with us, & had a few sweet & comfortable expressions to those that were tried, saying these is no discouragement to those that are tried for the Lord will have a tried people.

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August 8, Friday: At a concert given by students of the Accademia Filarmonica of Bologna, Gioachino Rossini made his final appearance as a soprano.

An advertisement for pianos:

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 8 of 8 M / On forth day evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting the next day. we said [stayed] that night at Z Chases, & in the morning went up to Holder Almy's where we found a number of agreeable & valuable friends, from there we went to meeting which was a quiet favor'd one to me Our friend Elisha Thornton rose with these words "beautiful in prospect substantially comfortable in practice, & preeminently glorious in effect is a truly religious & pious life" & went on with much lively & pertinent matter. Stephen Buffington was also favor'd in his public appearance with something in the prophetic line. he said, he apprehended the time was approaching when the foundations of many present would be nearly tried. The last meeting was much crowded with buisness, which kept us sitting till past 4 O'clock, yet the meeting kept much in patience, & much condescension was manifest in conducting the concerns before us. John & I dined at Z Chases, & then walked home, I trust with no loss by our absence from our buisness &



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concerns at home

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 August 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 10 of 8 M / Our meetings were large, but not so still as at some times. And my poor mind was on a very barran spot, tho' there were intervals when some gleams of life arose, but "like the visits of Ghosts short & far between". Of all the states I have ever had to pass thro', that of leanness or absence of Grace is the most painful. I am so extreamly destitute as not to be able to breath for help or to say, Lord have mercy on me. I have scarcely dared to write in my journal, nor felt that openness towards my friends as at other times, but my mind has felt hard & unsurceptable of that precious love which I sometimes am favor'd with.

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 August 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 8 M 1806 / Last evening while setting alone in my shop endeavoring to turn my mind as much as my lean condition would admit, to him who is Merciful, & able to deliver out of every straight, I was favor'd to feel that painful state to vanish, & for a season my mind was raised above it & experienced the inflowings of life & the good presence of the Master. this morning the heavenly visitant has again appear'd to the comfort of my poor mind. I had a good meeting, but for the want of watchfulness in the forepart of it, it did not end so well as it began. I am in measure thankful for this favor, & hope & really desire that I may be so reduced as to be more livly & fervant in spirit.

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 August 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day Mornng 18 of 8 M / My old state of leanness has return'd & is as trying as ever. Meetings were so very dry yesterday that I was ready to conclude it would have been as well if I had not gone. In the Morning O Williams was concerned in a short testimony to this import "Every true servant will be occupied in his Masters service or watching at the door of the tabenacle untill he appear" which appear'd to reach the minds of some. D



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Buffum was also concerned in a short testimony, from these words "Blessed are they which hunger & thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Altho very lean & dry when writing the Above this morning, yet soon after was favor'd with the arisings of the sweet & precious life, & tho' I have been uncommonly engaged in outward concerns, the precious current has flowed so sweetly that my labor has gone on easily. My mind is bowed under an humble sense of thankfulness to the Lord for the present favor & beg to be found worthy of a continuation thereof.

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 August 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 8 M / Owing to heavy storm of rain our meetings were small, but three women met this afternoon

At a few times in the corse of the week my mind was favor'd with a little ray of divine life & sweetness, but for the most part, Oh how painfully dead & barran. Called at a friends house this evening, but my mind was in such a condition that I could scarcely think a good thought. it seem'd as if rottenness had enter'd my bones, & every time I spoke the sound of my voice was a burden to myself & if I sat still my mind was so vacant of good that I fear'd my presence would burden others. This was my condition at meeting tho' I strove hard to center down into life, yet could scarce feel a ray of it. Why I am thus left I know not, except it is for my unfaithfulness & extream depravity of heart. I some times think my heart is as unsurceptable as a stone. If I am not wholly forsaken I desire to keep patient that I may not provoke the Almighty still further, so that he withdraw himself entirely.

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 August 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 26 of 8 M / Thro' divine goodness I am one more favor'd with a comfortable degree of life, as it has been so long shut out, I can enjoy its sweetness the more. I desire to be thankful, & watchful that I may merit the continuance of divine regard. I believe the bitter cup is often dispensed to our portion for our refinement & to fit us for his service.

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 August 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6 day 29 of 8 M / On fourth day evening J Rodman & I walked to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the MY Meeting to be held the next day, where my mind was mercifully covered with the Wing of Ancient goodness. in the first meeting Holder Almy & Abigail Roninson were much favor'd in testimony, & Holder & O Williams were very lively in their testimonial remarks on the buisness which came before us in the last which was much & several trying subjects. All appeared to be discussed with much condescention & I hope to the honor of the Good Cause.
I trust my mind is humbly thankful for the favor experienced at meeting yesterday, & hope what I gained may not soon be lost.

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August 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 31 if 8 M / Silent meetings & to me but low seasons as to life, scarce able to think a good thought, & if there was any of the precious seed beginning to work it was not long before the enemy, or the little foxes would rush in & nip the buds of the tender vine. this is a very distressing discouraging dispensation thro' which I'm passing. But why should I expect it better? when there is not that faithful submission in my mind to divine requiring which is requisite to insure eternal happiness. I am desirous at this time not to be feeding on yesterdays manna, but to conform to the daily dictates of Truth, & to be more abstemious & more watchful for I believe I am called to both

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September 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 4 of 9 M 1806 / Thro' divine favor I am once more (in measure) released from that heavy cloud of death which hath so long & painfully encompassed my mind. the precious life is so scarce with me that evry spark of it feels near & relishes like delicious food to an hungry man.

This day David Rodman & Joanna Mitchell were married at our meeting house in [Newport](#). David Buffum was concern'd in a lively testimony wherein he enforced the necessity of our making an individual enquiry like the young man formerly who came to Christ asking "What good things he should do to inherit eternal life" & desired none might neglect to do what he should command, tho the Cross be ever so great.

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September 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 8 of 9 M 1806 / Since the last date I trust I have been rather more watchful, & favor'd with a little Life, tho' some distressing circumstances await me. In our meeting yesterday my mind was favor'd with quiet & brought into deep reflection. In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short but lively testimony. She said it was much in the cross that she stood among us at that time, but soon after taking her seat it was sounded in her mind Prepare Prepare Oh house of Israel to meet thy God & observ'd it was necessary for us to be on the Watch have our thoughts & works tried by Him whose right it was, for we knew not how soon the summons might be sent by the pale messenger to our dwellings "Stewards give an account of thy stewards life for thou may be no longer Steward."

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September 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 9 of 9 M / This afternoon went to Jonathon Dennis's took tea & spent the evening. to me it was a sweet visit & do not regret spending the time, tho' I left my shop under some disadvantage

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September 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 11 of 9 M / Our friends John Baley from Hanover & Micajah Collins from Lynn are with us on a religious visit & were at our meeting today, their testimonies were lively & pertinent & Micajah's deeply affecting to my mind. they appear'd to have a low time among us but were comforted with a belief that tho' the Ancient standard bearers were removed from among us, & those still remaining would soon be removed, yet there was an hopeful succession among the Youth whom they encoraged to hold on their way.
Oh that I may be renewed, that my mind may be fresh & green in religion, for what is the world without it? it is all nothing & worse than nothing.*

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September 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 14 of 9 M / Our meeting this morning was very full & D Buffum was concern'd in a lively testimony from these words "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you not as the world givith give I unto you" In the Afternoon O Williams deliver'd nearly the following "The preparation of the heart & the answer of the Tongue are of the Lord every Sacrifice must be by fire & every offering season'd with salt" As to my own state it was barraness.

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September 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 15 of 9 M / Called to see my beloved young friends D & J Rodman who have this day commenced house-keepers. I found them comfortably settled, I was given to believe that the Masters promise was to them as to his followers formerly "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" While setting with them my mind was so forcibly impressed with this passage that I was ready to offer it for their encouragement, but weakness or unfaithfulness getting the upper hand, I omitted the expression of it.

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September 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 21 of 9 M / Silent meetings, & to me rather more favor'd with quiet that at some others.

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September 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 23 of 9 M / This Morning my friends James Bringham & wife sailed sailed for NYork intending for Philadelphia. I parted with them in a sweet degree of love I tenderness.

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September 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4 day 24 of 9 M / My mind for several days has been in a weak condition, but am favor'd to feel tender & the sorce of life is not so hard to come at as at some times.

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 September 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 25 of 9 M / At our Monthly Meeting my mind was favor'd with a degree of life. In the first H Almy was concern'd in testimony & much favor'd in supplication. In the last he couched much excellent advice & tender caution to the Youth. The buisness went on heavily tho generally ended well.

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 September 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 26 of 9 M / Much engaged in buisness, & but little time to think in religious concerns, but believe the has passed pretty well.

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 September 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 30 of 9 M / Last seventh day went to Narragansett on buisness Lodged at cousin J Hazards, & in the morning rode with cousin Nathan to Wickford, we got there late to meeting but went in & was favor'd with a precious opportunity. our friend Anne Smith was concerned in a lively & authoritiative testimony. After meeting we dined at John Smiths & called to see his Sisters Avis & Ann, then returned to meeting where my mind was again favor'd with a sweet covering for which I was very thankful Our friend Ann Smith appear'd in supplication which felt to me fervant & livly. we took tea at Avis & Ann's & then returned to cousin Hazards I trust with a truly thankful heart at being made to set once more at the table of fat things, tho' unworthy

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October 1, Wednesday: Georg Joseph Vogler bought into a printing company in München.

Jan Ladislav Dussek wrote to his publishers, Breitkopf and Härtel, to advise them that he was departing for war in the company of his employer and friend, Prince Ludwig Ferdinand of Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 1 of 10 M 1806 / I desire to be thankful for the many favors which I receive inwardly & outwardly, tho' much leanness & weakness has been my lot of late, yet feel an hope some enlargement of experience has been witnessed
This Afternoon I went to view the corps of an old black woman who deceased yesterday, & said to be an hundred & four years of age She looked remarkable pleasant & did not bear the marks of [?] as I expected tho' appear'd very old, her name was Barry [Bany?] Malbone*

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October 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 4 of 10 M / Some exercise to dwell on the right foundation, but rather to much lightness in my conduct.

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October 5, Sunday: James Morrill Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 5 of 10 M / To me meetings were rather dull but better than at sometimes. In the forenoon O Williams spoke nearly the following "My mind has been introduced into deep exercise & travel [travail?] of spirit before the God of mercy & truth, that he would be pleased to open the understandings of the peoples for it has appear'd to me to be a time of great insensibility, as every one looking at, or leaning on his Neighbor"
Took tea at J Denniss in company with John Rodman, in the evening we drew into silence & dear Hannah was concern'd in supplication. The wing of ancient goodness seemed to spread over us, & our minds experienced the refreshing dew, for which I desire to be thankful & keep in remembrance*

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 October 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

on 2nd day finished my buisness & took a walk in the woods which was the first time I had viewed so wild a scene in nature, the tall trees, lofty & majestic rocks, clearly evinced to my understanding the hand of a Great Creator, & to any one capable of description would afford a copious theme. after dinner came to the ferry & crossed it, but being late before the boat went off & the wind light, could not reach Connanincut till after dark, which obliged me to stay at cousin J Greenes all night had a pleasant visit with cousin Anne, & this Morning came home & believe my journey has not been unprofitable.

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 October 12, Sunday: [William Henry Brisbane](#) was born in Beaufort County, South Carolina, a son of Adam Fowler Brisbane (1783-1830).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 10 M / For the week past I have had but little strength or disposition to write, nor do I feel enough at this time scarcely to say that our forenoon meeting was silent, & in the afternoon O Williams was concern'd in a short but sweet testimony on the necessity of watchfulness

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 October 16, Thursday: The Prussian command reorganized its forces and retreated towards Magdeburg while the pursuing French were capturing Erfurt.

In response to Turkish action of August 18th, Russian forces invaded Ottoman territory across the Dniester River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

16 of 10 M / For the want of watchfulness before meeting suffered much barraness while there. This Afternoon my mind has been introduced into an exercise which hath at times been very weightily, & long, on my mind & I trust sincere desires are raised that it may be clearly manifested what is best for me to do – it is that of changing my single state to a married one. for a long time I have apprehended the time would come when it would be right for me to disclose my prospect to a young woman with whom I am acquainted, & of late have begun to think it has nearly arrived, tho' do not yet see it clearly. I am desirous to know & wait for the right time be it longer or shorter & if it should appear to



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be my place to live a single life, may I quietly acquiese & fill my station with propriety, if to mercy, may I be enabled to discharge my duty faithfully, not murmuring in adversity, or rejoicing above measure in prosperity

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October 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day evening 18 of 10 M / Oh that I may increase in watchful care over every part of my conduct, I desire to dwell deeper and nearer the spirit of life, for I see the necessity of it & feel myself to be a poor empty creature.

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October 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 19 of 10 M / Our meetings were silent & the morning an empty season but by deep digging retired in my chamber between meeting, was favor'd with more life in the Afternoon Took tea at Sam' Thurstons & spent most of the evening, favor'd with quietness, tho' under deep exercise Oh it is a trying season to me

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October 14, Tuesday: Invading French forces encountered the Prussians and Saxons at Jena and Auerstädt, near Weimar, and left 32,000 dead [German](#) bodies on the battlefield. As the battles raged nearby a professor at the University of Jena, [G.W.F. Hegel](#), was laboring over his monograph THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF MIND.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day evening 14 of 10 M / For sometime past my mind has been in such a situation that I have hardly known how to describe it. Sometimes in a very dry barran state not a capacity to think a good thought, nor authority to speak a good word, which I am sensible is the result of sin. & when favor'd to draw nearer the fountain of divine help & feel the precious light & life to arise in my mind, then my unworthiness stairs me in the face & I am ready to blush that I have not attained to a greater degree of knowledge in divine truth, for I see that I have missed of much



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good which was intended for me by neglecting or not submitting to bear the cross in younger years but to my great consolation there are seasons when I am favor'd to feel that infinite mercy & goodness is yet extended & that on the grounds of obedience I may yet be advanced to a greater degree of religious experience. I felt this morning entirely destitute of every good qualification not even power to raise a sigh – but the latter part of the Afternoon & evening I can hardly vent them fast enough. My spirit is led to pray for mercy & forgiveness, ability to do good & strength to retain my ground for I clearly see that there is no true help but that which cometh from the Lord who giveth all that is necessary for us – Oh that I may be preserved in humble thankfulness to to him the Author of every good for the many favors which he is pleased to bestow on me a poor unworthy worm.

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October 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 10 M / Cold suffering meeting with a roving mind. O Williams Abigail Robinson & D Buffum were concern'd in livly testimonys, & I doubt not but some minds were comforted therfrom, but I seemed to be shut out from the enjoyment of good.

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October 24, Friday: French forces reached the suburbs of Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) instanced in his journal that he had been fined for his failure as a [Quaker](#) to participate under arms in the local militia and that the penalty had been unfairly exacted through the tax seizure of his hat, that had cost him considerably more than that penalty:

6 day 24 of 10 M / James Chappel has just taken from me an Hat what in the 6 M last cost me six Dollars for a Militia fine amounting to only 2 Dollars & 5 cents including fees – by order of Charles C Dunham the Capt. The warrant dated 6 day of October 1806 & signed by Robt Taylor Just Peace.

THE QUAKER PEACE TESTIMONY

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

October 25, Saturday, 1806 French troops entered Berlin as the Prussian court fled to Königsberg.



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 October 26, Sunday: French forces occupied Osnabrück.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 26 of 10 M / Favor'd with rather more animation at meetings than of late, dear cousin Anne Greene was concern'd to leave with us in the morning a few words of warning & exhortation to those who continue in evil practice, & concluded with an affectionate address to the Youth. Took tea with D Rodman & wife, in company with cousin Anne & two of David's precious sisters, on the edge of evening we drew into silence & Anne was engaged to speak to our several states in a very sweet & encouraging manner, from there I waited on her to J Earl's where we again drew into silence, & she found much to communicate to our several states. in these opportunities my mind was much solemnized & favor'd to witness the extendings of divine goodness to be spread over us, for which I desire to be thankful & retain the savor that it may not vanish like the early dew.

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 October 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 28 of 10 M / While setting alone this morning in company with my endeared friend & old companion Isaac Austin with our minds inwardly retired, we were favor'd to feel our love renewed & I trust reciprocal desires were raised for each other that we might be firmly grounded on the sure foundation of truth & as we grow in years we may grow in the knowledge of the best things, my heart was truly humbled & brought to crave on the bended knee of my spirit that I may not suffer the surfeiting things of this world to engrose my attention to the prejudice or hurt of my spiritual wellfare. Oh Lord keep & preserve me thro' all.

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 October 31, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 10 M 1806 / Fourth day evening went to [Portsmouth](#) in company with my dear J Rodman & lodged at cousin Z Chase's, next day went to meeting where I trust my mind was favor'd with the fresh extendings of divine life. Holder Almy & David Buffum were concerned in livly testimonys – I know not when I was favor'd with better meetings



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November 2, Sunday: New Jersey appoints a commission consisting of Lewis Condict, Alexander C. McWhorter, Aaron Ogden, James Parker and William S. Pennington, to settle the state's border with New York. The dispute would nevertheless remain unsettled at this time.

SERMON PREACHED AT Dorchester ON THE FORENOON OF THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 2D, 1806 TO THOSE WHO ASSEMBLE IN THE SOUTH MEETING HOUSE IN DORCHESTER. BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#), MINISTER OF DORCHESTER (Boston: Belcher & Armstrong, 1806).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2 of 11 M 1806 / In the forenoon a poor roving meeting, in the Afternoon more composed & more life O Williams was concernd in in a short tho' livly testimony as follows "John preached unto the people the Baptism of repentance & remission of sins, he was declared unto them to be a bright & shining light to teach them the way of the Lord & to make his paths streight, this we must be brought into before we can know the Kingdom of the Son"

Took tea at Saml Thurstons in company with Clarke Rodman from there we came home & I took a very affecting leave of my most endeared friend Isaac Austin who expects to leave us tomorrow morning for Easton NYork where his parents now reside. I love him beyond the power of my tongue or pen to describe. May he be preserved from evil, may the Lord be with him & bless him even to the end of his days. - I spent the remainder of the evening at D Rodmans our minds were so affected in parting with Isaac that we found but little to converse upon & set mostly silent. My mind was engaged in in secret fervant prayer for our preservation & that my dear Isaac might witness the protecting arm of divine Power thro' every allotment in passing along this vale of tears

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November 4, Tuesday: The County of Hanau was placed under French administration.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day afternoon 4 of 11 M / I am now going to [Portsmouth](#) expecting from thence to go to [Swanzey](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting. I leave home under much inconvenience, but believe it best to go hoping to get a penny by it, tho' feel very undeserving of any reward. Lodged at cousin Zachary Chases & the next morning set out with him in his Chase we crossed [Bristol](#)



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ferry, rode thro' [Bristol](#) & [Warren](#) & went to [Swanzy](#) & lodged at John Gardiners who is not a member but entertained us kindly. next morning we rode to meeting, & I was favor'd with a composed mind tho' but little life. James Green opened the Service with a few words & was succeeded by Obadiah Davis in a very lengthy & Authorative testimony whereby I trust truth lost no ground & the meeting ended well. – Buisness in the last went on pretty well & the London Epistle for the present Year was read to our edification we dined at Wm Reads who is not a member but married a woman that was & is very kind in entertaining friends at the Quarterly Meeting time Here my mind was brought under exercise & sympathy for the woman, & desires were raised that she may yet return to her birth right with brightness. we crossed Slaid's ferry the same night & I lodged at Daniel Buffingtons in Trory next morning we came to Thomas Barkers & made a pleasant visit then came homeward & reached cousin Chases about 2 O'clock After tea I came home on foot, it rained nearly the whole way & walking against an high wind made me very wet & fatigued. – I went to this meeting under discouragment with a prospect of much inward suffering, & it has proved as I expected. And what has tended to augment my sufferings was being so much at the houses of those who were not members, tho' they were very kind. yet I could not feel towards them as I wished, feeling under such restraint that it seemed as if I could scarcely endure it. I felt killed to the very heart – perhaps it was best for it so to be that I may learn to bear all things, & I am far from thinking it to be an unprofitable visit tho' but little inward enjoyment came to my lot.

After meeting on fifth day while standing in the meeting house yard I fell in with my dear friend Rowland Greene with whom I had a sweet opportunity which in measure compensated for my other sufferings.

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November 12, Wednesday: [Edward H. Faucon](#) was born in Boston, the son of Catherine Dawes Waters and a French instructor at [Harvard College](#), Nicolas Michel Faucon.

Muzio Clementi arrived in Vienna from St. Petersburg. He would meet [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) and purchase the rights to some of his works.

French troops occupied Hildesheim.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 12 of 11 M / Since my return from Quarterly Meeting I have had to labor under much discouragement feeling at seasons borne down with the weight of my sins & manyfold trangressions insomuch that I have not dared to write in my journal. Oh the



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grievous death which the mind is brought into by unwatchfulness or a want of care to dwell at all times in the vally of humility. May I more and more come down & be humble, may all that is yet opposed to the powerful workings of truth be done away. Often when I view my self & see how little of the right thing has grown & florished within me tho' often watered & norished, I am ready to blush at not furnishing a better example than I do.

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November 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 16 of 11 M / In our meetings today my mind was closly proved & especially in the Afternoon with the suggestions of the enemy, but thro' divine favor I was enabled to say with him with such Authority "Get thee behind me Satan" that he vanished & I met with him no more while setting in meeting. Many are the trials and buffitings of Satan which I have to pass thro' in these days

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November 19, Wednesday: French forces occupied Hamburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 19 of 11 M / Tho' encompassed with infermity yet feel a degree of divine favor yet extended. There is a necessity for me to dwell deeper & deeper in Spirit that at the conclusion of time I may be found acceptable to the holy head – and in passing along this vale of tears exhibit an example worthy to be imitated by my brothers & sisters, for I find as I grow older more is expected of me & not an increase of ability equal to the expectations

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November 20, Thursday: Birth of Henry Bradford Greenleaf Webster, 7th child of Rebecca Greenleaf Webster with [Noah Webster, Jr.](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 20 of 11 M / On taking my seat in meeting I felt my mind animated by the arisings of life, & looked forward to a favor'd season which was measurably permitted by a pretty composed mind



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& rather easier access to the fountain than at sometimes – but could not attain to that state which I wished or at first expected.

Susanna Barker broke silence in a few words of encouragement to those who were wrestling for life, observing to those who know an overcoming of themselves should be given a White Stone & in it a new name written. which was succeeded by Abigail Robinson in an encouraging testimony to the same effect.

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November 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 23 of 11 M / Not tried with barrenness as much as common, yet my meetings were exercising seasons, owing to a subject which has been at times very mightily before my mind for some months past. Oh that I may be Rightly directed & protected thro' the many difficulties which attend poor mortals in passing along this probationary State – After meeting in the Afternoon went to visit Edward Sissin who is confined to his house with an heavy cough & fever After tea we drew into Silence & D Buffum & O Williams were concerned in lively testimony. it was a season of instruction to me & I hope to some others present.

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November 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

27 of 11 M 5 day / At our Monthly Meeting this day held in town I was favor'd (in the first) by watchfulness & striving, to attain to a pretty good spot – but in the last was very destitute, & it appeared to me that a generall prevailed, buisness went on dull

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December 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 1 of 12 M 1806 / It is to me a times of deep suffering & want – I often feel as tho' I was forsaken & no more to be raised from my miserable condition. When I endeavor to turn my mind inward & wait for the arisings of life to strengthen & animate the Inward man, there is as it were the confusion of tongues, nothing can be clearly understood. Oh that there may be more indwelling & closer attention to the inshinings of heavenly light for the want of this I am often sensible of suffering much loss, but thro' divine mercy & favor there is yet at times a lively concern remaining to be more faithful in every sense & in particular that of a better government of my natural will.



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 December 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 7 of 12 M 1806 / My mind has been favor'd to keep near the
sorce of life this day & had good meetings, for which I feel
humbly thankful Oh that I could attain to more fixedness in the
life of truth, yet there is a great want of watchfulness
Spent most of the evening at C R's called at D's where I met
with his sister H & found an opportunity to put into her hand a
paper signifying what had long been on my mind towards her which
I did in much fear & trembling & believe whatever may be the
Issue it was right for me to do it. I trust my mind has been
sincerely engaged to seek for the direction of best wisdom in
the matter. May that wisdom direct her in the termination is my
earnest desire.*

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 December 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 8 of 12 M / I have undeavord to look at my own state &
situation, both inward & outward & feel it to be very trying,
but hope thro' infinite mercy & goodness, hedged about as my way
now appears, yet to witness a way made in the deep & a path in
Mighty waters - Oh Lord enable me to keep up the warfare & teach
me in times of streight to enquire in thy holy temple, how & in
what manner to conduct thro' this probationary scene.*

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 December 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 10 of 12 M / My mind is reduced into an humble frame this
morning, & I must crave that it may be kept so. "Oh Lord help
mine infirmity."*

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December 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 14 of 12 M 1806 / My mind was roving at meeting but toward the close was favor'd to get pretty well settled -Our friend O Williams was engaged in testimony twice in the forenoon & twice in the Afternoon, in a few words at each time & much to the purpose in my small opinion.

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December 15, Monday: In the federal House of Representatives, a bill was discussed that would prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, beginning with January 1st of the year 1807. House Bill #148 would become merged into a bill in the US Senate.

"A bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, etc.," after Dec. 31, 1807. Finally merged into Senate bill. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 9th Congress, 2d session, V. 468.

SLAVERY

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 15 of 12 M 1806 / Spent the evening in a very agreeable circle at D Buffums, but my mind was occupied in a way which prevented the enjoyment which I sometimes have at such opportunities. We sat a little time in silence & O Williams expressed a few words by way of testimony very sweet.

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December 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 21 of 12 M 1806 / Our meeting this Morning was a quiet solid time & I was more than commonly favor'd to enjoy the sweets of silence, for which I desire to be preserved in humble thankfulness. D. Buffum was concern'd in a short but livly testimony from these words "What proffiteth it a man if he gain the whole world & loose his own soul." - In the Afternoon we were silent & equally favor'd with solid quiet - Oh that I may dwell nearer & nearer the holy inshinings of truth in the mind & be enabled to meet the cross occurances of time with christian patience, for this my mind is often solemnly engaged in secret prayer to Almighty God.- Took tea at D Williams, his wife's sister Betsy Woodward was there, she is one that I was never acquainted with nor never saw before, but I love her & believe she is one who is endeavoring to live up to our profession & meet with heavy conflicts therin. Spent remainder of the evening



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at C R's with as much enjoyment as the state of my mind would admit.

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December 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 26 of 12 M 1806 / On forth day evening John Rodman & I rode to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Z Chases next morning we called to see our friend Holder Almy whose conversation was truly comforting & edifying from there we went to meeting & in the first my mind was truly & sweetly favord with flowings in of Life for which I was bowed in humble thankfulness to the Author & giver of all Good that men can receive. May his great & glorious name be exalted more & more in the Earth saith my soul at this time, & all the doings of proud man abased & laid in the dust. Holder Almy (to my feelings) was authorativly & edifyingly engaged in public testimony & supplication. Also D Buffum in a few words – In the last meeting the buisness labor'd unpleasantly & had not the savor of the first kept in my mind. I should have been nearly ready to sink, but strength was afforded to my admiration

We dined At Isaac Almy's with a pleasant company of my young acquaintance, I rode him with my dear H R which afforded me an opportunity to speak with her on the subject which I committed to her consideration sometime past the manner in which we conversed was I trust in reverence & fear not leaning to our own understanding in the matter, but "seeking to him who in all things directeth to an hairs bredth" after having duly weighed the subject for sometimes past, & some conversation explanitory & preliminary, at the time she in a very weighty manner informed me that she so far acquiessed with my proposal to leave me at liberty to consult our parents on the subject – the importance of this undertaking hath many times been very exercising to my mind but when we had this interview it was doubly so, tho' much of the doubts & fears as to our Living in the world was removed, & a faith was begotten in my heart that as we kept our plans in the truth we should not lack the necessaries of life but be who cloths the lillies & feeds the sparrows would bless our endeavors & make us useful to one another, & that it may [be] so is often the fervant prayer of my heart

It was a day wherin I was confirmed of my being in the right line, & most earnestly crave that it may be lastingly blessed

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December 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7 day 27 of 12 M 1806 / The day having closed feel a disposition to write a little, & am thankful to feel able to say that it has been a week wherin my mind has been stenghtened with a refreshing Stream of divine favor, & an hope is thereby raised that the Good hand is still reached forth for my help & deliverance from the bond of sin which I too often feel myself incompassed with & groan under.

Since writing the above my dear friend D R came in & read a letter which he has received from NYork from my beloved J Austin which states that Wm Crotch had cut his throat with a razor at the house of Alexander Wilson in Philadelphia in the 24th of this M & was inter'd on the evening of the same day – This is a shocking account, that one who hath been so highly favor'd in the gift of the Ministry & given such undeniable proofs of his Authority & clear prophetic discernment of the state of the people should be left miserably to end his own existence, but it is as clear a proof of the weakness of human nature, & that without our continued watchful care we are ever in danger of falling victim to the wicked deceiver of men, the higher we rise the lower we have to fall (if we do fall)

Notwithstanding there are many distressing occurrences which have reacently happened concerning this poor man which may induce some to question whether he was ever anything more than an imposter, yet it is quite different with me, for I have too often seen & felt the Baptizing effect of his Ministry in myself & others to admit a doubt of this, but am rather persuaded that we may be highly favor'd & at the same time have many weaknesses which are not overcome which suppose to be his case I am at this time firm in the faith that the Truth is great & Powerful & that there is no deception in it, & as its power is abode under it will clearly discover to the understanding what we should do & what we should leave undone...– Oh that all that is within me bow & surrender to its holy guidance.

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December 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 28 of 12 M 1806 / Good composed meeting to my mind, for which i trust I am truly thankful. Spent the evening very sweetly at C Rodman's.

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December 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

30 3 day of 12 M 1806 / With the day compleats the 25 year of my Age & it is a very humbling consideration to my mind that I



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come so far short of what the truth points out, but what avails complaint in this way? surely nothing further than perchance I may view it at some other time when it may serve to quicken & alarm my mind to greater vigilance – Tho' I cannot find but on the main there is something of an increase of care in my mind, yet a view of my short comings is often painful & this evening am reduced to much poverty & is often stripped of all, which I consider to be a proffitable state, believing those that would be rich in the best sense must first become striped of all human dependences.

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1807

 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1807. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

CURTIS'S POCKET [ALMANACK](#), AND REGISTER OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1807. Samuel Curtis. Amherst, New Hampshire: Printed by Joseph Cushing. The 1800 census of New Hampshire by town, its militia officers, its postmasters, its attorneys, its county criers, its ministers, etc. The description of [Dartmouth College](#) indicated that its library comprised some 3,000 volumes.

[George Ticknor](#) graduated from [Dartmouth College](#). He would be studying Latin and Greek with the Reverend Dr. John Sylvester John Gardiner, rector of Boston's Trinity Church.

 In [Rhode Island](#), James Fenner was in charge.

During this year or the following one, Edward Augustus Kendall passed through [Rhode Island](#).

EDWARD AUGUSTUS KENDALL

 Judge William Potter sold the remainder of his interest in his mansion and estate "Little Rest" (later to be known as [Kingston](#)), [Rhode Island](#) to his relative Elisha R. Potter, and relocated to Genesee in upstate New York.

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The [Great Meetinghouse](#) of the [Friends](#) in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) was enlarged to accommodate the New England [Yearly Meeting](#). The renewed structure featured a spacious gallery above, which was intended for the use of persons of color (as it would turn out, this gallery would ordinarily be quite empty, except that during the week of the Yearly Meeting it would be packed with white people).



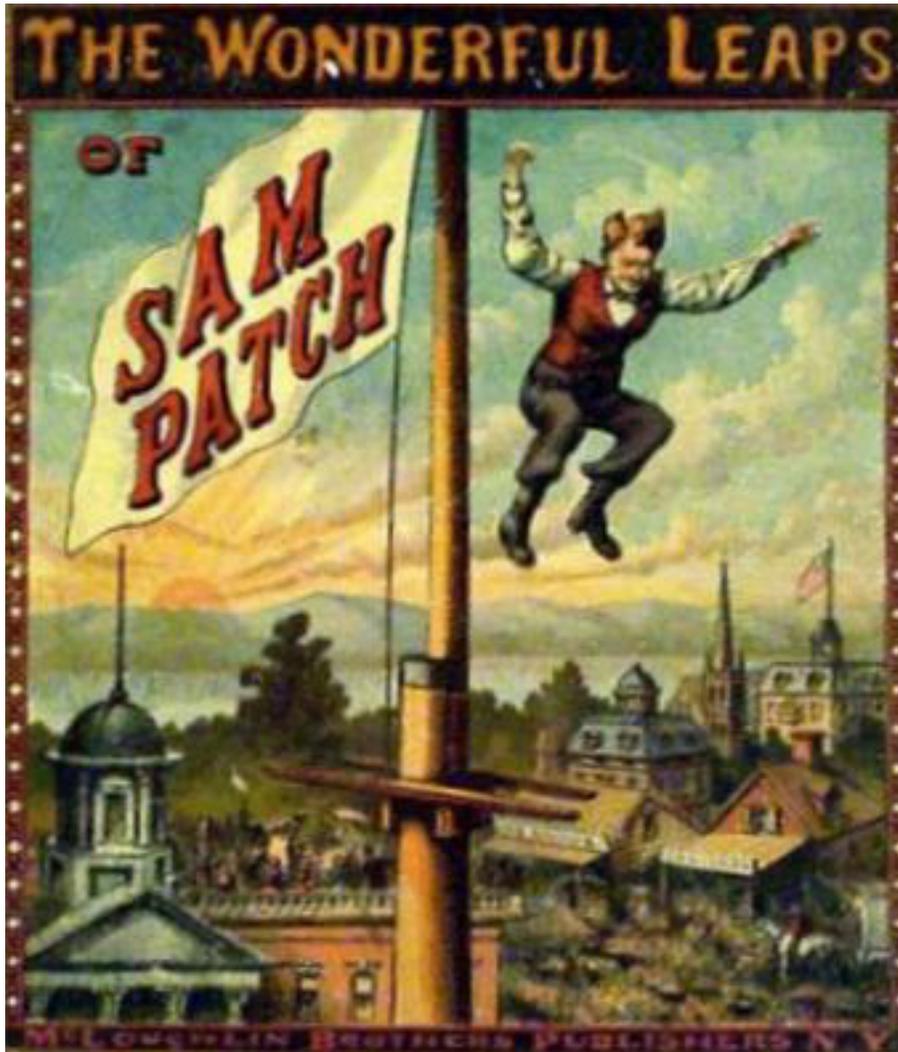
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The Patch family (Mayo Greenleaf Patch and Abigail McIntire Patch, with their children Polly, Greenleaf, Nabby, Samuel, and Isaac) moved on, from Marblehead MA to [Pawtucket, Rhode Island](#). It would have been at this point that at age 7 or 8, [Sam Patch](#), instead of being sent to school, would be sent into the monotonous and dangerous cotton mill perched on the edge of the falls of the Blackstone River. Eventually he would become a boss spinner, working the spinning mule. After hours, in his late teens, he and others would enjoy jumping off a bridge and a high rooftop into a pool of aerated or “soft” water at the base of Pawtucket Falls. He would become known by a renown catchphrase, “Some things can be done as well as others.”

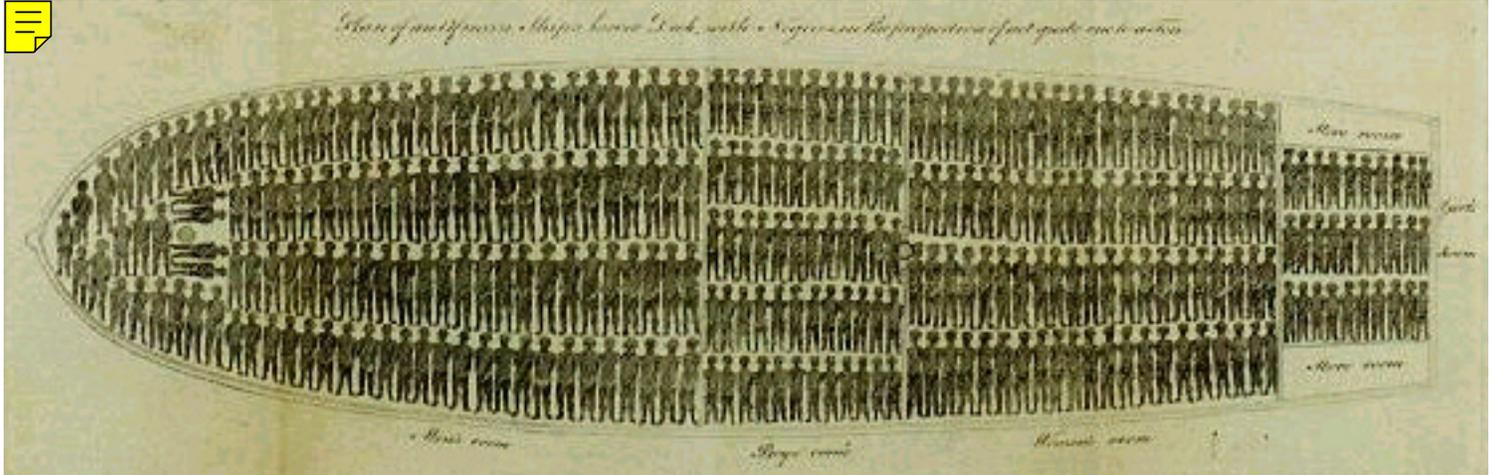


(Life is, after all, the art of the possible. Life wasn't being especially kind to Sam but he would be making the best of it that he could.)

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 In this year the [Rhode Island](#) ship *Eagle* brought a cargo of 180 new African [slaves](#) to America, the brig *Nancy* a cargo of 94, the schooner *Nancy* a cargo of 73, the snow (it had been a brig) *Neptune* a cargo of 140, the brig *Factor* a cargo of 85, the ship *Lark* a cargo of 95, the schooner *Concord* a cargo of 48, the brig *Alfred* a cargo of 84, the schooner *Hiram* a cargo of 105, the schooner *Flora* a cargo of 80, the schooner *Ann & Harriet* a cargo of 145 (this vessel would be registered in Boston until after this voyage it was re-registered in Rhode Island), and the sloop *Baltimore* a cargo of 80.⁴⁴



INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

These people were mere freight, for consumption elsewhere. In [Rhode Island](#) itself, most black Americans were becoming free, if unequal:

While most black Rhode Islanders were free after 1807, they remained victims of prejudice and oppression in every sphere of life. They were segregated in the churches, kept out of the public schools, denied employment in the textile mills, and, finally, in 1822, denied the right to vote.

44. Clearly, there's a terminology problem here. In an effort to resolve this terminology issue, at the Republican National Convention in New York City in August 2004 –at which the Republican Party would for four days make an effort to strip from its face its mask of hostility to the plight of the downtrodden and reveal its true countenance of benevolent conservatism and concern– these people would be sensitively referred to by a Hoosier Republican running for the US Senate as “involuntary immigrants.”

So, perhaps, this is a good point at which to insert a story about involuntary immigrants that has been passed on to us by Ram Varmha, a retired IBM engineer whose father had briefly served as Maharaja after the independence of Cochin. He relates the story as narrated to him by his paternal grandmother who lived in Thripoonithura, Cochin: “When my grandmother (born 1882) was a young girl she would go with the elder ladies of the family to the Pazhayannur Devi Temple in Fort Cochin, next to the Cochin Lantha Palace built by the Dutch (Landers = Lantha), which was an early establishment of the Cochin royal family before the administration moved to Thripoonithura. My grandmother often told us that in the basement of the Lantha Palace, in a confined area, a family of Africans had been kept locked up, as in a zoo! By my Grandmother’s time all the Africans had died. But, some of the elder ladies had narrated the story to her of ‘Kappiries’ (Africans) kept in captivity there. It seems visitors would give them fruits and bananas. They were well cared for but always kept in confinement. My grandmother did not know all the details but according to her, ‘many’ years earlier, a ship having broken its mast drifted into the old Cochin harbor. When the locals climbed aboard, they found a crewless ship, but in the hold there were some chained ‘Kappiries’ still alive; others having perished. The locals did not know what to do with them. Not understanding their language and finding the Africans in chains, the locals thought that these were dangerous to set free. So they herded the poor Africans into the basement of the Cochin Fort, and held them in captivity, for many, many years! I have no idea when the initial incident happened, but I presume it took place in the late 1700s or early 1800s. This points to the possibility that it was, in fact, a slave ship carrying human cargo from East Africa to either the USA or the West Indies. An amazing and rather bizarre story. Incidentally, this is not an ‘old woman’s tale’! Its quite reliable. My grandmother would identify some of the older ladies who had actually seen the surviving Kappiries.”



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– William McLoughlin, RHODE ISLAND: A HISTORY
(NY: Norton, 1978)

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Of the twenty years from 1787 to 1807 it can only be said that they were, on the whole, a period of disappointment so far as the suppression of the slave-trade was concerned. Fear, interest, and philanthropy united for a time in an effort which bade fair to suppress the trade; then the real weakness of the constitutional compromise appeared, and the interests of the few overcame the fears and the humanity of the many.



January 1, Thursday: After Joseph Bonaparte gathered all Neapolitan music students into the Santa Maria della Pieta dei Turchini, he turned it into a school exclusively for the study of music and renamed it the Collegio Reale di Musica.

The lease of the Burgtheater and the Kärntnertheater, held by Baron Peter von Braun, was turned over to a group of noblemen including the Princes Esterházy, Schwarzenberg, and Lobkowitz and the Counts Palffy, Zichy, Lodron, and Franz, and Franz Nicholas Esterházy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 Day 1 of 1 M 1807 / Our mettings was rather small & to me but a dull time tho' I was not quite as destitute as at some others -D Buffum was concern'd in a short & feeling testimony, he said "Many were the afflictions of the righteous, but they all tended to our refinement, if they were rightly abode under,["] & said his feelings were such that he apprehended himself authorised to revive the passage to an afflicted tribulated number present "Fear not little flock, it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom" O Williams also spoke as few words testifying that tho' we were or might be accounted simple in the eyes of the world for thus assembling in the middle of the week, yet



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they were often to us seasons of favor & renewal of strength.⁴⁵



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 January 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 2 of 1 M 1807 / The longer I live the more I see the cunning craft of the wicked deceiver of Men & find he has latly [sic] been very buisy in the minds of some repectin me in stiring them up to fabricate & circulate a false report in order [sic] to take away my reputation in the world. The thing in itself is of such a nature that none who who have been acquainted with me from my childhood would suppose me guilty of, therefore shall make no enquirey after it, but treat it with its merited reserve but I can but observe the workings of Satan in it, & hope it will prove teaching & learn me wisdom, & to be humble Oh my God be with me for thou knows the care I have long & often felt not to dishonor or reproach thy name, help me Oh father for without thy holy aid we are ever liable to subk into ruin.

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 January 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 4 of 1 M 1807 / Our friends Peter Hoxie & D Buffum were concern'd in livly testimony in our morning meeting, which I hope may be of use to but my poor mind was not in a state to be benefited being under a painful state of leaness Having for sometime found it necessary for me to go to Middletown to visit my Cousin Alice Gould & family, left the Afternoon Meeting & went there where from some circumstances I was much

45. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1809: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 8 for January 1, 1807-July 23, 1807 and Folder 9 for July 24, 1807-April 30, 1809; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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instructed, & was favord to keep my place in Conversation, not to say too much or too little. I was also favor'd with a refreshing current of the precious life to flow into my mind, which I am truly thankful for

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January 11, Sunday: Ezra Cornell, who would found Western Union Telegraph and who would help endow Cornell University,⁴⁶ was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 11 of 1 M 1807 / Silent meetings & to my mind tolerably composed seasons. Spent the evening at C Rodmans in company with divers young friends, & towards the close had an interview with my precious H. on the account of matrimony which I had intimated to her before & obtained our parents consent. It is a subject which hath long engaged my attention & trust have duly weighed it on all sides under a propper & weighty sense of its importance, & whatever my be the Issue it is sealed on my mind that the thing (thus far) is tight & that I have moved it nearly in the right time & manner. My mind is often bowed in much humility when I consider the littleness of my abilities in performing the duties relative to a married State, but when I am led to view the great Goodness love & condesention of our God to the children of men, that he cloths the lilleys & feeds the sparrows & the many blessings which he bestows on those that are unworthy my mind if strengthened with an hope that as I am faithfully dedicated in my heart to do & suffer what ever he pleases to require at my hands he will not leave nor forsake me, but cast up a way where no way may appear, & not only give me South land but also Springs of water. I am not looking for miricles [sic] but expect to use my own endeavors, & as they are exerted within the limits of truth, my present faith is that I shall get forward in peace to my own mind, & the honor of the good cause, to which the older I grow the more I feel bound with fervant desires to promote. Oh that nothing may work in either from the love of gain or Self exaltation to retard the groth of that precious tender plant which I sometimes feel to be growing in my mind, but that a constant watchful care may be faithfully maintained to guard my heart as at every avenue from the subtil stratigems of the old deceiver, for I have often found him to be a very buisy medling creature striving by the most artful means to overthrow all good to establish his own kingdom. Therefore Oh my soul be on thy constant watch.

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46. In conjunction with others such as the son of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould (1781-1838), John Stanton Gould (1810-1874).



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January 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 13 of 7 M / Attended the funeral of Henry Potter, it was a quiet favored time. Our friend Holder Almy was there & favor'd to declare & explain the truth, particularly divine revelations & the consistency of our mode of worship to satisfaction & with a good degree of Power, was also lively in Supplication

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January 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 18 1 M / Last night watched with a sick friend which prevented my going to meeting in the morning. In the Afternoon I went, but being much unwell came out soon after we were gathered went home & went to bed early in the evening.

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January 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22 of 1 M / To me a barran meeting, & in the preparatory meeting the answering of the queries was very laborious. My mind was so vacant or void of life that I dared not to put forth my hand to stedy the tottering Ark.

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January 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 25 of 1 M / Silent meetings in the forenoon I was rather unsettled, in the afternoon more composed

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January 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2 day 26 of 1 M / Had a sweet visit from my dear friend Holder Almy his conversation was truly encouraging & stengthening to hold on the way.

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 January 27, Tuesday: The First Presbyterian Church of Marcellus, New York was organized.

The Duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld was occupied by French troops.

 January 29, Thursday: The Ottoman Empire extended its declaration of war on Russia to include Great Britain.

The infant Henry Bradford Greenleaf Webster, 7th child of Rebecca Greenleaf Webster with [Noah Webster, Jr.](#), died after two months of existence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 29 of 1 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was held in town & was a pretty good time in the first H Almy appear'd much engaged in testimony for the welfare of society expressing a desire that Zion might arise & shake herself from the dust of the earth & put on her beautiful garments. And Abigail Robinson Arose with these words "Put thy shoes from off thy feet for the ground whereon thou standeth is holy" pointing out the necessity of our having clean hearts & hands in the administration of Church discipline, for if we attempt it in our own wills the mind of the individual will not only become more darkened but will bring pain & death over the meeting.

Some exercising cases were before us in the last meeting but I apprehended things terminated well in the end. It seems to be a time of labor & exercise among the homest hearted, a time that calls for dilligence & watchfulness. May every part of my conduct be so, & may my neck not be spared from the Yoak or shoulders from the burden

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 February: Of all the things that happened during this month of this year in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), here's as much as would be memorialized in the gazette of 1844:

1807. In February of this year, a very destructive freshet took place, by which both the bridges across Seekonk river were carried away, the bridges at the north part of town much damaged, many mills and dams swept away near this town, and losses



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sustained to a very large amount.



February 1, Sunday (or August 20, Thursday depending on which source we believe): [William James Hubbard](#) was born in Whitchurch Shropshire or Warwick, England, to William Hubbard and Catharine Hall Hubbard.

Henry Clay warned that “death alone can check the career of this modern conquerer” [Napoléon](#) who had come to control so many of the governments of Europe, such as now even the Prussian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 1 of 2 M 1807 / Out Meeting this Morning was but a dull time to me. O Williams was concerned in a few words, "Expressing the great fear of our loosing [losing] divine favor by dallying with mercy, & the necessity of continual watchfulness". In the Afternoon I was favor'd to be more settled but not so much as I could wish. Between meetings while setting by my dear father who is much unwell & often in much pain, my mind was brought into deep seriousness & I was led to crave in secret that he might be favor'd with patience to endure his weakness & when the thread of life may be cut he may enter into the blissful regions of happiness, all that was alive within me was quickened.

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February 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 2 of 2 M 1807 / Much takne up this morning with buisness which took me out of the shop. Called with O W & J C at Elisha Anthonys who deceased last night to answer our appointment in the case of funerals.

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February 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 3 of 2 M / Attended the funeral of E Anthony which appeared to be a pretty favor'd time, the people sat quietly.

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 February 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 5 of 2 M / Our meeting today was to me a pretty favor'd time, being able to get nearer the root of the matter than common of late, for which I desire to be thankful, as I am alomst continually in a dry unfeeling state, so that when I am favored with an income of the pure tendering spirit, it feels the more precious
Our friends who are absent at [Providence](#) have a pleasant day for the Quarterly Meeting, & my desires are that they may be proffited by the journey.*

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 February 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 7 of 2 M 1807 / Most of the time of late I have been so very barran of good that I have felt burdensome to myself & scarcely able to think a good thought or raise a sigh for help. But when I awoke this Morning my mind was feelingly struck with this query & Answer "Oh where is peace for those its path have trod? In poverty retirement & with God" which made such an impression that before I arose my mind became sweetly retired & enabled to pray for help from the Almighty, & I may thankfully add that I have been helped & enabled to keep near the sorce of life thro' the day. Oh dearest father my heart is engaged in prayer before thee at this time, that thou in thy infinite goodness may be pleased to draw me by the sheperds crooke of thy power into thy heavenly fold & enable me there to dwell secure from all bussel of the world that tho' my boody be surrounded therewith my mind & spirit be retired & enabled to enjoy sweet union & communion with thee to whom belongs & be ascribed glory honner & praise forevermore
Our friends have returned from [Providence](#) & express much satisfaciion from the meeting & visit Elisha Thornton & Ann Smith were favor'd in testimony & Elisha T in supplication.*

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 February 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 8 of 2 M / Favor'd to be pretty quiet at meetings, in the forenoon OW spoke a few words & Hannah Dennis took up the subject & enlarged very acceptably.



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 February 10, Tuesday: The US Congress authorized a survey of the nation's coasts and harbors: "An Act to Provide for Surveying the Coasts of the United States."

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[Theodore Sedgwick Fay](#) was born in New-York, a son of the attorney Joseph Dewey Fay (1779-1825). Like his father, who had studied law in the office of Alexander Hamilton, would study for the law, although he would never practice, going instead into the field of diplomacy.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 10 of 2 M / Our friend Asa Russel of [New Bedford](#) called at the shop this afternoon, with whom I had much conversation on a subject which has deeply affected the minds of many & caused the Land to mourn for the wound which Zion has felt from the fall of a late dignified Servant Asa spoke feelingly on the subject & hoped it might be a warning to those who think they stand to take heed lest they fall.

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 February 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 12 of 2 M 1807 / I feel very thankful at being able to insert that to me it was a precious meeting my mind was sweetly overshadowed with divine favor, if my mind got a little from the center I could easily return. This state is so different from the very barran situation in which I often am, that it has caused me to bow in spirit in humble reverent thankfulness for the present favor & pray for strength to hold on my way in the line of religious perseverance. OW & S Barker had living testimonys to bear among us.

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 February 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 15 of 2 M / Our meetings were Silent & I thought the seed appear'd to be under suffering, but the life flowed in a sweet current thro' my mind. Yet had to combat satan as he presented



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doubts of various kinds to my mind but did not succeed in his attempt to implant distrust.

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 February 19, Thursday: Attempting to bring Turkey into the alliance against France, a British fleet forced the Dardanelles and sank five Turkish ships.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 19 of 2 M / Our meetings passed in silence & to my mind I consider'd it a favor'd time, being free from that hard unaccountable state of barrenness with which I am so frequently tried. I had feelingly to lament the very low State of our poor drooping society, it seems as if we are just upon the brink of sinking. The many stumbling blocks which appear among us & the few that are skiled in removing them is cause of fear & Mourning.

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 February 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 22 of 2 M 1807 / Meetings today were pretty good, being enabled to strive for a little help. O williams & D Buffum were livly in testimony

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 February 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 26 of 2 M / Rode an horse back from [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting wherein my mind was favor'd to experience a good degree of life. Holder Almy & D Buffum livly in testimony encoraging the tribulated ones to hold on their way, & describing the path for such to walk in. Also warning those who are at ease to be up & doing while the day lasts, for if the righteous are scarcely saved where shall the sinner & ungodly appear
In the last meeting I sat mostly as a silent mourner, for my mind was much affected from various circumstances.
Dined at cousin Z Chases & stopp'd on the way home at cousin Alice Goulds.*



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 February 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 28 of 2 M 1807 / Desires are raised at this time in my mind that I may be preserved from the many snares of satan either in getting too high or too low for there is danger in both sides particularly in getting too high. I trust I have felt a solemn warning in my mind on this head, & oh that it may have a desirable effect, for the higher we stand the lower we have to fall (if we do fall) I feel my mind invested with a care to walk humbly & not attribute my good standing to any thing that I have done or can do for myself, for if this kind of boasting or reasoning is given way too it is allmost a shure means of falling, for pride will have a fall. May the many sorrowful heart pearcing circumstances which have happened within my knowledge, teach more wisdom Oh Lord keep me little, keep me low suffering no exaltation of self to arise.

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 March 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 1 of 3 M 1807 / Our meetings were silent. in the morning it was a pretty composed favor'd time to me, but more unsettled in the afternoon. I looked over the meeting and thought there were more Idle countenances than mine, which is no excuse for my being so, but ought rather to be Stimulous to be digging deeper

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 March 3, Tuesday: A British fleet again forced the Dardanelles, hoping to intimidate Turkey into the war. The Turks, their defenses newly strengthened, sank two British ships killing 600 seamen.

Article I of [the Constitution](#) had granted the new federal government a power to “suppress insurrections.” A federal legislative act of May 2, 1792 had implemented this by authorizing the President to use the militia to suppress insurrections upon notification by a federal associate justice or district judge that the execution of the laws was impeded by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings. Then an act of February 28, 1795 had enlarged this by authorizing the President, on application of the legislature of a state, or of that state’s Governor if the legislature could not be convened, to call forth the militia of other states to suppress an insurrection against the government of that state. On this day the federal legislature finalized the Insurrection Act of 1807, laying down the procedures by which the federal



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Administrative branch might federalize local law enforcement in order to suppress an insurrection: first the President was to order the “insurgents to disperse” — then if this did not happen, whatever force the armed agents of the federal power needed to apply would be legitimated. The federal military could considered itself to be part of a *posse comitatus* and act to enforce domestic law: “[I]n all cases of insurrection or obstruction of the laws, either of the United States or of any individual state or territory, where it is lawful for the president of the United States to call forth the militia for the purpose of suppressing such insurrection, or of causing the laws to be duly executed, it shall be lawful for him to employ, for the same purposes, such part of the land or naval force of the United States as shall be judged necessary, having first observed all the prerequisites of the law in that respect,” these “prerequisites” being first the notification of an associate justice or district judge that the execution of the laws was being obstructed, and second the application of a legislature or governor. (Further procedures to put down insurrections would not be needed until 1861.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 3 of 3 M 1807 / It has been a favor'd day, a current of the precious life has attended my mind for which I desire to render thanks where they are alone due.

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March 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 4 of 3 M / This morning the corps of George Burdeck was found in the water in Job Shermans dock. The looks of the poor creature was sorrowfully affecting it was said he went a few evenings ago from home a dram shop on the Ferry Wharf much in liquor but whether he was murdered or drowned by accident is a question in many minds the marks on his face appear'd to be more of violence than accident but be it what it may I hope it may prove a solomn warning to those miserable creatures who sell liquor, for it appears to me the guilt or ruin of many will lay heavily to their charge. The jury found a verdict of accidental death

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March 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 5 of 3 M / Pretty good Silent meetings I desire to be thankful for every favor
The case of G Burdeck being doubtful & many of the towns people greatly dissatisfied with the Verdict join'd by the Jury yesterday, another 24 was summoned this forenoon which 20 to 24*



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found a Verdict of Willful Murder

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March 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 8 of 3 M 1807 / In our morning meeting my mind was painfully barren, & no capacity to get into a better state, but the meeting was uncommonly still & appear'd to be a Solemn favor'd time to others.

David Buffum was unusually lively in testimony from these words "Oh foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth impressing the necessity of not stifling the witness in our hearts but to give up to whatever it teaches or manifests to us, adding his desire for himself & us that we may thro' obedience become heirs to the kingdom. H. Dennis was also very lively from these words "Are there not twelve hours in a day wherein a man may labor & do all his work but behold the night cometh wherein no work can be done," impressing therefrom the very great necessity of working while time & opportunity is graciously lengthened out to us, and expressed her fear of their being a lukewarm indifferent state among us, & apprised those of this indifferent class, of the very great offence th[e]y were in the divine sight, even to be spewed out of the Mouth.

[a grid of six horizontal lines 1 / 4 inch apart and fifteen verticals, as though emphasising the above. This was done with some kind of straightedge, so it was not doodling.]

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March 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 12 of 3 M 1807 / If there were none at meeting that performed more acceptable worship than I believe I did, I fear there might as well have been no gathering, for my mind was continually on the fly from one frivolous thing to another, & had not power to raise the pure life in the least degree, if I turned my thoughts towards good things they seemed to rest nearly in imagination, there was nothing in my mind which was capable of true enjoyment

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March 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 13 of 3 M 1807 / Depression seems to be my lot this evening,
nothing but discouragement is before me*

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March 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 15 of 3 M / Our meetings were silent in the morning, had
some degree of life in the afternoon it rose by intervals, but
thro' the day death seemed to have the ballance. I often lament
my unprogressing state, but a mear lamentation without exertions
to have it otherwise will avail nothing & perhaps only augment
the guilt*

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March 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 16 of 3 M / Spent part of this evening at J.E. Junr very
pleasantly as to the outward but little alloy in the inward; my
mind was gathered & enjoyed some sweetness, it is a favor to
have the priviledge of agreeable society, & to a rightly
disposed mind may be a sorce of much benefit, but when young
people assemble & give way to light conversation it is quite the
reverse. in my favor'd moments I have had to lament over a
certain clas, & reflect how much good they miss of by chusing
companions whose delight is intrifling conversation & vain
amusements*

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March 18, Wednesday: 5,000 British troops disembarked in [Egypt](#), intent for a 3d time that they were going to intimidate the pasha. They would capture Alexandria (El Iskandariya) but nothing else.

French troops began to surround Danzig (Gdansk).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 18 of 3 M 1807 / While setting this evening in a sweet
company of my youngerly brethren & sisters at my beloved friend
DR's my mind was favor'd with ability to breath in secret to the*



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Almighty for his holy help. And the language of my heart was Oh Lord keep me low, suffer no exaltation of self to arise. Some distressing occurrences which have happened, of those who have begun well & made considerable progress in the line of religious duty, & after runing well for a time, then by unwatchfulness have let go their hold & lamentably slidden from the right foundation, was very feelingly brought to my remembrance & a sincere desire was raised that others harms may prove a warning to me

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March 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

19th of 3rd M 5 day / Our meeting was silent & to me a precious opportunity for which I trust my mind was humbly thankful before I went I was brought into a feeling state & reflected on my unworthiness, & queried with myself what benefit so poor & dry a thing as I was could expect to gain by going to meeting, but soon after I was seated, the precious life arose & difused itself sweetly in my mind. The passage which Peter mentions of the Spirits being preached unto in prosin was the chief subject of my contemplation & I trust my mind was a little introduced into its meaning. There are many whose spirits are bound & imprisoned in wickedness of various kinds, but that which I had chiefly to lament was those whoo are bound down to the riches of this wor[l]d. Oh that they may be Preached unto by the baptizing power of Christ & aroused from that letergic stupor, which prevents their enjoyment of the liberty which is in Christ Jesus. My mind was engaged to pray for my own deliverance & for preservation from the bond of sin & death

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March 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 21 if 3 M 1807 / My mind this Morning is in a pretty feeling state & whenever that is my lott I consider it a favor, for I dread that barran unfeeling condition with which I am so frequently tried. it seems to be the result of unfaithfulness, for I believe was I more faithful in times of clearer discernment, I should avoid much of it. In those times when my mind is so entirely void of good, I have no capacity to do any thing & even to look unto the Almighty for help seems like Mockery, but sometimes when I have no expectation, I am suddenly relieved from it by the arisings of the life when I can scar[C]ely tell when or how it comes



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 March 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 22 of 3 M 1807 / Our meeting this Morning was but an insensible time to me, but it was large & very still Anne Greene was favor'd in a livly testimony which affected Some present In the afternoon my mind was more favor'd with the animating influence & to get into a state of feeling, for which I was very thankful

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 March 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 23 of 3 M 1807 / Last night I was called to watch with a sick friend, whose religious remarks in the corse of the night was very comfortable. he appear'd to be in a contrite disposition, expressed a sense of his short comings, & regretted his want of obedience to light & knowledge which he said had been thro' his whole life abundantly afforded. he said the public station in which he had stood had exposed him to many snares & temptations, the grocer [grosser] part of which he had been mercifully favor'd to withstand, but had fallen into many omissions, which on a sick bed had given much uneasiness, & he had seen they were incompatible with a religious life, which was the only thing that would stand us in stead & be as an Anchor at the solemn final change, & in short is all that will render lifesweet & comfortable.

I never more regretted my defect of memory, for there were many observations & remarks, with much solid counsel which he particularly imparted to me, that I should be glad to commit to writing. But one of them were so impressive that I cannot easily forget it "Speaking of the emptiness of profession with out a possession of religion, he said "religion suffers from its empty professors, for the world sees from their conduct that they are not what they profess, & it is that which gives libertineism keenness & weight against the truth.

I was glad of my being with him & sincerely hope if he is restored to helth again that he may be favor'd to put in practice the good resolutions which he has now formed

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 March 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 24 of 3 M 1807 / My mind this Afternoon labors under much discouragement from a view of my numerous infermities - indeed they are so many that the language of the poet is pretty well adapted to my condition "Some are flau'd & some flau'd all oer" Oh dearest father sanctify my heart sweeten & clense it by thy redeeming love.

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 March 25, Wednesday: Although in 1805 the British House of Commons had passed a bill that made it unlawful for a British subject to capture and transport [slaves](#), that measure had been blocked by the House of Lords. In February 1806, Lord Grenville had formed a Whig administration. He and Charles Fox, his Foreign Secretary, were opponents of the [slave-trade](#). Fox and [William Wilberforce](#) led the campaign in the House of Commons for a new Abolition of the Slave Trade bill, while Grenville was leading that campaign in the House of Lords. Greenville criticized his fellow Lords for "not having abolished the trade long ago," offered that it was a practice "contrary to the principles of justice, humanity and sound policy." The vote in the House of Lords carried by 41 votes over 20. The vote in the House of Commons carried by 114 votes over 15, and the international trade in slaves was outlawed as of March 1, 1808 by "An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade" (STATUTE 47 GEORGE III., 1st session, Chapter 36). British captains caught continuing the trade would be fined £100 for each slave found on board.





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The Slave Trade Act outlawing the slave trade in the British Empire immediately received royal assent. However, it would not stop the British slave trade. If slavers were in danger of being captured by the British navy, captains might reduce the fines they had to pay by having the slaves thrown off the far, hidden side of the vessel to be pulled down by the weight of their chains. Some people involved in the anti-slave trade campaign, such as Thomas Clarkson and Thomas Fowell Buxton, would begin to argue that the only way effectively to end the suffering was to make slavery itself illegal. One month later, Parliament would pass the Slavery Abolition Act that gave all slaves in the British Empire their freedom. (Note that this was occurring 16 years after the Danes had abolished their trade. Note that the US had abolished its participation in the international slave trade on March 2d. Note also that British colonial slavery would continue until 1833, and US slavery would continue until toward the close of our Civil War.)

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: At the beginning of the nineteenth century England held 800,000 slaves in her colonies; France, 250,000; Denmark, 27,000; Spain and Portugal, 600,000; Holland, 50,000; Sweden, 600; there were also about 2,000,000 slaves in Brazil, and about 900,000 in the United States.⁴⁷ This was the powerful basis of the demand for the slave-trade; and against the economic forces which these four and a half millions of enforced laborers represented, the battle for freedom had to be fought.

Denmark first responded to the denunciatory cries of the eighteenth century against slavery and the slave-trade. In 1792, by royal order, this traffic was prohibited in the Danish possessions after 1802. The principles of the French Revolution logically called for the extinction of the slave system by France. This was, however, accomplished more precipitately than the Convention anticipated; and in a whirl of enthusiasm engendered by the appearance of the Dominican deputies, slavery and the slave-trade were abolished in all French colonies February 4, 1794.⁴⁸ This abolition was short-lived; for at the command of the First Consul slavery and the slave-trade was restored in An X (1799).⁴⁹ The trade was finally abolished by Napoleon during the Hundred Days by a decree, March 29, 1815, which briefly declared: "À dater de la publication du présent Décret, la Traite des Noirs est abolie."⁵⁰ The Treaty of Paris eventually confirmed this law.⁵¹

In England, the united efforts of Sharpe, Clarkson, and Wilberforce early began to arouse public opinion by means of agitation and pamphlet literature. May 21, 1788, Sir William Dolben moved a bill regulating the trade, which passed in July and was the last English measure countenancing the traffic.⁵² The report of the Privy Council on the subject in 1789⁵³ precipitated the long struggle. On motion of Pitt, in 1788, the

47. Cf. Augustine Cochin, in Lalor, *CYCLOPEDIA*, III. 723.

48. By a law of Aug. 11, 1792, the encouragement formerly given to the trade was stopped. Cf. *CHOIX DE RAPPORTS, OPINIONS ET DISCOURS PRONONCÉS À LA TRIBUNE NATIONALE DEPUIS 1789* (Paris, 1821), XIV. 425; quoted in Cochin, *THE RESULTS OF EMANCIPATION* (Booth's translation, 1863), pages 33, 35-8.

49. Cochin, *THE RESULTS OF EMANCIPATION* (Booth's translation, 1863), pages 42-7.

50. *BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS*, 1815-6, page 196.

51. *BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS*, 1815-6, pages 195-9, 292-3; 1816-7, page 755. It was eventually confirmed by royal ordinance, and the law of April 15, 1818.

52. *STATUTE 28 GEORGE III.*, ch. 54. Cf. *STATUTE 29 GEORGE III.*, ch. 66.

53. Various petitions had come in praying for an abolition of the slave-trade; and by an order in Council, Feb. 11, 1788, a committee of the Privy Council was ordered to take evidence on the subject. This committee presented an elaborate report in 1789. See published *REPORT*, London, 1789.



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House had resolved to take up at the next session the question of the abolition of the trade.⁵⁴ It was, accordingly, called up by Wilberforce, and a remarkable parliamentary battle ensued, which lasted continuously until 1805. The Grenville-Fox ministry now espoused the cause. This ministry first prohibited the trade with such colonies as England had acquired by conquest during the Napoleonic wars; then, in 1806, they prohibited the foreign slave-trade; and finally, March 25, 1807, enacted the total abolition of the traffic.⁵⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 25 of 3 M / Called this Morning to see J.L. who yesterday opened an hat shop in this town, & spent a little time with him, as he is young in years & experience his situation claimed my affectionate sympathy, & my mind was affected with desires for his preservation, beyond my capacity of expression

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March 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 26 of 3 M 1807 / I am going to meeting, & wish I had not talked so warmly as I did just now about a matter which might have been finished with but a few words & no warmth of Spirit. I believe every thing of this kind weakens a man in his spiritual condition

No day without exceptions in my conduct, but thro' mercy was favor'd in meetings with the precious influence of the good spirit which rose to an unusual height, for which I trust I was very thankful, & desired to be more & more faithful to the pointings of truth, so as to merit a continuance of heavenly favor. In the first meeting O Williams was concern'd to bear a short testimony among, & in the last several times spoke feelingly & pertinently to buisness. Tho' my mind was favor'd yet I apprehended life to be low & the Seed under Sufferings among us. There was several cases of deplorable delinquency which we had to dispose of, & which cause exercise & pain to Some who travel for Zions Prosperity [travel in the ministry]

Received this Morning an affectionate letter from my beloved friend Susanna Barker which was very comforting & encouraging.

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54. For the history of the Parliamentary struggle, cf. Clarkson's and Copley's histories. The movement was checked in the House of Commons in 1789, 1790, and 1791. In 1792 the House of Commons resolved to abolish the trade in 1796. The Lords postponed the matter to take evidence. A bill to prohibit the foreign slave-trade was lost in 1793, passed the next session, and was lost in the House of Lords. In 1795, 1796, 1798, and 1799 repeated attempts to abolish the trade were defeated. The matter then rested until 1804, when the battle was renewed with more success.

55. STATUTE 46 GEORGE III., ch. 52, 119; 47 GEORGE III., sess. I. ch. 36.



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March 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 27 of 3 M / Nothing material has occurred thro' this day worthy of insertion: more than my mind has been pretty much a blank as to religious impressions. My mind is frequently alarmed at the very swift passing of time, & it seems as if it never was more rapid than at present, to look back three months ago I can scarcely realize the loss, or tell how it has gone, or what improvement I have made in any sense, it seems silently to have fled & left nothing but a blank behind.

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March 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 30th of 3rd M / Last seventh day I set out to [Portsmouth](#), & when I had travelled near a mile I was so fatigued that I was ready to turn & come home but pretty soon a cart came up the owner of which readily took me in & carried me to my journey's end. here I reflected how unexpectedly we are sometimes provided for, even when things appear very dubious & we are ready to conclude we must give out, no way appearing to advance forward, in the midst of discouragement deliverance comes to our humbling admiration, & I was not a little thankful & even humble for this little assistance I lodged at Cousin Z Chases, & in the Morning went up to John's & from there went to meeting in a pretty severe Snow Storm where I had but little life, & if I should judge of the state of the Meeting it was but a dull time After Meeting returned to Cousin Z Chases where I was obliged to stay all night as the Storm continued & increased, therefore did not think it prudent to come home till this Morning, on my way stop'd at Cousin Alice Gould & got home about Noon This visit has not been a time of much religious improvement & I hope have not sustained any material loss, it has been very pleasant as to the outward, feeling an open & or freedom, which reminded me of my juvenile visits to [Portsmouth](#).
This Afternoon my friend Loyd Greene called to see me, I feel a love for him*

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April: [Abigail McIntire Patch](#) and her daughter [Molly Patch](#) were baptized at the 1st Baptist Church in [Pawtucket, Rhode Island](#).



April 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 1 of 4 M 1807 / I have to acknowledge myself to be a poor hating [hating] thing, & feel the very great loss which I have sustained thro' disobedience & unfaithfulness



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 April 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 2 of 4 M / I am just going to meeting with but little prospect of setting more than a cypher, as I feel nearly void of good, or of the means of attaining to any feeling in a religious way.

In the forepart of the meeting I seemed to feel a little animation, but soon sunk into dull frame & was unable to rise out of it

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 April 3, Friday: Mary Carpenter was born in Exeter, England.

[Henry William Herbert](#) was born in London, a son of the Honorable and Reverend William Herbert, Dean of Manchester.⁵⁶ He would be educated at Eton College and at Caius College of Cambridge University, and evidently in the process would run up a considerable amount of debt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 OClock 6 day Morning 3 of 4 M 1807 / While I am at watching with a sick person, at this dead hour of night, my mind is introduced into sensations which banishes drowsiness from mine eyes.

Oh! the uncertainty of time & the inevitable certainty of death. How desirable is the object, to be prepared & enabled to meet

56. The Honorable and Reverend William Herbert, as the head of the Diocese of the Manchester Cathedral of Manchester, England, has set his name down in the history books by having in 1837 given a flower a name. He designated a flower of the *Amaryllidaceae* as “*Hippeastrum*” or “Horseman’s Star” — and since he was a specialist in medieval weapons this has been claimed to have been in reference to a mace-like weapon swung by horsemen during the 14th Century known as the “Morning Star” or “Holy Water Sprinkler.” Here is an image of the knightly weapon in question, and of the bloom in question:



It would be my opinion that if the Reverend Herbert did actually name this bloom after this device, he must have named it thus not because of any resemblance between the flower and the weapon, but because of the resemblance between the flower and a **wound** that might result from the use of that weapon.



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with calm resignation Such an Awful Scene as is now before me, when the boody reduced by racking pain & parching fever is brought nigh unto death, then to take a retrospect of our past life & find it has not been so fully dedicated to the service, cause & honor of our God as he has required, but have rejected his tender calls to holiness from season to season, lovingly & mercifully vouchsafed in our hearts, having lived even to grey hairs in a dead & flat profession, without a lively profession of religion, & now tremblingly to stand as at the threshold of eternity deploring our past omissions in life. How dread, how Awful, how awakening to the heart. Awake Awake Oh! my soul & be thou on thy Strictest Search & Watch, "catching each ray" & obeying the smallest monition [cognition] of divine truth, that when called to resign thy clay tenement, & to appear at the tribunal of Justice & Mercy thou may feel the sweet consoling reward of peace for thy faithfulness here & an Assurance of happiness in the regions of celestial Abodes

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April 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 4 of 4 M 1807 / I am but a poor blank, & hardly fit to be compaired to a blank sheet of paper, for that is clean & white, capable of receiving useful & spiritual matters from the pen of the inspired, & conveying it to others - but that is not my case for I am not clean, nor in my present State capable of receiving the livly impressions which Sometimes result from a Spiritual communication, being in a dead unsuseceptable State. - And the reason of my being thus left is clear to my understanding, it is for the want of Fasting & Watching
Called this evening to see my dearly beloved Aunt Martha Gould who last fourth day was taken very unwell with an heavy cold attended with a pain in her head, & neack & fever. - while Setting with her I was favor'd with a tender feeling & more life than before thro' the day - but after I left there I went to a friends house where by entering into conversation, which was very innocent, yet I evidently felt my strength diminished thereby & a loss sustained*

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April 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 5 of 4 M / Our Meeting this mornng was large & much favor'd. D Buffum was also favor'd in public testimony, lovingly & pertinently to apprise us of the necessity of our believing in



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the Light & walking in the light that we may become children of the light & of the day. & at a second Standing, Solemnly impressed the necessity of our thankfulness for every favor from the divine hand, & observed if we kept our ranks in the truth, our lives would Shine among men & we should be flocked unto as doves to the window of the Ark O Williams spoke a few words In the Afternoon OW was again concern'd in a few words which I apprehended left a good savor on the meeting indeed I do not recollect when it felt to me that there was generally a better covering over the meeting. & in the Afternoon especially, my mind was in a tender feeling frame, & I trust it has been a day of some little refreshment to my poor starving mind. I went toward night with several friends to visit the Work & Alms House which afforded sufficient scope for reflection - took tea with R Taylor & spent the remainder of the evening with my precious H

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April 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 6 of 4 M / Tho' in a pretty insensible frame most of the day, was this evening brought to a state of feeling & while setting at a friends house a book was read containing, some humorous Anecdotes, which excited an innocent mirth, (if any mirth is innocent) but what was contained in an excellent letter which I have read many times much to my edification was feelingly presented to my mind, & enabled me to draw from an assimilation therewith the words are as follows "Carefully avoid books of entertainment that divert & make one laugh for be assured, the more they please the natural mind, the more they displease & grieve the spirit of God. Oh turn them out of your dwelling, let them not come into your hearts, they are poison to the soul, & if followed after, with other jaiding [wearying] enjoyments, will lead down to the shadow of Death

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April 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 7 of 4 M / I feel & really am a poor inanimate thing, in every sense of the word. Oh that there was more of the precious sap of life circulating in my mind, where shall I find it, how shall I obtain it?
The above was written in the morn[in]g since which my feeling*



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have been much different, it has seemed as if the seal of the fountain of life was a little broken & the waters thereof had issued out to the tendering & refreshing of my heart. Oh that I may be preserved in an humble thankful spirit for every favor is at time the ardent breathing of my Soul - Spent part of the evening at Sam'l Thurstons, very pleasantly, with some of my female friends among whom, was my precious H.

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 April 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 8 of 4 M / This evening walked over on the Point, thinking to call at Thos' Robinsons to see our Dear Rowland Greene who is here on a religious visit & is visiting familys, but when I got there my mind was so weak that I walked by & feared my company would be a burden to their minds. I know of no time when I was more incompassed with weakness, I apprehended I felt a degree of the same consciousness as Adam did when the Almighty called "Adam where art thou," feeling, sensibly feeling that I was far from that sweet & precious state of innocence which I might have been, had I not from time to time, against the express command of the spirit of truth partaken of forbidden pleasures which had often reduced & impoverished the soul of that divine life & strength which I might have enjoyed.

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 April 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 9 of 4 M / At Meeting Our Dear Rowland Greene was favor'd to bear a short testimony suiting the low state of Society. he said that "no people stand more in need of deep seriousness & watchfulness than we do, because none make so high a profession, & therefore we are culpable without it, & queried whether our minds were not placed on things that are visible when we are Assembled for the purpose of Worshipping the Almighty God, & ought to be centered on things that are invisible. he expressed that he had not a prospect of many words & concluded, with these words which he said had been repeatedly sounded in his mind "To thy tent Oh Israel"
My mind is so burdened & oppressed with my sins that I seem to be secluded from the enjoyment of the precious life & liberty in the truth. I long that the bond maybe broken, & to be created



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*entirely anew, for tho' I have at times long strove to be good,
yet I find much of the old nature remaining, & am ready to fear
that I shall never be healed of my infermity
Spent the evening at Sam'l Thurstons in company with R Greene
whose company was very pleasant to me & can safely say I love
him Dearly*

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 April 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 10 of 4 M / Was engaged this mornng in notifying Several
familys that our Dear R Greene would visit them in a religious
way in the corse of the day
This afternoon Rowland & his companion took tea at our house, &
soon after we drew into Silence, from his instructing, & truly
Authorised communication in our family I was abundantly
confirmed, that he is one that is Skillful in the ministry. He
said that soon after he took his seat Noah was brought to his
remembrance, & he d/had been led instructivly to view him, that
he was commanded to build an Ark for which he was buffeted by
his neighbors around him, they wondering for what such a Machine
was built, but he regardless of their scoffs persisted in the
undertaking, having received sufficient testimony &
confirmation that the time was soon hastning that it would be
necessary, & accordingly followed the exact dimentions
prescribed therefor, & soon the floods come which destroyed all
but those who were conformible to the divine direction, here he
pointed out the necessity of our preparing a spiritual Ark to
sustain & support us in the solemn & trying time that was
hastning on all flesh, advising us to be regardless of what may
be said of the singularity of our appearances in performing what
the Lord may direct, enduring the Cross, dispising the shame &
I was truly thankful for the opportunity, as perhaps my mind was
more covered with a covering of the right thing than I ever
remember it to be before "How beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him that bringeth good tidings that publisheth
peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth
Salvation; that Saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth"*

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 April 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7 day 11 of 4 M / When the buisness of the day was over, towards night went to Connanicut with R. Greene & J Lankson to be at meeting tomorrow. we lodged at Cousin J Greenes, & the next mornng took a memorable walk with my dearest R in which he was very communicative on Subjects which interested my feelings as well as instructive to my mind. he gave some particulars of his present journey, & visits to some of the familys in [Newport](#), some pleasant some painful, but on the whole a pleasant prospect among the Youth of our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. & some hopeful who are not members. The meeting was large and favor'd. Rowland first sympathisingly addressed the little remnant of that meeting that were members with himself, incoraging them to hold on their way saying "Fear not little flock it is your heavenly fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom" - then to the People he preached the Cross & the necessity of bearing it, dispising the Shame, & at a second Standing he affectionatly addressed the Youth, shewing the preference between a pious life & beauty of Vanity & the necessity & beauty of an early dedication to the requirings of truth we dined at J Greenes & after dinner Rowland feeling his mind at liberty to proceed homeward we walked toward the ferry. we had a little sweet conversation, & parted at the wharf in much love & I trust true affection. in this little opportunity my mind seemed doubly united to this my very endeared friend, with whom I have been some Years acquainted & allways found him to be a near sympathising friend, one that is deeply gifted in the divine Mystery having a word of comfort in due season to Such as are afflicted, & to those who are traveling Zion ward, & a Skilful reprovor of unfaithfulness May he with myself be preserved in the truth & finaly become so established as never to depart therefrom After parting with him at the ferry returned to Cousin Greenes & spent a little time with them in a greeable conversation, particularly with cousin Anne. - Then crossed the ferry home, with a large company of rude young men & boys. Several of them were drunk, & used very bad language. I pittyed them & felt thankful that I was not like them. Spent the evening with my precious H - relating to her the occurences of the day & wished she could have partook of our Zest

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April 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 4 M / A dull day in every sense, indulged in eating too much which is a weakness I'm subject too & wish I could get the better of it, but what good does wicking when there is no exercion to mend



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 April 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 14 of M / This mornng fell into light conduct which has since caused inward Suffering, but I fear not so deep as to prevent my giving way to the Same again. - Oh what a poor weak thing I am, what abundant cause for weeping & lamentation to be set up
This evening made a short call at a friends house where my mind was Suddenly dipt in Sympathy, & covered with a precious sweetness Thus now & then I get a season of favor tho very unworthy, for which I desire to be thankful*

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 April 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 15 of 4 M / Occupied as usual & nothing Material to insert, in the evening made Several calls, to see my friends which was pleasant.

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 April 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 16 of 4 M / This morning was handed me a printed sheet portraying the cruel sufferings of the Poor Africans both in their passage from their native land, & after they get to the West Indies, the perusal of which affected my mind & aroused an old concern which I have long felt but never gave up to conform to it is that of abstaining from the produce raised or cultivated by this poor afflicted race of beings. I hope if it is required of me to bear my testimony in this way that it may be clearly manifested, & that I may be faithful thereto.
We had a good silent meeting my mind was favord with quiet, tho' now and then inclind to rove, & now & then discouraging Prospects presented to my view, but on the whole it was a good time, for which I desire to be truly thankful. in the afternoon wrote to*



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my friend M C if Lynn

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 April 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 17 of 4 M / A sweet visit from my dear Cousin A Greene this morning, her conversation & remarks were instructing This Afternoon much unwell with an heavy cold, & this evening under considerable weakness walked out to D Buffums. on the way there my mind was led into serious reflections on the loss & misuse of my precious time, the eveng was Spent in social converse sweet & innocent, but my feelings were Such that I thought best not to enter much into it, & I was not without my apprehensions that an example of silence might be useful to some present.

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 April 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 4th M / But little gained in Purse or Spirit. I'm a poor thing

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 April 19, Sunday: [Luther Lapham](#) was identified as one of those who, making a publick Profession of their Faith, owned the Covenant in the West Church in [Boston](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 19 of 4 M / Too much lightness of mind this Mornng before meeting, but was more quiet than I expected. we sat in silence, & a pretty solid meeting. - In the Afternoon O Williams delivered a short testimony. - after meeting took a walk round the Hall - roving thoughts & fruitless castle building. Oh that I could but attain to a greater degree of religious firmness, my mind is often humbled under a sense of my short comings.-

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April 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 20 of 4 M / This eveng called at a couple of friends houses, at the first our conversation turned on the subject of simplicity, & my mind was pretty zealously engaged to inforce the necessity of our keeping to planess in our furniture & apparel, believing that many who begin pretty well & feel that their peace depends much on their dwelling low, after they have lived a little while & their outward circumstances beginning to grow more easy, They begin to query why, such a little thing may not be got, & another & another till at length, our houses & persons can hardly be distinguished from those who never did profess plainness, & am often impressed with the danger there is in gratifying our inclinations with what may be called little nonessentials, & feel an ardent desire that I & my brethren may be preserved in the pure Simplicity, when we are first called to bear testimony to truth the mind is generally in a little humble frame, & we grow scrupulous of many little things in dress & address, which wounds our tender feelings & are willing to bear the cross in renouncing them. but by & by, the cross of them is taken away, & here the enemy takes the advantage, & suggests this little thing & another till we become calous & forget the days of our espousals, the days when we were humble & low, & were willing to be led out of the Wilderness as by the hand of our God, on whose arm Alone was our only dependance. That I may ever keep in humble rmemberance those precious & blessed days is at times the most anxious breathing desires of my soul

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April 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 21 of 4 M / Occupied in trade, & finished a letter which I had begun some days before to my friend MC, tho' very destitute of a right quallification

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April 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 22 of 4 M / Met with a newly published Book entitled, The Penitential Tyrant or Slave Holder reformed which wuted my taste so well that I spent more time in reading it this Afternoon than was concistent with my income. I love to see a fervant Zeal



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manifested against that henious traffic. it is a subject into which my mind has more than commonly been dipt for some time pst, & indeed ever since I have arrived to the years of maturity I have felt much about it, & had I have borne a more Zealous testimony against it, believe it would have tended more to my Strength, but alaw like many others who are halters, have shunned the Cross, & having lived so lond hardly know where to begin to take it up.

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 April 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 4 M / Attended preparative meeting, in the part of worship H Dennis was concerned in a short but acceptable testimony - In the that [?] for buisness my feelings were somewhat awakened particularly at Some of the Queries Several of which bore sorrowful testimonies of our weakness, & that concerning sleeping I apprehended was answered more full than our state would admit which drew forth a few stammering expressions from poor me

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 April 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 24 of 4 M / Thro' favor I am kept alive in spirit, & as I was walking the Room this evening, thought I never more fully felt & understood the meaning of "Bearing the Cross for Christ's sake."

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 April 25, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal of having recently encountered a former school classmate, hardened, who "had just come on shore from a [Slave](#) Voige to the Coast of Africa":⁵⁷

TRIANGULAR TRADE

7 day 25 of 4 M / My mind still under livly impressions & tho' they lead me in the line of the Cross as to the natural part, desire to endure all with patience, if I can but insure to myself the presence of the Lord which is my delight to feel, but Oh my

 57. This may have been the brig *Three Sisters*, whose [slaves](#) would be auctioned at the US Customs House in October, or it may have been one of the [negreros](#) *Eagle* bringing a cargo of 180, the brig *Nancy* bringing a cargo of 94, the schooner *Nancy* bringing a cargo of 73, the *Neptune* bringing a cargo of 140, the *Factor* bringing a cargo of 85, the *Lark* bringing a cargo of 95, the *Concord* bringing a cargo of 48, the *Alfred* bringing a cargo of 84, the *Hiram* bringing a cargo of 105, the *Flora* bringing a cargo of 80, the *Ann & Harriet* bringing a cargo of 145, or the *Baltimore* bringing a cargo of 80 — that we know of. There were so many Rhode Island vessels still engaged in this traffic — it was like it was going out of style or something!



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weakness. I'm afraid of falling. Help [?] me Oh Lord. keep me in the hollow of they all preserving hand. This forenoon H Almy called at the shop & after a little pleasant conversation, he appeared inclin'd to sit still, & I willing to join him therein. So after a pause which was attended with a good degree of solemnity, Holder was concerned to make a few remarks on the excellency of a pious life, & the wretched disconsolate State of such who have lived to old age without having conform'd to the dictates of truth, being favor'd from time to time with the visitations of Gods love in their hearts, & now when on the graves edge to look back on their past omissions & commissions thro' time not to feel the enlivning hope of peace & rest in the life to come, observing "The child shall die an hundred years old, but the Sinner, being an hundred years old shall perish" he concluded by observing "that tho' our trials might be Severe & our disappointments hard to bear, yet by faithful obedience we may experience a way to be made where no way may appear & hard things renderd easy & bitter things sweet." The above remarks appear'd to reach the heart of poor old G.W who was present with us, so that after Holder left us he appeard quite contrite even unto weeping.

This afternoon a young man whose initials are J.S called in with whom I had a little conversation, & tho' it did not turn naturally on religious Subjects yet it was very pleasant. I believe him to be a young man who has retained a good degree of innocency, thro' a considerable exposure to the vices of the world We Sometimes meet with Some who, tho' they are not in membership with us, yet feel pleasant, & our hearts become drawn into nearness with each other As I believe was reciprocally the case between us. I could but contrast the difference between him & some of my other old School fellows, who in their Younger days were in a pretty good state of innocence, but since they have come to man's estate have run into the various wickednesses of the present day. My mind was not a little affected not long since at meeting a young man with whom I formerly went to School, & then was an innocent lad. he had just come on shore from a Slave Voige to the Coast of Africa, his countenance bespoke a mind exactly suited for the purpose he had been about, he looked so hardened that I could scarcely endure to look at him, & so affected my feelings that I have frequently reflected on his situation with painful sensations many times since

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("There, but for the grace of God, go I!")



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April 26, Sunday: In the Convention of Bartenstein, Russia and Prussia agreed to pool their forces to drive French troops out of [Germany](#).

Death of 3-year-old [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s brother John Clarke Emerson.

I might as well record this material here as anywhere: At some point during Waldo's early boyhood, his Aunt [Mary Moody Emerson](#) took him and [Charles Chauncy Emerson](#) to Malden MA and showed the boys the grave of their great-grandfather [Joseph Emerson](#) who had died in 1767. Polly later would inform [Ellen Emerson](#) that "Your father ... was a little boy then, and skipped about among the graves."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 26 of 4 M / Pretty good meetings in the afternoon D Buffum bore a livly [testimony] to the necessity of our preparing for the final change, God being just and equal in all his ways would afford sufficient means to enable us to attain a seat in the Kingdom.
Between meetings finished a letter began the day before to my friend J Austin [of] [Nantucket](#)
Took tea at D Williams where my mind was cover'd with the precious life. Oh I love to feel it & desire to be found worthy more & more to receive the heavenly Bounty.*

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April 27, Monday: On the Feast of Peregrino Laziosi, Franz Joseph Haydn was carried to the Servite Monastery, Vienna (there was a chapel in the monastery dedicated to that saint and the composer was hoping for a cure for his swollen legs).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 27 of 4 M / But little life For the evening called at J E's & Spent a bit of time very agreeably

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April 28, Tuesday: 14-year-old Friedrich Günther replaced Ludwig Friedrich II as Prince of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt under regency.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 28 of 4 M / More feeling this morning than Yesterday. led into sympathy with an acquaintance in affliction
This afternoon about 4 OClock died Saml Brown, which occurrence has spread "a gloom profound" over my mind, to reflect on the truly afflicting & disconsolate situation of the Poor widow who*



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is now confined to her room unable to see him whom She has lately wedded, Alas now a cold corps - she is an acquaintance whom I esteem, & believe She has known & felt the living power of truth in a remarkable manner to reach & convince her mind. May she be supported thro' all, & may the present affliction prepare her mind for a more full surrender of heart to the pure living & substanceal truth, & may my mind be also awakened to greater dilligence, at the Awful Scene presented to view.

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 April 29, Wednesday: The French completed their fortifications surrounding Danzig (Gdansk).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 29 of 4 M / Nothing material to insert. The day passed as usual Sinning & repenting

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 April 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 30 of 4 M 1807 / At [Portsmouth](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting [the following phrase inserted above the line] in company with a certain young woman. The first was silent & to my mind a very favor'd time, quiet & solid - the part for discipline was also a pretty good time considering the abundance of buisness before us, but poor me was buisny, & made a bad shot, was severely retorted upon, & very kindly helped out of the difficulty. I hope it may teach me wisdom in the fiture. We dined with Isaac Mitchell & came home.

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 May 1, Friday: Completion of locks around a 45-foot drop in the Merrimack River known as the Amoskeag Falls and consequent opening of New Hampshire's Manchester Canal enabled the river system to handle barge traffic all the way up from Boston to Hooksett, New Hampshire.

CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 1 of 5 M 1807 / At trade & but little brought to pass, prospects gloomy. but little to say for myself, weakness in flesh & spirit abounds --



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 May 2, Saturday: The first New-York city tour guidebook, Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill's THE PICTURE OF NEW YORK, was published.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 2 of 5 M 1807 / Pretty dilligently at trade & but little life in religion.

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 May 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 3 of 5 M / Good new from NYork, my Brothers James & David have both arrived safe from sea, & also Uncle Stanton James staid but a few days on shore Shipt again in the same vessel & with Same crew for New Orleans, from there to Liverpool, & was to Sail the 27 of last M. The above good news excited in my mind a degree of thankfulness, but was far from raising me from a very dejected state. my faith is almost gone, & my patienve all most exhausted. glooms surround me, & discouraging prospects present to my view, arising both from within & without, & whether I shall ever attain to any degree of religious firmness, or be so Situated in my outward circumstances, & as to under it prudent to alter my condition in life is yet hid. Oh that I may guard against an uneasy or repining disposition, & be enabled to meet the cross occurences of life with christian meekness Our Meetings were both Silent & tho' my mind was not tried with a certain kind of death to all religious Sensibility as it frequently is, yet that was a trying low, depressed season, being under various exercises, & among the rest was introduced into concern for an individual who has many times caused much concern for her Spiritual advancement, but of late has appeared to go off from friends, & dwindle in that precious growth In which she once promised an hopeful increase

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 May 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 4 of 5 M / Pretty dilligently at buisness, tho' but little



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brought to pass

Spent the evening in company with my friend SB at D H's, & while setting there reflected on my short comings, & thought what a poor creature I was & the little prospect there is of my being better But was a little comforted at reading a letter which they had received from my friend J Bringham where in he says, "Remember me to Dear Stephen Gould, & tell him to strive to hold out to the end in good earnest, then all will be well"

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May 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 5 of 5 M 1807 / This Morning went on board the packet in company with a large & agreeable company of friends bound to [Greenwich](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting we had a long but on the whole agreeable passage. when we arrived I called with others at J Caseys & took a little refreshment then proceeded out to Thos Howlands where JR & I lodged after breakfast the next morning we came to town & visited most of our fellow passengers, my time thro' the day was much taken up in obtaining subscriptions for a friend who has lately had his house consumed by fire & nearly all his furniture & close [clothes] - took tea at J Caseys & in the evening went over to Hopkins Cooks where We fell into Silence & a most reaching season it was to some present. Dear Lydia Weeks spoke powerfully to a State present among the Youth who had Seen the way minutly Pointed out in which they should walk, & encouraged them to comply with the terms, & they would then be made to rejoice in Judah in Jerusalem - then Rowland Green encouraged us to Strive to be willing, Sincerely to say "Thy Kingdom come thy will be done" & said he apprehended however amible the disposition if we followed on to know the Lord we should be led much in the way of the Cross, & Said he had felt much for the Youth Present & concluded with encouragement to press forward & to hold ou our way - pretty soon after the conclusion of the Sitting we retired to bed, but for a Season sleep was gone & my mind was engaged in earnest desires for an increase in the root of life. I know not when I have more forcibly felt desires of this kind - took breakfast at HC & was occupied Most of the time before meeting in obtaining Subscriptions

At Meeting we had a precious current of testimonies in rotation as follows Peter Hoxie Rowland Green D Buffum J Casey. then L Weeks in supplication. Daniel Howland & John Baley. Tho' there were many public appearances Yet they all seemed to be well timed & an uncommon degree of Power attending the whole of them. in the meeting for discipline, many pertinent & feeling remarks were made on the answers to the queries, & other business by [Moses Brown](#), J Casey, Rowland Green, Peter Hoxie, D Buffum & O Williams It is Rarely the case that the life continues so sweetly to run along with the buiness in meeting as at this - at the close of the meeting I stoped to receive Subscriptions for the friend



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affore mentioned, & was enabled to pay him D112.75c which in the corse of today & yesterday was given me for his releaf - after dining at N Greens, took tea at H Cookes - then called at the Widdow Mumfords where I met a precious company of Young friends, we soon drew into Silence & dear L Weeks was again concerned in a precious testimony which I know reached the hearts of Some present - -then Susanna Barker was concerned to address the Widdow in a few encoraging Senteces After which we parted, & I again Lodged at H Cooks, & took breajfast the next morning, then again embarked with our company for home & got here in about two hours & an half

The satisfaction & precious tender feeling which I have enjoyed at this Quarterly Meeting has exceeded any thing that I have ever witnessed before when from home at any Quarterly Meeting, & I desire to be truly thankful for the little spiritual norishment received at this time, & at parting with my friends there this morning, my mind was deeply affected, & I Said in my heart "I love Greenwich, I love many that are there & some that are not joined in membership with myself"

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May 9, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7 day 9 of 5 M / Pretty dilligently at Trade & ruminating on my late visit. Spent the evening with my endeared H who expects to leave town tomorrow, for Portsmouth, where she intends keeping a School the insuing Summer. I may here acknowledge, what diffidence will prevent my doing more publicly that tho' the distance is short & may be easily & frequently traveled, yet it is much more of a trial to my feelings to part with her than I had contemplated, but feeling a belief that it may be for the best Shall endeavor quietly to Submit. May she be kept in holy remembrance

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May 10, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1 day 10 of 5 M / My mind is this Mornng quite dull, but have Sweetly ruminated on my late visit, & desires is raised that there may not be too much of a feeding upon it, but that the mind be drawn more & more from the outward even from the outward Instrument to him who is life & Substance it self, Christ Jesus in the heart

At Meeting this Morning, my mind was roving, but not in so bad a condition at as some times, O Williams stood up & Observed that 'The righteous live by faith, & that it was by faith that we shall see him that is invisible & queried how far we had been occupied this morning in search of this precious faith that works by love to the purifying of the heart' Dear H Dennis then kneels in supplication, & prayed that our hearts might be broken into deep contirtion before the Lord, & that we might be favored to render unto him thaksgiving & praise Honor & renown" This



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supplication Sensibly reached my heart - oh that it may be kept tender, for I love to feel tender & humble, but Alass it is too often hard & obdurate

At the Afternoon Meeting my mind was more settled, but was unable to attain to that precious life which I much stand in need of - It was Silent Took tea & spent the evening at Saml Thurstons in company with CR & LC & as circumstances were should have given way low Spirits, bout Cousin L by his droll remarks frequently occasioned merriment which Served to divert the mind from a theme rather trying at present

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May 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 11 of 5 M / Pretty successful at Trade, made a good bargain by Selling a Clock & taking the pay in Crystals, mainsprings & the promise of a ballance in Cash Think I feel thankful for the favor, & hope the disposition may be cherished
Spent the evening at DRs & felt too much warmth in conversation, but believe there was no material damage done - We may hurt a good cause by an injudicious management & at the same time our words may be entirely correct, but for the wont of properly timing them we sometimes frustrate a good purpose*

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May 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 12 of 5 M / Pretty dilligently at Trade. In the corse of the Afternoon have endeavord to make a just estimate of temporal things & find "there is but little worth living for" The ills of life has appeard to overballance the good, but the best way is to seek ability to pray to be supported thro' all tryals, & not repine at any, but meet them as instruments sent to prepare us for the full enjoyment of a better country. May all that is within me be earnestly engaged to seek an inheritance, where none can say "I am sick". My weaknesses are numerous, & I may often acknowledge as with my mouth in the dust that I have been highly favord of the Lord, but I have not been So faithful as is required, yet feel encoragement to press forward a little longer. Oh Lord enable me to hold my confidence in thiee.

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May 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 13 of 5 M / Our last monthly meeting was adjourned to this day at [Portsmouth](#) to accomodate Matthew Barker Junr that he might publish his intentions of Marriage with Ruth Anthony. As I was a representative it became my duty to have attended, & this morning my mind was brought into a streight on the account which occasioned much exercise, believing I should hardly know



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*how to frame an excuse for my absense but fearing my Shop had been left quite as much as was reputable for one in my dependant circumstances - at length concluded to Stay at home tho' I felt Somewhat condemnd therefor
Could I feel as if any thing Substantial had been gained today most gladly would I insert it
Made several calls in the eveng, but to little amount as to inward life.*

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 May 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 5 M / No public offering at Meeting. The forepart of it was a pretty favord time to me, but before it closed my mind got to roving.

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 May 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 15 of 5 M / Pretty dilligent at Trade. In the evening walked towards Green End with Holder Almy & Stoped at his brother Job's. While walking it seemed as if I could hardly enjoy the scene enough. The Medows are beautifully green, the air mild, with the singing of the birds, renderd the walk highly delightful, & afforded scope for sweet contemplation

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 May 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 16 of 5 M / My mind is a little impressed with a tender feeling & desires are raised that there may be a more full dedication of heart to the all important Concern.
Met this Afternoon with the committee to provide for Friends at the Yearly Meeting time.
I'm just going to [Portsmouth](#) where I expect to take Meeting tomorrow my mind is disirous that the precious life may attend my visit*

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 May 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 17 of 5 M / Just returnd from [Portsmouth](#). Our meeting there was silent, but to my mind a livly opportunity. I thought divine help was near to that little gathering Lodged last night at Cousin Z Chases & took breakfast. Then called at cousin John's from there went to P Lawtons where I found my precious H in good health & satisfied with her new employment, which was cause of thankfulness in my heart After meeting returnd to PL; & spent



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the Afternoon. Then walked home & am the least fatigued that I ever remember to be from walking so far in one day. It is now nine in the evening & I am writing this in my shop.

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 May 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 18 of 5 M / Not without some little sense of religious feeling, but the spring is low at best.

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 May 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 19th of 5th M / I have been setting a little while between day & dark in my shop, endeavoring to turn the mind inward & see if the beloved could be awakened, & find that he is Still near, tho' he hath apparently long withdrawn his precious life giving presence
Oh Dearest father remove the Stony heart & give me a tender feeling heart of flesh, enable me Oh dearest Lord to draw near unto thee.*

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 May 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 20 of 5 M / I hardly know what to write except that I have been pretty dilligently at work, & the mind at time brought into sympathy with an individual under suffering. Called this evening to visit my cousins H & A Gould

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 May 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 21 of 5 M / In our meeting for worship my mind was sweetly covered by the precious life, & was favord to get deeper than common. Oh that ever favor may be thankfully & humbly acknowldeged.

In the preparative Meeting OW menioned his intentions of publishing his intention of Marriage with R H at next Monthly Meeting. A A was also reported by the overseers as a delinquent in not attending Meetings & using profane language. both cases sent forward. The latteer excited Some tenderness in my mind, but dare not stand up to express it

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 May 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 22 of 5 M / Not without a little feeling of the right



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feeling, but on the main a poor destitute thing. Spent an hour at the Couch House to no proffit, but loss of strength & time. In the evening called at D Williams's & passed an hour to good Satisfaction

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May 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 23 of 5 M / As usual occupied at Trade, attended with a little degree of life

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May 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 5 M / From the effect of a pain between my shoulders & a portion of Physic thought most propper to omit meetings, but should have been glad to have been with them & partook of the little bread that perhaps was broken - understood OW was concern'd in testimony forenoon & Afternoon, Also DB in the Afternoon. Spent part of the forenoon in writing the Marriage certificate for M B & R A & the Afternoon in reading S Grub's journal, from which I trust my mind was proffitably instructed. As it has cleared away pleasant, feel a disposiotion to walk out a little this evening to enjoy the Sweet air & the comapny of my friends but as I have not attended meetings feel most easy to keep at home

And now while I'm writing my mind is a little introduced into desires that I may be preserved from the Spirit & Polutions of this wicked world, & the language which arises is Oh Lord renew in me a right Spirit, my many weaknesses & dificiencies are almost continually before me & are Sometimes So magnified that a fear arises that they will never be brought into subjection to that which enables to rise superior to all vain & sublunary [earthly] enjoyments, & nothing short of the baptism of the Cross will work the clensing opperation, many times my mind is in so unfeeling a condition as to religion that I fear a State of insensibility will be the final issue. & from the effect of such a state which I have observed in some (that it is to be feared are very stupid) I can say of a living truth. I have dreaded exceedingly. Oh that the sweet enlivening Spirit of truth may not be withdrawn tho' [through] my own unwatchfulness, but by my constant care, from day to day be replenished, & my mind strengthened & established on the never failing, all supporting Arm of them that are faithful & Obedient.

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 May 25, Monday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 4th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 25 of 5 M / Occupied as usual at Trade. favord this evening with a revival of tender feeling, & while setting at a friends house had deeply to feel my own weaknesses, & was so much engrossed therewith that I had but little or no inclination to join a conversation

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 May 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 6 of 5 M / Feel but little to rejoice in but weekness, & tho I feel but poor in every sense, there is something under neath that affords comfort.
I have been taking a view of my present State this evening, & have had to believe that before a further advancement can be attained there must be more of a reduction of Self. The mind that is active in its own Strangth must know a being Still, that judgement may pass over the transgressing nature, & Oh that all that is offensive be perged away in my mind I really long that it may*

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 May 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 27 of 5 M / Another day gone & little or nothing gained. I Called this evening at CRs [Clarke Rodmans, Hannah's parents house] & spent the time pleasantly

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May 28, Thursday: Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz ([Louis Agassiz](#)) was born in Motier, a village on the shore of Lake Morat, [Switzerland](#), the son of the Protestant pastor there.⁵⁸

[WALDEN](#): The mice which haunted my house were not the common ones, which are said to have been introduced into the country, but a wild native kind (*Mus leucopus*) not found in the village. I sent one to a distinguished naturalist, and it interested him much. When I was building, one of these had its nest underneath the house, and before I had laid the second floor, and swept out the shavings, would come out regularly at lunch time and pick up the crumbs at my feet. It probably had never seen a man before; and it soon became quite familiar, and would run over my shoes and up my clothes. It could readily ascend the sides of the room by short impulses, like a squirrel, which it resembled in its motions. At length, as I leaned with my elbow on the bench one day, it ran up my clothes, and along my sleeve, and round and round the paper which held my dinner, while kept the latter close, and dodged and played at bo-peep with it; and when at last I held still a piece of cheese between my thumb and finger, it came and nibbled it, sitting in my hand, and afterward cleaned its face and paws, like a fly, and walked away.

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WALDEN

LOUIS AGASSIZ

This is the Vaudois region of Switzerland in which many followers of Pierre Waldo, Waldenses, had holed up during the Middle Ages. The Agassiz family could trace its Protestant roots back into the 13th Century in the canton of Vaud adjacent to Fribourg, and Louis's father was the 6th in an unbroken succession of pastors. –In all likelihood Louis had remote ancestors who had attempted to lead a life like that of Jesus!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 28 of 5 M / Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was held in town, the part for worship to my mind was a time of quiet & I trust a degree of strength was acquired. Holder Almy was concerned to encourage those whose minds were also in a Situation to say "teach me the right way & guide me therein". Also enfor[ced] the necessity of our faithfulness in little things & said they that were faithful in the little should be made ruler over much. & at a Second Standing appeared much engaged to encourage us to the use of the plain language & simplicity in dress

The part for discipline was a season of labor some trying cases were before us, but generally appeared to end pretty well Matthew Barker & Ruth Anthony had their Answer & were at liberty to marry marry. Such a poor tool as I am was appointed with a better to oversee their Marriage Obadiah Williams & Ruth Hadwen published their intentions of the same kind. Oh that I may be favored to dwell deep in the Spirit of my mind, Surely the present low State of things require that, the Youth as well as those more advanced should strive to support the tottering fabrick. I desire to be kept humble & low that

58. One explanation for the unintelligibility of the popular song "Louie, Louie," in which the only words on which people have been able to agree are "Louie, Louie," is that it was written by little Jean Louis Rodolphe's papa, who spoke only an obscure Swiss dialect, to sing to him in the evenings in his cradle.



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nothing of the creature may move me to be active in Society. & from my present Standing there is abundant need that I get often to the watch tower, & even to the place of fasting, that every particle of the creaturly will may be Subjected.

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May 29, Friday: The Ottoman Sultan Selim III was deposed by Mustafa IV, son of Abdulhamid I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 29 of 5 M / What shall I Say? another day past & a want of the Sunbstancial food is Still witnessed Labor under some inconveniences with a pain in my side for Several days & do not find it to be materially better, or much worse, it has occasioned Some anxiety, but hope to be favord with patience & resignation come what may come

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May 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 30 of 5 M / After writing the above last evening the pain in my side came on & was more severe that had ever been. it occasioned me to look around & consider that if I should be repatience & the anxiety that such a fit of sickness would accasion [occasion?] who is now at [Portsmouth](#), was by no means the least consideration, but tho' [through] mercy I am much relieved & favord to be in my Shop today, but not able to use much exercise.

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May 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 31 of 5 M 1807 / At meeting this Morning I was but a poor barran peace [piece] of earth & fear arose & has continued tho' [through] the day whether there was any quality remaining in me that was capapble of being so far improved as to Yeald a little increase, to reward the good husband man for his many cares & watering. I was ready like the janduced Man to think others had the complaint beside myself, tho' D Buffum appear



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lively in testimony, from the Scripture "Steward give an account of thy Stewardship" -owing to the weather's being wet & the wind raw, & my side much complaining, thought best to omit Meeting this Afternoon but have thought since it might have been as well to have ventured it

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 June 1, Monday: The Principality of Anhalt-Köthen became the Duchy of Anhalt-Köthen. Prince August Christian Friedrich became Duke August Christian Friedrich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 1 of 6 M 1807 / The day passed as usual at Trade -Somewhat affected at seasons with desires that the work of regeneration may be revived. And Oh Saith my soul at this season, may it be revived, may all that is within me that is opposed to the operations of truth be totally annihilated. My health is Somewhat improved from Yesterday, which is to be numbered among my many favors

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 June 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 2 of 6 M 1807 / A degree thankfulness arises in my heart at being able to insert that it has been a day of divine favor, being released in measure from that hard unfeeling state with which I am so long & frequently tried. A state wherein it seems as if the Streams of divine life wherby a little refreshment from the fountain of life may be obtained - & no capacity to labor for it. My heart this day has been more tender & ability given to turn inward, & pray to the Lord for help. & may my heart be truly thankful for the little Strength afforded
Was comforted with the presence of a precious youth who spent a little time in the Shop, he appears hopeful, & of a truly can say my soul was engaged in secret supplication for his preservation thro' paths of Youth*

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 June 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4 day 3 of 6 M 1807 / The day had passed as usual at my occupation, with now & then a little of the precious influence to arise in my mind, but near the close of the evening was favored with a more free access to the Spring. I desire to be thankful therefor
Spent the evening at J Earls to satisfaction. & perhaps to some improvement.

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 June 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 of 6 M 1807 / In consequences of an appointment from Moy [Monthly] Meeting I expect to attend the Marriage of Matthew Barker & Ruth Anthony which will be Solemnized this day desires are raised that I may so conduct myself as to add dignity to my appointment. Oh Lord help my Spirit.
I had a pretty good meeting & the Marriage was conducted in a becoming manner. I Scarcely remeber to have been at so quiet a Meeting or to have heard s couple speak more Audible - The company at the house was small & orderly. How beautiful is the appearance to see young people conforming to the good & wholesome rules of Society

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 June 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 5 of 6 M 1807 / "Little things are little things but faithfulness in little things is something great". & for want of faithfulness in little things, or things hid from the view of the world, things which are nearly between God & me I fear I shall become a dead lifeless professor. I often experience my Spiritual condition hurt by either omissions or commissions in this way, as has been the case this day, for this morning my mind was in a favord state.

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 June 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 6 of 6 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with A Barker as far as the meeting- house - from there walked down to P Lawtons Spent a little time with my precious H & then went to Cousin Z Chases & lodged the next morning returnd to P L; & from there went to meeting, where it was a precious refreshing Season to my spirit, a season of renewd favor for which my mind was bowed in humble thankfulness. what I have written is not extravigant for I know not when I have had so Sweet a meeting. H Almy was very livly in testimony
Din'd & spent the Afternoon at PL's with her with whom my heart is nearly & tenderly iunited.
On my way home called at J Brightmans for J Stevens who walked home with me & was an agreeable companion*

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 June 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 8 of 6 M / The day has bee passed much as usual - rec' a letter from my dear friend J Austin in Albany.

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 June 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 9 of 6 M 1807 / It is under an humbling sense of my great unworthiness that I insert the favors of this day. Plenty of employment at my trade & still more aboundantly to be thankful for; a quiet mind favord with a livly flow of that spirit which quallifys us for prayer. Oh that I may so walk as to merit a continuation of this precious feeling with which I have been favord this day. In the evening called at Several frineds houses & was still favord with this precious influence. Be thankful Oh my soul & render unto God thanksgiving & praise for he hast done much for the[e] Youth to the present day

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June 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10 of 6 M / Silent meeting, & a pretty composed mind, but now & then wandered a little. on the whole it has been a pretty comfortable day. Got a little acquaintance with Robt Bragton of [Nantucket](#) & believe him to be a friend of the right kind.

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June 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 11 of 6 M 1807 / I have not felt much of the force of religious exercise but have had a degree of thoughtfulness & feeling thereon. Several friends of the Ministerial class have come to town to attend our Yearly Meeting. The desire of my heart is that we may be favord together & the visitors & visited be proffited
My dear H came to town this afternoon with whom I spent a precious bit of time this evening*

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June 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 12 of 6 M 1807 / It is now nine in the evening. I have just returnd from my buisness of placing friends at their boarding houses who have come to attend the Yearly Meeting. it is an arduous task but one that is necessary to be performed, which reconciles me to do my endeavors in promoting good order at those places. It is pleasant to see our friends, & very pleasant to see those on whose faces is the mark of desipleship of this mumber there are some that I have seen this afternoon both Young & old, & there are also some who appear to have but little of the [Quaker](#) in them which causes a very reverse sensation from the former
It is the desire of my heart that my conduct may be so guarded as not to afford cause of stumbling in any & a desire is raised while I'm writing that I may be favord to deepen in my spirit & be some little support to those who are concern'd for the Church's prosperity Oh that I may be favord at this our Yearly Meeting with a fresh Spring of life - to feel my mind strengthened to hold on my way in the line of relegion, for with our it What are we? but poor blind & destitute creatures*

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June 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 13 of 6 M 1807 Yearly Meeting / Our meetings this day have been large & favord with Stillness but according to my sense wa s not so much favord with the Spring of life as many yearly meetings that I have known. In the forenoon the public laborers were, first Peter Hoxie then James Greene then Sarah Talbot then Richard Mott in an eloquent testimony of one hour & five minutes, which was very pleasing to the people, but according to my sense was not very encoraging to some who are engaged to walk in the Streight & narrow way. In the Afternoon we had but little preaching but considering the largeness of the gathering it was a very quiet time tho according to my sense less favord with the arising of the precious spring of divine life than in the morning. The public laborers were first Sarah Talbot, then Mehitible Jenkins both acceptably. Then a few words by James Greene. Then the meeting was disturbed by the talking by way of preaching by one that was not a member but was Soon Stoped by O Williams who sat near him. The meeting concluded after a lengthy supplication by Richard Jordan the latter part of which was attended with the Baptizing evidence but according to my sense the fore part of it labored & was couched in such manner that I could not comprehend it. This days service as well as many other circumstances tend to convince me that the greatest preachers are not allways favord alike
As to my own mind considering the many concerns I have had to attend to, has thro' divine mercy & help been favord beyond my expectations*

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June 14, Monday: A combined force of French, Poles, Saxons, Dutch and Italians attacked the Russian defenders of Friedland (Pravdinsk) southeast of Kaliningrad (Königsberg) with disastrous and costly consequences for the Russians. Total casualties numbered 26,000 to 28,000.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day / Our meeting [Yearly Meeting] this morning opend with but little preaching only a few words by D Buffum & a few by E Thornton, but there appeared as E expressed it "a sweet screane over the gathering" under which we proceeded to buisness & it went on to every appearance pretty well. Our company at dinner was small, & as it happened was well it was so, as the young woman who lives with us is unwell not able to wait on many
Our Afternoon meeting was a precious favor'd opportunity. we enter into the State of Society as represented by the Answers to the Queries - which acrt[?] of some painful departures from the law & Precious Testimonys given us as a Society to bear, The appearance of the want of care to bring up our tender offSpring in a guarded manner & the complaint of the too frequent use of Spirituous liquors was mentioned in all the answers, occasioned a deep exercise in the minds of many friends & was very*



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powerfully spoken too by our friends [Moses Brown](#) Richard Mott, Matthew Franklin & Thos Rotch. Had a few agreeable friends to take tea among who were Estes Newhall a friend from Lynn that I was never acquainted with before but feels near to my best life I love him much. In the evening walked out & stoped at the door of my friend CR & found them setting in Silence stepped in & was favord with them to feel that the Shepherd of Israel had encompassed them with his Holy crooke. M Collins spoke very sweetly to a tried state present R Green's testimony was also fraught with comfort & consolation. The Setting concluded in an humble petition to the Almighty for help & preservation by Sarah Fish

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June 15, Tuesday: Cheered by the news from Spain, Foreign Secretary George Canning declared in the House of Commons that "any nation in Europe that starts up with a determination to oppose ... the common enemy ... becomes instantly our essential ally."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day The meeting [Yearly Meeting] yesterday was adjourned to the third hour this Afternoon. We were favord to transact the buisness that came before us in a good degree of love & condescention. some excellent remarks were made by many friends & in particular by our friend R Mott & M Franklin. We had several of our Lynn friends to tea & with some of them I was never before acquainted, I love them much, & believe they loved me. Our much endeared friend John Casey called in the evening whose company is allways strengthening to me My mind thro' the day has been favord to witness the extendings of the wing of Ancient goodness to my comfort & incoragement - & in particular this evening desires have afresh arisen that my heart may be renewed, old things done away & new ones brought into dominion But notwithstanding the favor before mentioned my heart hath often been pained under much depression from circumstances which may not be best to insert here circumstances which are but little known to others but often keenly felt by myself

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June 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day Engaged this morning with a brother committee man in visiting the boarding houses in consequence of some misbehaviour



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among the young people yeasterday it was reported that some went to the Theatre & others in a Sailing party which occasions much exercise to the minds of well concernd friends -it is a lamentable circumstance that young men & women should come here under pretence of attending the Yearly Meeting & at the same time enter into acts which disgrace our Christian testimony, such had much better keep within their own meetings for instead of being a Strength & comfort to their friends, are sorces of much afflictions - my mind is brought under the precious influence of truth the mind tendrd under aconcern that I may maintain my testimony faithfully & increase & deepen in the root of religion

Our Meeting [Yearly Meeting] yesterday was adjourned to the tenth hour this morning, reading the epistles was the chief buisness our friends R Mott & Matthew Franklin were largely engaged in testimony, & I hope their testimonies were useful - they are both friends of a very easy & agreeable delivery which require their strecit watchfulness lest the creature become exalted - Our friend WmFlanner & R Jordan have had but little to communicate thro' the Settings of the Yearly Meeting We closed under a Solemn sense of the favors mercifully vouchsafed to us at this season & I hope it may [be] to us as bread cast upon the waters to return in due time, for as to my own part I have not been able to feel so much of the sweetening influence of the precious truth in my mind as at seasons of more abstraction, being much in cumbered with cares at the boarding houses as well as cares at home, which obstructs the circulation of that Spirit so desirable to be felt -

Happened in the evening at Anne Carpenters where was a large circle of my acquaintance & friends, among whom was my precious H it was a pleasant opportunity -

The Satisfaction taken in the company of those to whom we feel ourselves united in pure love is truly delectible. I have had a large share of those of this description in the corse of this Yearly Meeting & been favored to entertain them as much to my satisfaction as perhaps at any time in my life - for this with my many unmerited mercies & blessings I desire to be humbly thankful & render unto the Lord the tribute of thanksgiving & praise Oh that all the reprobate nature may be purged away by the power of the Cross, for I am confirmed that there is no other way for us to Deepen in the path [?] plot [?] of truth by coming to the Apostles experience, to "die daily"

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June 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day [Yearly Meeting] / Here endeth our Yearly Sacrifice - Several of the ministers of the different congregations attends but the meeting was not very large Elizabeth Varney & Sarah Talbot opened the Service & R Mott carried it on in a very lengthly testimony wherein he very clearly proved our doctrine of Perfection & several other points much to my satisfaction. I



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thought him much favored & hope his labor may be with effect – After dinner called at D Rodmans to take leave of my dear friends M Purinton & wife -them to C Rodmans to part with Micajah Collins & wife all of whom are very near & precious to my best life, & found it not a little affecting to part with them. Oh may the tenderness excited on the ocasion remain with me as a Sweet savor. –

At 5 OClock this Afternoon our friend S Talbot appointed a meeting for Servants of every description I thought of going but considering it was not particularly for people of my description (tho' in one Sense I am a Servant) & feeling my mind to be under great weakness have omitted it. understand it was rather a Small meeting but a favored one -- Spent the evening with my precious H my love has been renewed & Strenghtened toward her in the corse of this Y Meeting She is indeed truly precious to me & may she so remain "til time is done"

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June 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 19th of 6 M 1807 / Our friends having all left us, have begun to today apply myself a little to buisness, which has been allmost totally neglected thro' Y Meeting

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June 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 20 of 6 M / Last evening took Chaise & rode with my precious H to [Portsmouth](#) where she again commences he School (I lodged at P Lawtons Jr.) –This mornng rose at 4 OClock & reached home before all our family were up. it was a pleasant ride, & on the rode this mornng my mind was introduced into an exercise on acct of one that has many times claimed my anxious Sollicitude for her establishment in the everlasting truth, & the secret Supplication of my heart was that she may be faithful to the offers of divine mercy & tender regard Been much occupied this afternoon closing the Accts of those who boarded friends at the Yearly Meeting time. Spent the evening at C R's, & felt more open in conversation than common & believe I kept myself in pretty good Subjection, except once speaking with out sufficient deference.

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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 21 of 6 M / In the forenoon meeting Anne Greene preached a little in a very livly manner - I in the Afternoon D Buffum



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was concerned in a few words at the necessity of a preparation for Death It was a dry day with me as to the spirit of life – Took tea & Spent the evening at Jon Dennis's. it was very agreeable time, but I was unable to feel that precious influence in my mind, which gives the highest relish.

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 June 22, Monday: Off the Virginia coast *HMS Leopard* demanded the return of four British “deserters” by the *USS Chesapeake*. When the *Chesapeake* refused the *Leopard* opened fire killing 3 and wounding 18, then proceeded to seize the four sailors in question (this would almost produce a war between Great Britain and the United States).

Since, except for the avoidable defenses of Fort Columbus on Governors Island, the city of New-York was unprotected from the cannon of sea invaders, there were mass meetings of the citizenry in this coastal population center, expressive of a “fortification fever.” John McComb Jr.’s [Castle Clinton](#) would be created as a cannon emplacement at the lower tip of Manhattan Island.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 22 of 6 M 1807 / Much occupied at Trade, but more life that Yesterday This Afternoon as the Soldiers were passing by the Shop my feelings were arrested with feelings which I hope ever to retain a sense of. I said in my heart surely the Lord has no delight in this, the Drum, the fife & all martial preparations are an offence in his holy eye sight

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 June 23, Tuesday: An armistice between France and Russia went into effect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3 day 23 of 6 M 1807 / Much engaged at work, but can add with a degree of thankfulness that a precious little current of life has accompanied my mind, so that I have in measure witnessed the Apostles word to be true - "Dillegent in buisness fervant in Spirit serving the Lord" I have this afternoon been arrested with reflections of a serious nature, such as the rapid progress of time, how one day after another goes in quick succession, & we appear regardless of its loss, & many continue in this insensible condition till visited by the pale Messenger, & even then seem careless & unconcerned to the effect of his visit. My mind is not a little affected at the approach of night, the setting of the sun, & desires are lovingly raised that my sun may go down in brightness in that no cloud may eclipse it in its progress.

Spent the evening in I trust to some proffit. Called at J Greenes to see cousin Anne - from there went to CR & spent the remainder agreeably.

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June 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 24 of 6 M 1807 / Tho' nothing new or of much importance occurs in the corse of my stepping along from day to day, yet I do not feel quite easy to omit inserting a line or two every day, tho' it may not be of much use to myself [the clause & I am clear it never will be to others is crossed out] & I dont expect it ever will to others, yet this I can say, that it is a Satisfaction to my own mind & in some instances a real benefit

Spent the eveng at D Rodmans under serious reflections - I have had this Afternoon & evening closly to inspect my own standing, to look & indeavor to discover whether there is any growth in the truth, & am lead to fear that I am short of what is requisite I should be. Desires have lovingly risen in my mind that I may be increasingly watchful over my own conduct that I may never wound the precious truth for the cause remains dear & I hope ever may.

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June 25, Thursday: The Emperor Napoléon and Tsar Alyeksandr met for the initial time, on a raft in the River Nieman (Nemunas) at Tilsit (Sovetsk) northeast of Königsberg (Kaliningrad).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day mornng 26 of 6 M 1807 / I'm just going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the moy Meeting desires are fresh in my heart that it may be a proffitable season in the best sense -

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 June 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day mornng Our meeting yesterday was a pretty good time. Cousin A Greene was concernd to address an afflicted state which she apprehended was present, but for my own part could not get to the root in my mind, tho' I labor'd for it - concerns in the last meeting was conducted with a good degree of love tho' Some of them were much debated, & perhaps might be too active but do not feel as yet much pained by it - Owing to its being very stormy I went with Several friends in the stage directly to the meeting house It was so uncommonly wet & cold for the season that we had fires & set in the little meeting house. After meeting I walked to Peter Lawtons & dined & took tea, & had a precious interview with my precious H then came homeward, & stopped at Elijah Anthony's & lodged, & this morning walked home Occupied thro' the day at Trade, & the mind at times dipt into cogitation not very proffitable - Went towards night on bussness to the house of a man who had all things to appearance very agreeable as the the outward, but while I was there my feelings were brought to reflect deeply on the very great insufficiency of these outward for conveniences & gratifications with out the one thing needful to accompany them, & if my feelings did not very much deceive me, there was but very little or none of this real escencial to be witnessed under the roof - & I was ready to cry out in my soul Oh Lord renew a right spirit within me

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 June 27, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at Cambridge, where he met Hobhouse and Matthews and said farewell to John Edleston.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 27 of 6 M / Occupied at trade thro' the day, & pretty much a death as to the best life, but was unexpectedly favord this eveng while Sitting at my dear Aunt Martha Goulds with a little bread which was of a norishing kind. O may I be thankful for it -

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 June 28, Sunday: [Richard Hildreth](#) was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, where his father the [Reverend Hosea Hildreth](#) was principal of the Deerfield Academy (his mother was Sarah McLeod Hildreth). The father would continue to teach, rather than serve as a Congregationalist minister, throughout Richard's boyhood (he would teach for instance at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire, where Richard would prepare before entering Harvard College).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 28 of 6 M 1807 / I'm a poor unredeemed thing, the mind much under a cloud - Our meetings were Silent & my mind in Such



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a State that I am unable to tell whether they were favored seasons or not

Took tea af[ter] with my cousin Henry Gould & in the course of the evening called at DWs & CR's

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 June 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 29th of 6th M / Tho' favor my mind has this afternoon & evening has witnessed the tendering effect of the good Spirit for which I desire to be thankful, but Oh my weakness & want is great. I am ready to fear that I do not advance one Step in religion, but am fast loosing ground. Oh the Great care & deep inward watchfulness that requisits on my part. I daily feel the necessity of indwelling but do not practice it as I ought Spent the evening at a friends house where I hope I was a little benefited

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 June 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 30 of 6 M / Trust I have been favored to keep nearer the life than at some other times Received a letter from a friend to whom I felt a concern to write at the Yearly Meeting time, (tho' an entire Stranger) by which I felt encouraged to attend to the intimations of truth tho' ever so Small, as it appear'd from his answer that mine was well accepted Spent the eveng at the Monravian Ministers where was their Bishop & his wife from Germany who are visiting their brethren in this Country. There is a meekness & simplicity in this people correspondent with Spirit of Christianity. & I apprehend I felt a good degree of Sincerity & Sweetness in the mind of the Bishop & his wife with which I could cordially unite - I am abundantly confirmed that true religion is not confined to any sect or denomination, but that they that fear God & work righteousness are accepted of him, & that their reward is in proportion to their Sincerity & faithfulness to the light within.

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 July 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 1 of 7 M 1807 / My mind is this morning brought into breathing desires that I may be preserved from falling. Oh! that I many be enabled to make any Sacrifice, for the promotion or arising of truth in my own heart. I'm sure as far as I know my own heart, at times, it is the primacy of it to become redeemed from all carnal will, which I too frequently feel to present itself in religious concerns, the enemy with or by his subtilty introduces a Spirit of this kind which in appearance much



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resembles the Spirit of truth, but not in nature & effect, therefore it becomes the needful care of all to have their eyes annointed with a holy eye salve of the Kingdom that we may not only see men as truly[?] walking, but to see them perfectly as they are.

The day has passed I hope to some proffit my mind has been favord to witness the arisings of life to a degree of consolation, & while I'm writing this evening feel a degree of thanksgiving in my heart to the giver of every precious gift for his mercy this day

I don't know that ever I had a more full knowledge of the depravity of mans heart than this afternoon a very trying circumstance occurred in this neighborhood. - Doctor H who has parted with his wife has long had a will to have the child, & this afternoon found it playing at its Grandfathers E door. he took it home with him but was soon followed by his wife & her father, who was greatly enraged, they soon began to quarrel, & from high words proceeded to blows in the Scyffle the child was in danger of being hurt the cry of murder issued from the Mother which collected a large number round the house in addition to what were there before, & it promised to be a Scene of carnage, but tho' [thro'] favor was prevented as the child was soon taken & brought out of the house -The circumstance is a very disgraceful one & has much affected my mind. Here we see the effects of unhappy marriages. Oh that I may be preserved from Such depravity of mind a Secret prayer is begotten in my soul that I may be preserved from ever giving way to passion - All the time of the noise I remained still in my shop. I was not an eye witness to any of the occurrences -

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July 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 2 of 7 M 1807 / At our meeting this day were Married Obadiah Williams & Ruth Hadwin, it was a Still meeting & I thought a favord one to me it was quite so, for which I trust I am measurably thankful D Buffum was concernd in a Short but livly testimony, he appeard desirous that "If we eate or drank or whatever we did it might be done to the honor & Glory of God" Spent the eveng at the wedding house there was a precious little company Setting around the room. I do not recollect when I felt more Sweetness to pervade my mind than at taking my seat among them

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July 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 3 of 7 M / The day has passed pleasantly without any painful occurence, save a sense of my want of faithfulness in concerns of my Souls peace. made Several calls this evening, &



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among the rest on the new married pair who both appeared to be in a pleasant frame of mind. I wish them all happiness, & desire they with myself may be found in the faithful discharge of our duty

My precious H has been renewedly brought near to my best life this evening & I am led to crave - with a degree of bowedness of Spirit that the dew of the everlasting Hills may rest upon her. How Sweetly have I anticipated future happiness when made one by Hymens Silken tie & still closer united by the three fold cord of divine love. My heart is bowed under the consideration with humble thankfulness, that the prospect brightens when we Shall be made one - But Alass how fading & tranicent are all things here? we know not what to build our hope upon save the immutable foundation of Truth, a very Small matter may frustrate all our plans of life

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Our national birthday, Saturday the 4th of July:⁵⁹ In AN ORATION, PRONOUNCED AT BROOKFIELD, UPON THE ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1807; BEFORE A NUMEROUS ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLICANS OF THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, Levi Lincoln, Jr. applauded [Thomas Jefferson](#), “the sublimity of whose mind first ken’d American Independence and whose pen impressed the solemn Declaration.”

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In Richmond, Skelton Jones delivered a funeral oration over the men of the USS *Chesapeake* who two weeks earlier had lost their lives due to an attack by the British warship *Leopard*.

In Petersburg VA, people marched through the streets with an “effigy of George III on a pole” and later burned their effigy on Centre Hill.

The new eagle decoration crowning the gate of the Navy Yard in Washington DC was unveiled to a federal salute and the sound of music.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



In Nizza near Nice, which at the time was part of the French empire, [Giuseppe Garibaldi](#) was born (he would be baptized as “Joseph Marie Garibaldi le” at the church of Saint-Martin-Saint-Augustin in the district Vieux-Nice).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 4 of 7 M 1807 / There has been much noise about our Streets of Guns, Drums &c as they have passed along my mind was affected with Seriousness under the consideration of the depravity of the human mind. I consider all this parade & extravagance as the

59. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s 3rd birthday.



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result of depraved minds, & many times when I have Seen Such conduct I have Said in my soul "Surly [Surely] the Lord taketh no delight herein" -

Towards evening walked to Portsmouth & lodged at Cousin Z Chases. - The next mornng walked up to P Lawtons where I found my precious H in good health & satisfied that she is in her right place, which to me is cause of greatful acknowledgements of thanksgiving - from there to meeting where I sat under much leaness & want of ability to get to the right sorce till a few minutes before it concluded when the precious life arose & was like a Sweet morsel to my poor roving mind, & I concluded I was not Sent quite empty away. I dined at Joseph Motts & after dinner went into the chamber to see my dear old cousin Elizabeth whom I have long wanted to see, for She is one that I loved when a boy & well remember her when I lived with my Aunt Martha Gould, & also her excellent testimonies in our public meetings She recited Some Anecdote of my boyhood which were very interesting to my feelings, her conversation in general was very instructing which made my visit a truly proffitable Season. She Said she was thinking of me the day before but did not expect so soon to see me. She appeard to be much pleased with my coming, & I am Sure I'm glad I went & hope Some of her excellent remarks may never be forgotten but treasured up in my mind as long as I live Spent the remainder of the afternoon with my precious H & in the evening walked home

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 July 6, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at Gordon's Hotel, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 6 of 7 M / The day has passed with but little religious exercise, tho' not so much pained with death to the sense of it as at Sometimes. Spent the evening at D Williams in company with Mary Morton whose company of humble redeemed deportment was very sweet & instructing to my mind I could but feel a Strong desire excited that I might be more & more drawn from the Spirits of this world & become entirly engaged to do my masters will while time here is mercifully lengthened out to do it in Oh that as thorough renovation of heart may be wrought in me for I daily see the necessity & advantage resulting from it

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 July 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 7 of 7 M / This mornng my feelings a[re] in a degree sweetened by the arising of that precious life which I love to feel & a prayer is renewedly begotten in my heart that I may center to the Spirit of life on all occasions & at all times As the day is nearly closing & the feelings attendant on my mind in the Mornng are Still with me I may insert that a degree of thankfulness arises in my heart for the present favor. Oh my



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soul may it be thy increasing care to dwell deep & humble – may nothing be ascribed to unsanctified-self but a true sensibility of mind be maintained that all good cometh from God Alone Spent the evening at a friends House where the time might have been Spent agreeably, & to proffit, but was prevented by other visitors not very congenial So it is we are frequently disappointed in our prospects, & perhaps its for the best

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July 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 8 of 7 M 1807 / Another day is gone & my mind is somewhat affected at the loss of it under an apprehension that it has not been so well improved as is consistent with will of heaven but however remiss I have been, it has not been the worst of days to me, my mind was sweetly visited this morning by the incomes of truth a Small current of which has attended it thro' the buisness of the day

Made several calls this evening first at O Williams for the first time since he & his new wife have kept house found them pleasantly settled & apparently well suited with each other – then stopt few minutes at CR's - then went to D Rodmans & found he had received an excellent letter from our mutual friend B Purinton the reading of which was very salutary to my feelings especially as she remembered me & mine in very affectionate terms.

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July 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 9 of 7 M 1807 / Favord with the precious life early in the Mornng, had a good meeting tho' silent. This afternoon had a mind to meet with the committee who were appointed to consult about building our meeting house larger for the accomodation of the Womens Yearly Meeting - Recd a precious Letter from my H & answerd the Same.

It has been a day that has excited very serious & tribulative reflections – The minds of the people are much exasperated at the conduct of the British Ship of War toward one belonging to the United States & the President has issued a proclamation prohibiting the people from furnishing any British Ship of War with Supplies of provisions; in consequence of which A town meeting was this day called by the beating of two Drums & two fifes & have voated a cooperation with the Presidents proclamation - When the Drums & fifes passed by my dwelling my heart was deeply affected within me at the Sight, & a fervant prayer was raised that the glorious day may be hastened when Swords may be beat into Plowshares & Spears into pruning hooks, & nations learn war no more, but if it please the Almighty to visit us with the desolating Sword & Spear, may he be near to



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*his depending ones, those who know that their only help & Shure defence is in his All Powerful Arm - My heart is rent with the Awful prospect of being surrounded by war & carnage, but as Strength is Mercifully given in proportion to our trials I am comforted with the hope that we shall be favord to place our confidence in Him that Over ruleth the heart of Things
In the evening walked a little & made several little calls-*

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 July 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day day 10 of 7 M 1807 / Rose earlier than common & took a pleasant walk. gs [?] loiter'd thro' the day & had my evil propensities much to war against, & have with Sorrow to Say, the victory was not accomplished but more favord with Strength than at Some times - Staid in the Shop in the evening engaged in letter writing

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 July 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 7 M / I cannot boast of much Spiritual Strength, but on the contrary can acknowledge my abundant frailty & weakness, I'm a poor thing & fear it will be my lot to remain So - In the evening made two very agreeable calls, the first at DR, the other at J Earls

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 July 12, Sunday: Silas Casey, who would become a Major General of Union volunteers, was born.

A letter from Jesse Hawley to Erastus Granger expressed a projection of an [Erie Canal](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 7 M / At meeting this mornng Matthew Franklin was with us & preached full an hour & an half in the Afternoon we Sat in Silence My mind has been in quite a destitute situation as to life, & have hardly been able to obtain a morsel of bread - took tea & spent most of the evening at Sam Thurstons

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 July 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 7 Mt 1807 / The times as to the outward Seem to be Alarming preparation for War is making in our land, orders are received from Government to raise an hundred thousand Militia- I have had a little to examine my own standing to see whether I am able to stand my ground, should I be pressed as a soulder, &



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have a hope that should I be tried on this head I shall be favoured to give a convincing reason for my refusal to bear Arms. It is the desire of my heart while I write this, that I may be favoured to bear up the Christian testimony in a Christian Spirit, & bring no reproach on that testimony which our Worthy forefathers Suffered so much for. Had the company of JS a young man not of our Society but an attender of meetings, he appears to be an innocent young man, & desires are raised that he may experience the Sanctifying power of truth effectually to operate in his mind

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July 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 14 of 7 M / My mind has been at times in the course of the day dipt into seriousness on various accts The Alarm of war is continued, various reports in circulation, but the language of my mind is "be ye not troubled" which hath been a sweet resort when persons have come in & Spoke Alarmingly of the Situation or our Country. Oh that I may center down deep, that I may be founded & grounded on that rock which is never moved at the clashing of the potsherds of the Earth - I desire to acknowledge my many favors & not to be puffed up, but humbled under them, I have a plenty of buisness at my trade which is cause of encouragement, but dont discover my purse to increase. - Spent the evening at J Earls in a Sweet circle of my female acquaintance & some mails, it was indeed a precious season, my mind was in a very tender frame & I was lead to commemorate some similar opportunities at the Same house when the Stream of divine Life has risen high in our minds
Oh that the desire of my Youth may be remembered, & often renew'd*

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July 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 15 of 7 M 1807 / Went to bed last night under a depressive sense of my Sins & unfaithfulness. The first testimony that ever our Ancient deceased friend Nicholas Davis delivered, were allmost continually sounded in the ear of my mind "Disobedience makes a long wilderness, but Obedience cuts the work Short" -- The day has passed, a pretty good care to dwell near the life, but on turning over the leaves of my conduct find some that ought to have been better There is not a day passed but this is the case. Shall I ever attain to more fixedness? Surely if I do "it must be thro' much suffering & as I feel now think I should be willing to undergo a considerable Share, if it would make me better, but suppose if it Should come, like the children of Israel, I should remember the flesh pots of Egypt - Spent the evening at CR where there was a young woman not in membership, but an attender of meetings toward whom I felt a degree of Gospel



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love to flow in my heart & aspirations of spirit were raised on her behalf - towards persons of this discription my mind is often drawn forth in much love & tender concern that they may prefer [prefer] Jerusalem to their chiefest Joy - to me it was a precious opportunity & the feelings there experienced I pray may be often renew'd - Oh that there may be a tender watchful Spirit carefully maintained in my heart that I may go forth daily in search of spiritual nourishment for it is clearly my opinion from Sad experience that if there is not a renewd daily concern of this kind we shall dwindle in Substance & be come mere formalists, this state my soul dreads, & Oh! Saith my very Soul at this season Search me Oh God & prove me by thy refining power, that I may be preserved alive in the Truth

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July 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 16 of 7 M 1807 / Went to meeting under much want of religious life & tho' I strove to get Settled & center'd could attain to but very little enjoyment - This afternoon A young man from L Compton whose name is Adam Manchester came on buisness to my shop & while there introduced the subject of religion, on which I felt but poorly quallified to discourse, but he continued his enquiries & spoke a little of his own experience, before I Said much to him I made a little pause & turned my mind inward & said in my heart, What a poor creature I am to Speak on points of this nature? & felt a little prayer to arise in my heart for help which was mercifully vouchsafed to my own amazement. it seemed as if my understanding brightened, & I could speak with uncommon conciseness & perspicuity. My mind I trust was clothed with a living concern that he might find the true & living way of which he appear'd Sincerely desirous but had heard Such winds of doctrines that his mind had become clouded with doubts & fears of various kinds

It was to me a memorable season as it was a renewed proof to my own mind that the Lord was yet with me & that I was not forsaken by Him atthe[?] my mind was so painfully destitute for sometime before that I had almost begun to conclude that his face was his & the light of his precious countenance would never be lifted up on me any more - this seemed to be a fresh extension of divine regard, & tho' I spoke much yet I did not feel any Zeal to arise against the different persuasions that we were speaking of, but on the contrary love & goodwill predominated in my heart toward all -I believe he is a tender speaking young man & may by attention to that Spirit which he is possessed of, be lead & guided into all truth. I lent him the Manuscript acct of the life of Elizabeth Ashbridge & Some religious Tracts, & gave him the pamphlet Watch unto prayer &c & we parted under a good degree of love toward each other

Spent the evening at D Williams - & M entertained me with Some interesting Anecdotes of the journey of MM & EC in the Southern



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July 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 17 of 7 M 1807 / Not without omissions & comissions, but I trust divine mercy & regard hath been measurably extended for I have felt in a tender Susceptible frame of mind, & have endeavord to turn to the right object - In the evening called to see my Cousin A Greene who is over to attend the Select meeting tomorrow, & closed it at CR's very preciously -

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July 18, Saturday: Robert Fulton described his torpedoes for the benefit of New-York officials.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 18 of 7 M 1807 / Much engaged in buisness, but not so much so as to preclude a thankful disposition of heart, my mind has been turned inward & favord with a refreshing Stream from the fountain of life, I trust - In the evening rode on horse back to [Portsmouth](#) t& lodged at Z Chases

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July 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / My horse traveled hard which induced me to walk to meeting. on my way there called at P Lawtons where I found my precious H in good health & after a little pleasant converse went to meeting, where I was favord to have my mind in good measure gathered & centerd to the spirit of life for which my heart was often engaged to breath forth thanksgiving to the Author of every blessing - The passage of scripture which afforded me instruction was "Jesus wept" - Wm Almy was at Meeting & preached a little very sweetly - Dined at J Chases then returnd to P L & spent the remainder of the Afternoon in the Company of my precious H who I found under the refining power of truth, passing thro' deep & close baptisms, my heart according to its measure is lead into Sympathy with her & the breathing desire is that She may be Supported & sustained by the everlasting never failing hand & Arm of God - She feels preciously near my best life & Oh dearest father wilt thou help her - took my horse from where I left him & rode comfortably home by nine OClock

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July 20, Monday: In New-York harbor, Robert Fulton demonstrated his torpedoes, managing after three attempts to sink a target ship.

[George Heriot](#) painted Presqu'isle, St. John River.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 20 of 7 M 1807 / I have just return'd with J W & D W
brothers committe Men to treat with AA but our labors were
ineffectual the poor thing refused to see us & when we went Where
he was he run away from us. I felt much for him & should have
been glad to have discharged my duty to him. may the power of
Truth yet reach his mind, & so effectually operate as to bring
him within the Holy enclosure
The day closes with a good degree of Sweetness & I trust it has
been a Season of some spiritual advancement - I desire I crave
in Sincerity of Soul that this renewed extension of divine
regard may be held in remembrance - Made several calls this
evening, & was favor'd not to do or say any thing that tended
to discipate that precious Sweetness attendant on my mind thro'
the day*

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 July 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 21 of 7 M 1807 / It has been a day of feeling, a day wherein my mind has been refreshed & replenished with good - Oh that I may be preserved under an humble thankful sense of every favor. it is in my heart to Say blessed be the Name Lord for he is kind to me & help's me beyond what I deserve. Oh that the whole bent of my heart may be in doing they Holy will - Spent most of the evening at DR's I hope to Some proffit, I at least feel not from the visit as yet

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 July 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 22 of 7 M 1807 / Much favor'd on acct of buisness it is plenty & seems to afford an encoraging prospect as to the outward, for which I desire to be thankful & to keep a Strict guard on my mind, that the love of proffit or the desire to gain have no more place in my mind than absolutely necessary - I am at a loss what to write respecting my Spiritual progress of this day, it has been a day of tenderness & I am encoraged to hope that some little advancement is made in the line of faithfulness. Oh my soul dwell deep, get thee to thy watch & to thy watch Tower
In the evening made Several calls & a precious one at CR's*

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 July 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 23 of 7 M 1807 / In the forenoon that venerable Old Patriarch Jeremiah Austin called at my Shop & spent with me nearly an hour & a Quarter, his conversation was very pleasant & I can truly say edifying. How pleasant to be in the company of Such an old man, whose life is repleat with piety & virtue Oh saith my soul may all that is alive within me be engaged to attain to the like happy frame of mind -
Our meeting was Small & rather a dull season but I trust the bread of life was dispenced to a few, tho' they might have had to eat it under Suffering - in the preparative Meeting there was considerable buisness, & some that will prove very trying among friends, & what the consequence & or where the end of it will be I cannot tell but hope it will be to the honor of Truth's Testimony*

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 July 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 7th Mth 1807 / I'm yet a poor things & the prospect of being better is so small that it affords me room to



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fear my account is far from being acceptably adjusted – Spent the evening at J Earls in company with several of my acquaintance who were all very pleasant, but for my own part could not feel much life, & believe I sustained loss by too much talking, which is frequently my lot

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 July 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 7 M 1807 / Occupied at Trade, in religious concern's I remain a poor hatter [halter?] having been very destitute all day till towards night, then was favor'd with a little bread which has Sustained me tho' [thro'] the evening - It is cause of thankfulness & my mind is really humbled at this time under a belief that the good Spirit is yet alive in my Soul. Oh may it be kept alive - Spent the evening ay O W's, found him and his wife, with their little flock forming a very pleasant circle - here I can but reflect upon the very great usefulness, as well as sweetness of a good Wife -

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 July 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 26 of 7 M / In the mornng walked on the Point & went on board one of the Gun Boats now preparing for sea. This is among the things which I do that causes Sorrow, & introduces death, & tho' the mere going on board of one of those vessels may be thought warrantable, Yet I believe I Gratified a vain curiosity which had better been crucified - & it really proved so for Some of the bye standers made some remarks which has caused pain of mind - Our meeting this monrg was to me a poor dull Season, tho' I labored to center my thoughts on the right place, yet could not find that I overcame the enemy in hardly any degree In Afternoon wrestled hard, & came off rather better than in the mornng - no preaching today - Took tea with DW then went with him to endeavor to obtain an opportunity to treat with AA - but to no effect, he refused to speak with us, & sent us word that if We came where he was, he would give us a good Setting off - poor thing - may that Word which is quick & powerful & sharper than a two edged sword [sword] yet pearce him to the heart & work an effectual change Spent the remainder of the evening at D Buffums

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 July 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 27 of 7 M / Nothing remarkable thro' the day, I have been a poor dull tool in every sense - Spent the evening at C R's



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where my mind was a little Strengthened - by some interesting conversation -

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July 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 28 of 7 M 1807 / Weakness & Poverty abounds, as may be said every day of my life - This forenoon a Young man came to the Shop & Spent most of it in conversing on various Subjects, among which was war, our opinions were very different. I did not incline to say much on the subject, but perceiving his mind to be tender I gave him - The account of the Suffering of Richard Seller, which he read & appeared much affected thereby - & I believe it will be of use to him - at least so far, that if he should ever go into the Army, & friends should be brought under Suffering Similar to R S it will teach him to be merciful

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 July 29, Wednesday: [George Heriot](#) painted the Grand Falls of the St. John River.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 29 of 7 M / Not much religious life, tho' a degree of it I trust is yet in me - My beloved cousin A Greene called and Set some time with me in the Shop this afternoon her conversation was truly instructing, & Oh that I may be profited by it - In the evening took a refreshing walk & made an agreeable call at my much Esteemed friend DR's

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 July 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

30 of 7 M / Attended out MY Meeting held in town Altho before I went I was entirely barran of every feeling which contribute to a good meeting, yet when I first took my Seat, a Sweetness, a fixedness on the right object, took place in my mind & I was enabled, to keep to it thro' the meeting & while setting, living praises arose in my heart to the Lord for thus favoring me when I so little deserved it & so little expected it. Oh sath [sic] my soul may this precious watchful care which so Sweetly pervaded my mind increase untill it is enough to continue to the



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end of my days -H Almy bore a living testimony to the necessity of delligence & Mary Mitchell took up the subject in a very encoraging manner both to Holder [?] & the meeting then Mary Morton concluded in a fervant prayer for our preservation, for the help of the little ones, those whose hands were ready to hang down & knees ready to smite together for fear, & that the minds of those engaged in dicipline might be enabled to Support the testimony aright, not like the fly in the Ointment of the Apothecary give an ill savor - In that part for buisness of the Church Our much esteemed friend Anne Greene laid before us a concern which has for several years impressed her mind to pay a religious visit to Salem & Falmout Quarterly meetings which concern was cordially united & sympathised with & a committee appointed to assist her & produce a certificate to next monthly meeting if way should open -During the deliberations of the day some of the most trying cases occured that I ever remember - but tho' [thro'] divine help I believe I was favord to keep on the right ground & said nothing I am sorry for or will wound the testimony The cases of T Barker & D Huntington came before us & were sent to the Quarterly meeting, what the end of them will be the Lord only knows - Meeting set the longest of any that ever I attended Z C & wife & P L dined with us & after dinner Steped up to C R to See my dear H a few minutes before she went out of town

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July 31, Friday: Martha Aldin had murdered her husband, and her sentence had been that on "Friday next she should be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, there to be hanged by the neck till she was dead, and her body afterwards to be dissected." Her hanging took place at high noon on Castle Hill, Norwich, before a massive crowd.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 7th Mo 1807 / Yesterday arrived our Ancient friend J Bringhurst from Philadelphia - as he came up from the packet he called to see me, a few minutes, & this forenoon came & set sometime with me in the shop, I esteem him as a good old man, & his company is pleasant - The day has passed with but little religious thoughtfulness. I can hardly call it carelessness nor yet carefulness -- After a very pleasant walk round the Hill in company with DR called at CR's where I found E reading the Manuscript Journal of a young man's tour in England by which I found a certain life raised, to which "a death had better be known"

6 day rode with Peter to the meeting House to meet with the School committee, then returned & Peter kindly brought me homeward to the top of Lawtons Hill which was a great help as the day was very hot - on my way home, Stopt at Saml Thurstons & was favor'd with the company of Our excellent friend Mary Mitchell her converstaion was instructing & refreshing to my mind I love her much, remembering her visits to my beloved Aunt Marthas when I was a small boy & lived with her - on my return



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home found my shop & little property all Safe for which I desire to be thankful, & hope I shall be enabled to return thanks in the proper way, which is increased dedication to the Service of my God – In the evening made a precious call at C R, & another at J Earls, where I found AA & fell into unexpected conversation with her – tho' I manifested rather too much Zeal in support of my own opinion yet I firmly believe I had the right side of the question

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 August 1, Saturday: Georg Joseph Vogler was appointed Hofkapellmeister and Privy Councillor for Ecclesiastical Affairs to the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 1 of 8 M 1807 / Occupied as usual thro' the day & in the evening called at J Earls where was my friends Wm S Burling of N York, whose conversation was truly edifying, feeling my mind sweetly impressed with the necessity of "Being watchful, standing fast in the faith, quitting myself like a man, & being Strong" in the support of the precious testimony, & may both he & I follow on to know the Lord & to walk unreservedly in the ways of his Holy requirings is at seasons my earnest prayer.

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 August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2 of 8 M / In the mornng went over on the Point & took a sea bathing - Our meeting this forenoon was large & I hope some were profitted by the opportunity, for my own part I must acknowledge it was a low time, for I had but very little power to wrestle against that Spiritual death which so often besets me both in & out of meetings - when I came home found my brother Isaac much unwell which gives me a degree of useasiness as I think his syptoms are some what alarming, he has been unwell with a small attack of the Disentary for more than a week, but I think his complaints are now more like the apporach of a bilious fever

The meeting this afternoon was Similar to the mornng, Silent & dull. I tried to wrestle but had but little power, however I'm encoraged to hope it was not wholly in vain - Took tea & spent most of the eveng at J Dennis's - it was a pleasant visit but not so much favord as at some times -

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 August 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 3rd of 8th M 1807 / Occupied as usual at trade, endeavoring at times to turn the mind inward, & felt a little of the precious



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*Sweetning influence to arise, but alas how far short I am of what I ought to be. I daily see my short comings & am almost ready to fear retrograde motion in the work of regeneration. Oh Soul be up & doing, get thee to thy watch, & to thy watchtower, lest the enemy of thy peace overcome thee -
After writing the above while setting in the Shop I felt my mind drawn to read the the [sic] Scripture & then to set in Silence, & while setting, was mercifully favord to witness the divine presence to be near, & was enabled to feel the Lord to be present help in every needful time. O that I may be humbly thankful for all the mercys that I receive This evening called at Cousin A Thos's [?] / where I thought the the [sic] Seed was under Suffering /*

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August 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 4 of 8 M / Favor'd with the circulations of the Sap of life thro' the day - Spent the evening at D.R with several of my acquaintance - & tho I talked when I had better been Still, yet it was a precious time to me, O how unworthy I am of the many favors which I receive -

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August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 5 of 8 M / This mornng between the hours of seven & eight, in company with T H [J H?] & Wm Burling, visited the Charity School of E Trevet, we had the satisfaction of seeing 50 children all at reading or writing which he teaches gratis except two, they appear to improve fast, & behave orderly. Wm at the conclusion of the school addressed them in a few words very pertinently & pathetically, impressing on their minds a sense of thankfulness to their tutor, & the most proper means to shew it was by striving to improve" he did it in a solid weighty manner which appeared to have an effect on the minds of the Children This evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at Z Chases -

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August 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day After breakfast went up to P Lawtons & found my endearing H well Our friend M Brown came while I was there with whom I had much pleasant conversation on various subjects - Richard Mott Elizabeth Coggeshall & Mary Morton were at meeting but none of them appeared in testimony but Richard who stood a great while - In our meeting for Church concerns we had several things of importance before us & were favor'd to transact them in a good



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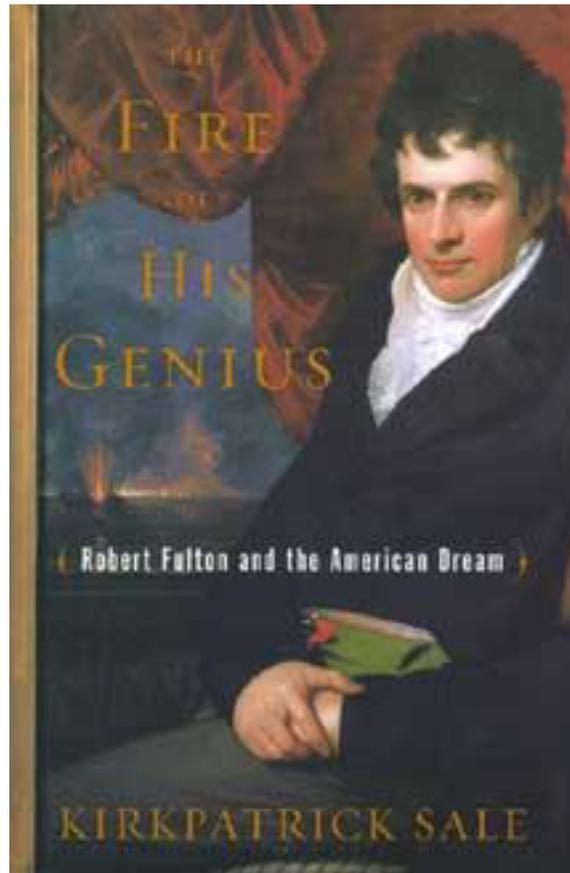
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degree of love & condescension - Anne Smith (of Wickford) spread a concern which had for a long time impressed her mind to pay a religious visit to friends in Richmond state of Newhampshire & from thence into New York State as far as Hudson - which was corially united with & her certificate endors'd After meeting I dined at P Lawtons with a very agreeable comapany O Williams & wife J Earl. R Rodman. B Earle. D Austin Wm Burling. & S Thurston & wife - I spent the evening with my very precious H which was the first since she has lived at Portsmouth. it was a sweet time - feeling our minds renewedly refreshed together, & a Seal witnessed that our intended connection is in best wisdom appointed. may the dew of heaven rest upon her, may may she receive the Strengthening support of the Lord in all her steps thro' life, is the affectionate wish of my heart -- I lodged there & next morning

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August 7, Friday: In New-York, Robert Fulton launched his new steamboat, which he was calling *Steam Boat* at the moment and which he would name *North River* (this is the riverboat that is frequently referred to now as the *Clermont*).





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August 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 8 of 8 M / Occupied pretty dilligent at Trade & feel this evening a precious sweetness in my mind

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August 9, Sunday: Robert Fulton had carefully negotiated a partnership with Chancellor Robert R. Livingston. This man Livingston seemed to be a mere judge of the court of chancery of the State of New York, and yet in fact his deep background political influence was such that he was known among the knowing there as the 2d most powerful person, after the governor, in the State. Livingston arranged that, if he and Fulton could merely drive their steamboat four miles along the Hudson River in one hour, the government would grant them an enormous privilege: a 20-year monopoly of steamboat service. No patent application would be necessary and yet no competition would be permitted. For twenty years they would be allowed to charge whatever they could induce their passengers and customers to pay. So on this day there came about the initial trials of Fulton's unpatented boat, described at the time as "an ungainly craft looking precisely like a backwoods sawmill mounted on a scow and set on fire." It made a successful 1-mile run on Manhattan Island's East River. (Soon it would steam up the river from New York Harbor to Albany in 32 hours, and back down with the current in 30.) Fulton would christen it, inventively, *Steam Boat*, although later it would be known as the *North River* and we know it now as the *Clermont*. Because of the events of this day, you have probably been led to suppose that Fulton invented the steamboat, as a way to harness heat and force it to produce forward motion. No, what this inventor invented was a government-sponsored monopoly, a way for rich people to get richer by putting their own steamboats on the Hudson River while forestalling anyone else from doing so. Which is to say that, instead of inventing ways to translate steam power into mechanical power, Fulton was into inventing ways to translate the political power of office and lobbying into the economic power of money.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 9 of 8 M 1807 / I'm just going to meeting, not in so humble a frame of mind as at some times, but hope to get right before night -

I can truly say I am agreeably disappointed for when I took my seat in meeting as a precious mantle was spread over my mind, & instead of having to wrestle with my own spirit, the necessity was measurably taken away - the silent part of the meeting continued till nearly the usual time of its breaking - when Elizabeth Coggeshall rose & delivered a testimony as near Gospel as any I have heard for some time, on the subjects of Affliction, love & the necessity of Subduing our own carnal, wills I know not when I have more witnessed the Baptizing effect of any testimony -

Our Afternoon meeting was a very uncommonly favord time -Richard Mott stood full two hours declaring the truth with much life & power - I think his testimony this afternoon of much more use than any he has delivered here in his visit - when he sat down there was a very remarkable Solemnity over the Meeting which continued for some time when E Coggeshall closed in solemn supplication - Took tea at C Rodmans in company with my dear H who came to town this morning & took meetings with us today, & went directly out after tea so that I have had but little



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oppertunity with her. She was preciously near my heart, & should have been glad to have enjoyed more of her company - In the evening sat a little while with D R & wife with my mind sweetly ruminating & sometimes speaking on the favors of the day - It has been a precious day to me for which I desire to be very thankful

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August 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 10 of 8 M / Favor'd with the renewal of life thro' the day - in the forepart of the evening Set a while in the shop of WC where I experenced a degree of exercise which was peerhaps priffitable to myself, in the latter part called at J Earls where was R Mott & wife R was sociable & some of his conversation was instructing, but he spoke on one subject in which I differed with him, I took the liberty to advance my opinion in opposition to his but did not defend it much [which gave him a chance to harp{?} largely upon his, all scratched out] as the company was large. I felt embarrassed at entering into much argument which gave him a good opportunity to expatiate largely in favor of his own sentiment, & I was willing to be accounted a fool before them -the evening did not close so sweetly as I could wish -

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August 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 11 of 8 N / Feeling considerable exercise from last evenings conversation, thought I should not feel easy to let R Mott go out of town without further labor on the subject - & thinking it probable he might be in Obadiah Williams shop took a walk up & found him there. we pretty soon resumed the Subject, & after a lengthy debate it evidently appear'd that meither of us was likly to relinquish our opinions, but we parted in love towards each other --Setting in company with a friend this evening, he said "Well Stephen what doest thou think of the signs of the times among us "(alluding to some circumstances now operating in our Moy [Monthly] Meeting), I reply'd, "The times are low what shall be done about it, weep between the poarch & the Alter", he reply'd "No that will not do, every man must build the wall over against his own door -working with one hand, holding the sword in the other against the enemys" which reply seemed so peertinent that it made an impresssion of some usefulness on my mind

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 August 12, Wednesday: France made the demand of July 19th an ultimatum — Portugal must also declare war on Great Britain, arrest all British subjects in the country, and confiscate all British assets.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 8 M 1807 / The precious life has been felt sweetly to arise in my mind, at seasons, thro' the day, it would have risen much higher but was prevented for the want of entering into the closet - Jeremiah Austin Junr & wife came to town this forenoon. I was glad to see them, for I love them much

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 August 13, Thursday: Charles Baker of Waltham got married with Abigail Parks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 8 M / This Morn & before meeting my dear old friend Patience Austin came to the shop & set with me for some time relating the various deep exercises & baptisms of this poor Soul since she left [Rhode Island](#) - My heart was much affected thereby & prayers begotten that She may be enabled to bear up under every afflictive dispensation - She is one I have loved much ever since our first acquaintance, & believe her to be a true christian We had a precious meeting. Our friend Richard Mott was very acceptably engaged in testimony & fervantly in Supplication - it held near three hours - Spent the evening at D Williams in pleasant conversation, but very little life experienced on my part

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 August 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 8 M 1807 / When the boody is disorder'd the mind is not clear - I'm laboring under an heavy cold, but am abloe to be in the shop & attend to my little concerns of an outward nature, & while inserting this favor my mind is disposed to thankfulness to the Author of every blessing both spiritually & temporally, he hath liberally bestowed of the choicest of them to me, but suitable returns have not been made. Oh saith my soul, may there be more full dedication of heart to the divine will my mind is often humbled under a sense of my short comings - Our Friend R Mott left town about one OClock expecting to tarry at [Portsmouth](#) tonight & proceed on to [Providence](#) in the mornng - In the evening called at Aunt [M G's C R](#); & [J Earls](#) at the latter place I should have been stronger if I had talked less -but trust I said nothing materially amiss -

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 August 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7 day 15 of 8 M 1807 / A degree of life has attended my mind thro' the day. My cold is rather better, than yesterday, so that I think to go to [Portsmouth](#) presently, & be at meeting there tomorrow - After a pleasant ride, reached the Abode of my precious H & spent the evening with her - then returned to Z C's & lodged in the morning again visited my dear H, & went to meeting where we had a precious time; Our dear Old friend Mary Mitchell was concerned in supplication then in a livly testimony to the Youth - & at the conclusion of the meeting she requested we might meet again at half past three in the Afternoon - the meeting was larer [larger?] & more favord than the morng. The dear old woman again opened the service in solemn supplication to the God & father of all for preservation from the snares of the world, & a firm establishment in the everlasting truth, a willingness to abide allotted Baptism & a final admittance into the relms of eternal Bliss - She then was engaged in a most excellent address to the beloved youth on whose account she was tenderly interested, the current of love also flowed towards the Aged whom she addressed in a very livly manner - At the conclusion of the meeting she took an affectionate farewell, expressing an apprehension that it would be a final parting with many present - & the meeting ended under a solemn covering, & for my own part I may acknowledge I[t] was a good time to me & was thankful my lot was cast at there -Took tea at Asa Shermans with my H - Wm Mitchell & precious daughter Eliza it was a very agreeable opportunity. I love William dearly, he is a sage old man & a beautiful pillar in our Society - from Asa's we returned to P L, & from there I went to Z C, & lodged, & this morning came home -

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August 18, Tuesday: Jérôme Bonaparte became King of Westphalia.

Robert Fulton reached Governor Livingston's home, Clermont, at 1PM. His average speed had been 4½ miles an hour.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 18 of 8 M 1807 / As I was standing near the Market Cart of our friend H.A. there came up a poor old black Man formerly the property of a member of our society & very rich as to wordly possessions - As he came & looked into the cart H asked him if he wanted meat, he said a little peace which lay there - H asked how much money he had & whether he thought what he had would purchase it, he said he feared not & wanted it weighed & found it would not, the meat was cut, which come to two cents less than the money he had, as he took the meat he held it in one hand, & the remaining two cents in the other, & said "here is all the Money poor old negro got, & I am eighty years old" - My mind was affected before but when the poor old man uttered those words in such plaintive accents, my Soul was moved or touched to the quick with tenderness toward him I know not when I have experienced so humbling sensations - when I ate my own dinner I



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ate it with an humble thankful heart, to the God & father of mercies that I was so bountifully provided for I was lead to consider the many favors I enjoy, & to feel a sense of the sufferings of others - It is remarkable that the estate of this poor old black mans master is now all gone & out of the family & his children come to be as poor as this old black man.

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August 19, Wednesday: Robert Fulton steamed north out of Clermont, and reached Albany, New York in slightly more than 8 hours. The entire journey thus had required 28 hours and 45 minutes.

Jane C. Webb was born at Ritwell House near Birmingham, England. Her father Thomas Webb, Esq. was wealthy and her early years would be spent in luxury — luxury that would not endure.⁶⁰

JANE WEBB LOUDON

The Emperor Napoléon suppressed the Tribunal, making his control of policy more effective.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 19 of 8 M 1807 / Arose & occupied my time before breakfast in transcribing Mary Mitchells Epistles the Quarterly meetings constituting this Yearly Meeting - Most of the day & evening an insensibility of mind to religious impressions, but I trust the good spirit was several times felt to be near - A little prayer now rises in my heart alike this "Oh Lord keep me near, bring me near the fountain of life"

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August 20, Thursday (or February 1, Sunday, depending on which source we believe): [William James Hubard](#) was born in Whitchurch Shropshire or Warwick, England, to William Hubard and Catharine Hall Hubard.

In a circuit court in Richmond, Virginia, at the treason trial of former Vice-President Aaron Burr, which was for a proposal made at a meeting in a mansion on Blennerhassett's Island in the Ohio River between Ohio and Virginia on the night of December 10, 1806, a proposal to assemble a military force to wage war against the United States of America, defense attorneys produced an elaborate argument as to the meaning of treason and asked the judge to exclude all general evidence that had been submitted by the prosecution that failed to pertain specifically to that particular discussion in that particular location on that particular night (a discussion at which, admittedly, Burr himself had not even been present, and a discussion the nature of which was being testified to by merely one uncorroborated witness).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 20 of 8 M / At meeting my mind was sensible of divine help, but such was my situation most of the time that I could not avail myself of it - was somewhat comforted by the living powerful supplication of that truly venerable Old prophetis [prophetess] Mary Mitchell -In the preparative meeting two cases of buisness

60. Information about [Jane Webb Loudon](#) has been extrapolated from Jack Kramer's WOMEN OF FLOWERS.



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was brought & sent to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, one the intentions of a friends marriage & the other for a removal certificate - - At tea this afternoon my [sic] was visited with a Sweet brook of precious life, for which my heart is thankful - it has attended me thro' the evening & tho' it seems to be low yet it does me much good as my mind seems to be in such a tender frame as I have longed to have it for a longtime -& in measure releaved from that hard unsusceptible state with which I am so often tried - Oh Gracious & merciful God, thou art very kind to me, enable me Oh father to live near the fountain of Divine life

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August 21, Friday: Robert Fulton completed his first round trip to Albany by arriving in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 21 of 8 M 1807 / There is scarce anything will affect me more than a relation or sight of human sufferings, & just before dinner my mind was deeply penetrated at hearing the Sufferings of a poor black woman last Winter
My mind has been favord to feel a Sweet flow of life for which my desire is to be thankful
Spent the evening at R Taylors except a short clall towards the close at C R's -*

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August 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 22 of 8 M / Had conferences with two friends on a difficult subject in society, one discovered a painful disposition the other accorded with me in sentiment - I am thankful & can say humbly thankful that my mind is preserved from the mixture & feel love in my heart to flow toward all - It has been an highly favord day to me - Oh saith my soul may due returns be made to the bountiful giver of every blessing & favor, my heart hath felt the humbling influence to arise this evening with renewed fervant desires for preservation from every hurtful thing -
This evening made agreeable calls at C R; D R & J Es*

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August 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 23 of 8 M 1807 / Our Meeting this morng was a good composed time to me & I thought generally favord - Our dear old friend Mary Mitchell Said "While her eyes had surveyed her young friends she had felt her mind disposed to call to them in the language of the royal prophet "let the young men & mainds, Old men & children praise the Lord" She feelingly exhorted us to "attend to that inspeaking word which if attended to would work



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deliverance from Sin & an enlargement in the truth, she sweetly illustrated a religious life, & desired we might so live as to insure a reward of peace in the Solemn moment hastning on all – In the Afternoon the meeting was without preaching, but not without speaking for a drunken Indian woman came who disturbed us very much - I thought the disturbance was no disadvantage to me, as it drove me more to the center than perhaps I Should otherwise have got - After meeting C R - O W & myself took tea & spent the evening at D Buffums very agreeably & I hope to a degree of proffit - while setting there my thoughts were often turnd towards my precious H with desires she could partake with us -

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August 24, Monday: George Anson Byron returned to England on board the frigate *Concorde* and obtained his initial commission.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Russia and Turkey agreed to an armistice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 24 of 8 M 1807 / My dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah have this day removed from John Coggershalls House to Jeremiah Lawtons it is a pleasant place I feel glad they are so pleasantly situated as to the outward in that respect but how they will get a living I know not but hope the good hand of Providence that hath helped them hitherto will Still be their support --Receiv'd a comfortable letter from my friends Wm Burling of N York - in the evening called at Several of my friends houses -& have nothing to insert -except that there is but very little religion in me today

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August 25, Tuesday: [Nicolò Paganini](#)'s "Napoleon Sonata" to honor the birthday of Emperor of the French and King of Italy [Napoléon](#) (which had actually occurred on August 15th) was performed, by the composer, for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 8 M / I am a poor thing & allmost dead as to religious sensibility, but notwithstanding my poverty was much favord in writing to a young female at Salem for whom my Soul hath often felt much for I was thankful to find there was yet something alive in me & readily Yealded to the impulse - Spent most of the evening at Jon a Greene's in company with cousin Anne who has come over to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - had a little opportunity with my valued friend Thos Howland whose company I love

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 August 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 26 of 8 M / Tho' I'm still a poor dead thing, yet a degree of the precious life has been witnessed to arise - towards night recieved a letter from my friends David Smith of Bolton which did me some good - Spent the evening in the Shop at writing

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 August 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 27 of 8 M 1807 / I'm now going to [Portsmouth](#) with E R to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. Oh Saith my soul may I be favor'd with patience, may I be favor'd with Wisdom & Strnegth for if I'm not mistaken there will be occasion for all that are disposed to bear the burden, to recur to the fountain of life & wisdom that they may receive a right qualification to act in matters that may come before us - Oh father be with us, be with me Oh father & preserve from a brittle spirit & favor me oh Lord with thy holy spirit

Our first meeting was a good time to me, my mind was favor'd to get into the quiet, & to keep in it thro' both meetings, Dear Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short testimony, (the first for several months) it was to my feelings a precious offering seasoned with the best salt - then Mary Morton was concerned in a very acceptable offering, & the meeting concluded in a little more than an hour - The part for discipline was long but the buisness was conducted much better than I expected Our friends [Moses Brown](#), Joseph Collins, Wm Peckham, Sylvester Weeks, Joseph Harris, Thos Arnold & Thos Howland were with us as a committee from the Quarterly Meeting to assist us in a difficult matter before the meeting, which they did much to our satisfaction, & the matter is ended

I dined with P Lawton, & had a precious little opportunity with my endeared H, then rode home & petty [sic] soon went to bed much fatigued from the effect of the long meeting I was at the meeting house from, 9 OClock till 3 OClock in the afternoon - but do not feel the worse for it this morng

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 August 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / Nothing material to insert, all the family have heavy cold but myself. I desire to be thankful for the escape. - In the evening called to see my dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah in their new abode, & found them all down with the Influenza —

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August 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 8th M 29 1807 / My mind this evening is dipt into seriousness, & desires are raised in my heart that a thorough renovaton may be experienced.

The above was written in the forepart of the evening since which I have made a visit to Benj'n Baley & wife of N York, who are here on a visit to their friends, & the benefit of health -While I was setting in the chamber with them, my mind was unexpectedly arrested with feelings which bowed my spirit towards his wife with whom I have been long acquainted & is now in a poor state of health - And had it not been for a mixture of pride & diffidence believe I should have communicated some of my feelings to her - my desires were that she might attain to that state of watchfulness unto prayer which can effect a thorough renovation of heart, & furnish with patience to endure the pains of the body & resignation to the divine will, - Oh that this may be her happy experience

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August 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th M 30th 1807 / My mind has this mornng felt the renewal of life & have had to reflect on various subjects with Seriousness, particularly riches & happiness - I am Scarcely willing to admit the former in any degree conducive to the latter, I have of late Seen Several instances which hath nearly confirmed m that there is no connection between them, tho' I believe both rich & poor may be happy & that both have their cares, yet I have thought so much mor responsibility is attached to Riches than poverty, that they are not enviabile, but most of all & above all that is to be desired is the middle path & an heart humbly thankful for every favor vouchsafed & that in all our movements, the cause of Truth be our primary object - A State correspondent with Agur the son of Jakeh [author of Proverbs 30] - "Remove far from me vanity & lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full & deny thee, & say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor & steal & take the name of my God in vain"

We had this mornng a favor'd meeting but the seed or spring of life was low with me - Our friends D Buffum & E Coggershall were largely favor'd in testimony Judge Arnold of [Smithfield](#) was at meeting & much affected - After meeting my mind being drawn towards [Portsmouth](#) to see my Beloved H with whom I have spent but very little time for several weeks, & even months, thought it warrantable on that acc't to leave the afternoon meeting to Spend the Afternoon & went with her, but it was not without some reluctance that I left the meeting as it is an example I do not approve, & in riding out met a young man a member of Society the Sight of which affected my mind & led me to fear my example would so some hurt, & a voice like this was so affectingly in sounded



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my mind that I was allmost induced to turn back "Adam where art thou? Adam where art thou?" but on turning the matter in my mind felt more approved for going & fell into a little conversation, whereby I clear'd myself & obliquely reprov'd him - my visit to my precious H was precious indeed, & I trust both were renewedly confirm'd our engagements to each other were founded on that which was right I lodged at P L & this 2nd day [Monday] morning rose at a little past four OC [OClock] & rode home in good season to open my shop & have been rather more industrious than common for me - Called this evening at Aunt M Goulds [Martha et al] found them better - then at D R's where I found Jemimah Ausatin who I was glad to see for the love I bore for her before she went away. I fear the poor child has not gain'd much in the better part Since I saw her last - While I was setting at D's my mind was tendered with a belief that the Spirit of truth was yet with me, & I trust living thanks arose in my heart to the God of all that he was once more pleas'd to visit my soul with his refreshing presence

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September 1, Tuesday: In a circuit court in Richmond, Virginia, former Vice-President Aaron Burr was acquitted of the treason of having attempted to establish an independent nation comprised of Mexico and parts of the Louisiana Territory, an empire of which he would be the ruler, because his act could not be attested to by two witnesses. He would immediately depart for Europe to avoid prosecution for the murder of Alexander Hamilton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 1st of 9th M 1807 / Pretty diligently at trade & at times favord with the precious arisings of life - Oh that I could dwell nearer the fountain Spent the forepart of the eveng at D W's & the latter at C R: -

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September 2, Wednesday: This day marked the first mention of Jan Ladislav Dussek in the service of Charles Maurice de Talleyrand.

British ships began a [bombardment of Copenhagen](#) with fire bombs and phosphorus rockets, to preempt the use of the Danish fleet by Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 9 M / Pretty dilligently at trade, - In the forenoon Cousin A Greene called at the Shop & set sometime She is a friend I love much, & whose conversation is very interesting, tho' much in the simplicity -- Called this evening to set with her a little while before she goes on her journey which she expects to tomorrow if the weather permits

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September 3, Thursday: Robert Fulton registered his steamboat as the *North River Steam Boat*.

[Gorham Dummer Abbott](#) was born to the Reverend Jacob Abbott and Betsey Abbott in Hallowell, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 3 of 9 M / This mornng between 9 & 10 OClock Our beloved friends Anne Greene & Abigail Robinson, accompanied by Jon Dennis set out on a religious Embassey to Salem & Falmouth Quarterly Meetings, when they got into the carriage they all appeared as if they were sensible of the importance of the undertaking - I went up to be with cousin Anne a little while before she left us, she appear'd to be in the most sweet frame I ever saw her, her company was so very pleasant that my mind seem'd to partake of her spirit, & living desires arose in my soul that I might more & more imitate, her life & conduct, so as to attain to the like degree of favor she has - Our meeting was small but to me a very comfortable one, & I thought the Lords hand was renewedly stretched forth to do us good, & all that was wanting was a faithful obedience to the divine call in our hearts but alass, there is so many that stand opposed thereto, that I sometimes fear it may be said of us as to Israel formerly, "All the day long have I stretched forth my hand unto a wicked & rebellious generation" Spent the evening at E Hosiers [?] where I went purposly to see Eliz Coggeshall, she is one of the faithful of the day, & tho' but little over 30 years of age has already visited all the meetings of friends in the United States, all in England Ireland Scotland & Wales - While setting with her this evening my mind was brought into nearness with her & I thought I loved her better than ever -Oh that I was as faithful as She is, but Alass I'm a poor halting thing, & fear I shall never be otherwise

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September 4, Friday: Robert Fulton initiated regular steamboat service between New-York and Albany.

The [Reverend Dr. Robert Morrison](#), initial Protestant missionary to [China](#), arrived at the Portuguese settlement of Macao at the mouth of the Pearl River leading to Canton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 9th M 1807 / Nothing of note has occur'd that I recollect that is worth inserting, & some may think it wholly superfluous for me thus to journalize but there is a peculiar satisfaction in it to me, & I have believed it right for some Years Spent the evening At Aunt Martha Goulds & C R's, while setting at both places, as well as at times thro' the day, my mind was Solemnized so that I felt but little disposition to join in conversation - Oh saith my soul at this time, may an holy



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solemnity cover my mind at all times & on all occasions

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September 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 8 of 9 M 1807 / Nothing material has occur'd to insert, & may only add that I am a poor erring creature - Spent the evening at writing in my Shop

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September 9, Wednesday: Great Britain ended its 8-month occupation of Montevideo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9th of 9th M / The day has passed as usual - Received a letter from cousin Anne Greene, which mentioned that she & her companions were well & at Salem, expecting to take meetings in their way to Falmouth - Made several calls in ther evening at the usual places

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September 10, Thursday: Andrew Law received a US copyright for his Harmonic Companion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10 of 9 M / We set our meetings in silence, soon after the very lifeless & unconcerned countenances of allmost all present, my feelings became affectionately arrested with desires that the truth might yet rise triumphant over that dull & easy state that abundantly prevails among us. I thought notwithstanding our case was bad, there were yet left a few names in our Sardis that had not defiled their garments; or at least were striving to wash them from their defilements. my mind was lead into a close search on my own account accompanied with desires that I might become more & more in earnest to be redeemed from the world, & tho' the little foxes now & then rushed in to nip the tender shoots of life, yet I thought it a favord time & they in good measure prevented from doing hurt. In the corse of the afternoon I have had to view the dangerous situation of a state of ease, & a state that hath been favord in the beginning with many divine openings, but contenting them selves with yesterdays manna, have settle down in the form of sound words & doctrine, but lack the life & Power. Oh saith my soul, that I may daily more & more search for that living food without which we cannot live unto God one day, nor one hour --- This evening while setting at a friends house my mind became remarkably reached & tender'd with a sense of divine goodness being near - I desire to be thankful for the present favor, & may with thankfulness acknowledge that the day throughout has



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been an uncommonly favor'd one –

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September 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 11 of 9 M 1807 / My friend P Dunham came to the Shop several times today, his company was agreeable & particularly so at this time, & we both seem'd to have a low path to tread – I don't remember a day when the Mountains of discouragement has more oppressingly arisen to view than this. It has seemed as if all I had even done or ever like to do, would prove, nothing but an augmentation of my guiltiness of unfaithfulness
So it is one day high & another low, yesterday I thought there was a small gleam of encouragement on my tabernacle, & today, darkness & cloud is my portion*

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September 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 9 M / I have felt yesterdays depression most of the day but not to so great a degree, – called in the evening at Aunt Patty Gould, & C R —

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September 13, Sunday: On the Sunday after the nameday of Princess Esterházy [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) directed the initial performance of his Mass in C at Eisenstadt. This was not a success.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 13th of 9 M 1807 / Arose early & took an healthful walk across the Beach, & ruminated on Scened past, present & to come returned & before meeting read a chapter in the New Testament & in a few moments retirement, was favord with a refreshing stream of divine life under which I went to meeting & found it to continue & to me it was a good meeting towards the close of it Abigail Sherman stood up & repeated This Scripture "Fear not little flock it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom" – Then our friend Wm Flanner who came to town last evening, arose & said he thought he felt a simple freedom, just to desire friends to be more livly in their exercises if we should be favord to have another meeting, & not come & go to sleep, that would do no good he was persuaded, for his part he Said he had had a poor meeting, & felt as if much lassitude had prevailed among us" which with a little more he was easy to express with his hat on
At the afternoon Meeting Wm Seemed still under depression, but however preached a little very sweetly After meeting C R, J S & myself went down to A [?] Dennis & took tea with his precious*



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wife she bears up under the separation from her dear J quite to admiration, considering her very depressed State for several months past - on our way home we stopped at D B's where we found Wm Flanner & companion we Set a little while with them & return'd home - Wm is one of the right sort of preachers, he preaches by example as well as precept, he is a meek spirited, deeply concern'd friend, I love him dearly tho' I have had little or no acquaintance with him

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 September 14, Monday: Former Vice-President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 14 of 9 M 1807 / It haas been a confused day, by the noise Guns drums &c - I was warned to appear with military apparatus, but am confirmed beyond all controversy that it will tend more to my peace to disobey their command than to obey it, even if they take much of my goods to Satisfy their demand - Our testimony against war is a very important one, & calls for the Zeal & christain spirit of all our members to Support it. I desire to bear my testimony Patiently & examplarily - Our friend Wm Flanner left town for [Providence](#), accompanied by J S

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 September 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 15 of 9 M / Brought but little to pass in any sense, & am a poor empty vessel unfit got use
Spent the evening at R Taylors, on buisness of society

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 September 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 16 of 9 M / Pretty industrious at trade, but quite barran till this evening, when I called in at D R's where I met dear R, our conversation turnd on Subjects which brought fresh into my remembrance the days of my espousals, days when the chief bent & concern of my soul was to seek & serve the Lord with all my might & strength. Oh how fresh & zealous was my mind to do the will of my heavenly father & I trust a good degree of the same is yet alive in me, but I have come far short of what I was designed by not yealding an unreserved obedience to every manifestation of the divine will, by halting, & not dwelling sufficiently deep in the Spirit of my mind - Oh saith my soul at this time, may my hands be put to the plow with an increasing fervor of soul & spirit, that those days of unfaithfulness &



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forgetfulness may be redeemed

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 September 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 17 of 9 Mt 1807 / I am a poor thing yet. At meeting I tried to get settled, but turn which way I would, some frivilous thing would run into my head & destroy my enjoyment of that precious life which Seemed to be underneath, but I could not attain to Strength sufficient to dig low enough to come to the Spring -

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 September 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 18 of 9 M / Shall I say it hath been a day of favor? if a day of depression, & clouds as to my future living in this world, & conciousness of very great unfaithfulness in things of my souls concern, is a day of favor, this has been one This mornng my belovd friend Joselh Austin arrived here from [Nantucket](#), who I was glad to see, nay more I was rejoiced to see him, the Sight of him was better to me than any thing I have met with to day, or for many days, he appears to deepened in root & is Still deepening, his very countenance Saith he hath been with Jesus. - A little prayer arose in my heart while he was Setting by my side, that I might yet be purified from all sin -Oh! how I long at times to be deliverd from the burden of sin & death. Oh Lord help or I perish

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 September 19, Saturday: A great [comet](#) whipped around the sun. Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 19 of 9 M 1807 / The day has passed with but little benefit, - a poor dull thing - Set part of the evening at C R'

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 September 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 20 of 9 M / Our beloved friend Wm Flanner after having visited [Tiverton](#), Little-Compton, Acoaxet & several meetings in those parts, returned here yesterday & was at our meeting today, in the forenoon he was very large in testimony, appearing to be under a very depressive exercise on account of the lukewarmness & indifference that prevaild in this place, among the professors of religion, & also the aboundings of wickendness which he Said occasions much darkness & deep waiding for his poor mind. The life & power of the spirit evidently attended his communication & I was favord to feel the force therof in an uncommon degree



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in my mind. O Saith my soul may his testimony reach the hearts of those that are at ease in Zion for whom her ways do mourn - & may those who are sinning continually against the just witness in their hearts when the Lord God calls Again unto them in the Language "Adam where art thou", be so arroused thereby as to See their miserable fig leaf covering & seek another that Shall stand them in better Stead

Between meetings I called at J Shermans to see the dear man, [to see Fanner?] it was a precious call indeed, I desire not to think too much of any man, but truly it is my judgement there has not been a deeper & more honest laborer for some time, he is pleasant & very instructing in conversation, his countenance at the same time bespeaking a deeply Baptized spirit - I walked up to the meeting house with him, & should have been glad to have had him & companion to have taken tea with us this Afternoon -At meeting he was gain very Searching & powerful in testimony The current of which was mostly as in the morning - to such as were at ease in Zion - M Morton set her seal to it, Desiring we might individually take our portions of what was Said without placing it on others, & said that we read that Jerusalem was Searched as with lighted candles & she believed Something of it had been fulfilled among us this day - Towards night I rode with him & companion to D Buffums & spent the evening in their company very sweetly - I trust it has been a day wherein I have witnessed a degree of divine favor upon my Spirit & hope to be able to keep under its precious influence.

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September 21, Monday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) and his *Alpha* arrived at Philadelphia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 21 of 9 M 1807 / Several things have conspired this day to anoy my tranquility, perhaps its best I should be stired up to look around me, & see if all things be right, & I am persuaded they are not - but I really wish people would attend to their own private concerns without dabling with others, & judging of the propriety or impropriety of conduct they know nothing about, nor need not know any thing about - but such is human nature, it must be busy about something, & it is the increasing wish of my heart, that I may be busy about the right thing - I have not felt the old nature raised, but rather my spirit grievously depressed

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September 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 22 of 9 M 1807 / The mountains & clouds are so oppressingly around me, that it seems as if every prospect is closed & never will open

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September 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 23 of 9 M / The clouds of yesterday have Somewhat dispersed, but I am far from feeling released from depression

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September 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 24 of 9 M / At our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in town we were favord to transact the many concerns that came before us in a good degree of brotherly lov. George B Robinson & P Earle received their marriage license, & Ruben Shove & Lydia Fish were candidates to Hymen

The first meeting was to me a pretty favord time Susanna Barker & Mary Morton appeard very sweetly in testimony

I feel the most sweetness this afternoon & evening that I allmost ever felt after monthly Meeting, & thankfulness is in my heart that I was favord to keep in a right spirit thro' the course of buisness – How comfortable to feel an evidence of faithfulness to apprehended duty –

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September 25, Friday: The British pulled their troops out of [Egypt](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

? day 25 of 9 M / I hardly know what to insert - the day has passed & whether any advancement has been made in the best sense or not I cannot tell but have felt this afternoon desires for it –Spent the fore part of the evening at Tho Robinsons in agreeable company

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September 26, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 26th of 9th M 1807 / I sometimes think should any one ever have the perusal of my diary they would form rather a singular Idea of me, or at least think time & paper was very unnecessarily spent on writing it - but whatever may be thought of it I am well satisfied that it is right for me thus to note some of my feelings & exercises thro' time - I am fully sensible of the many improprieties of language & some other inaccuracies with which it abounds - Also that it is not written in a stile agreeable to read, but when it is considered that is designed soley for the benefit of one, that from time to time he may look over the past days & compare his feelings from time to time & from the past omissions be aroused to a sense of the danger he stands in of suffering the glass of time to run out, before his



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*peace is made with his Creator - some excuses then may be made
for the wase of time & paper -
In the evening walked to Portsmouth & lodged at Couzin Z Chases*

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 September 27, Sunday: The great comet passed by the orbit of Earth on its way back into space, displaying well-separated gas and dust tails.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*1 day / I[n] the morng walked up to P L's & found my dear H well
then to meeting where I could not get to the root as at some
times. Our friend H Almy was concerned in a zealous & I thought
favord testimony after meeting returned to P L, spent the
afternoon & evening with my dear H & lodged there- -*

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 September 28, Monday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*2 day / Rose early & walked home in about one Hour & three
quarters it was a pleasant walk & a very refreshing visit
Set the latter part of the evening at J Earl's in a pleasant
circles*

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 September 29, Tuesday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould recorded having foolishly paying nine pence to view a curious piece of machinery, and how that reminded him that once he had paid to view Old Bet when she had been on tour in 1797 — and that in addition he had glimpsed the comet that was currently in the night skies.⁶¹

*3 day 29 of 9 M / Spent nine pence foolishly, but there was some
excuse for it, there is in town a thing called the house of
Industry, which was represented to me as a curious peace of
Machenery which I thought the line of my occupation would
warrant me in visiting & to be sure it was curious to see many
kinds of work all perform'd in miniture at one time by one set
of works such as blacksmithing, shoemaking, a woman with her
spinning wheel, sawing of wood, a woman pumping &c but "all is
vanity saith the preacher" while I was standing by it I clearly
felt I had no buisness there, & while I was there & before I
went was inwardly reprovred. I never before went to see any kind
of show except - the Elephant & even then was much dissatisfied
with myself for appearing at a place where so many people were*

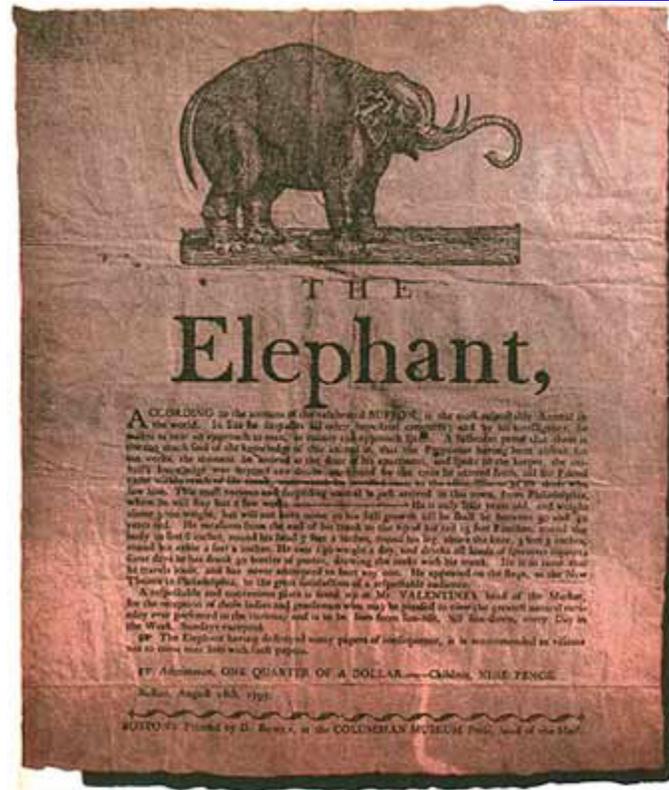
61. "GREAT COMET, 1807 (1807 R1). Visible with the unaided eye from early in September until late December, T=1807 September 19. Discovered in the evening twilight of September 9 not far from the bright star Spica. Comet of 1st magnitude with a short tail, moving toward the northeast. Late in the month, 1st magnitude with a 7-8 degree tail. During the middle of October, when situated Serpens, still of 1st or 2nd magnitude and sporting two tails, the longer of which spanned 10 degrees. Crossed Hercules in the latter half of October and the first part of November, fading from 2nd to 4th magnitude but the main tail remained up to 5 degrees long. Situated near the bright star Deneb in mid December, when approaching the limit of naked eye visibility."

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- I hope this will be sufficient to teach me more wisdom in future
 In the evening viewed a Comet that for several nights has appear'd. There was nothing very remarkable in its appearance, except a Small flash like a tail, it is the first I ever saw, therefore the more of a curiosity

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➡ September 30, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 30 of 9 M 1807 / My mind has been in a guarded state & on the whole a pretty good day.

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➡ October 1, Thursday: When Portugal declined the French ultimatum of August 12th, the French and Spanish ambassadors were withdrawn.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 1st of 10th M 1807 / At Meeting George B Robinson & Phebe Earl were married the meeting was very quiet, & Hannah Dennis appear'd in a few words, expressing a wish that we might not set our hearts on things of this world, but seek first the Kingdom of Heaven & the righteousness thereof & all things necessary would be added - My mind was in rather a roving frame, but on



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the whole it was a much better meeting than I sometimes have - And now this afternoon a good degree of seriousness pervades my feelings & mental aspirations arise to the Father of mercys, that he would help my infermities, Oh Father help my infermities The forepart of the eveng at work, the latter at aunt M Goulds - had thought of calling at the wedding house, but on the whole thought it would contribute rather more to my peace to stay than go, as there was a large company

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 October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 10th M 1807 / A want of care to keep on the watch & in the Cross is my daily experience, however there is nothing very remarkable that strikes my mind in this days progress, but that is certainly the case or there would not be that leaness in my mind this evening, that is, if it was not so - Called just now to see the new married pair, they seemed to be pretty much the same George & Phebe

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 October 3, Saturday: Heinrich Friedrich Karl, Baron vom und zum Stein became Minister of State of Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 3rd of 10th M / What shall I say? unfaithfulness (& may I not say rebellion) again compels me to say no improvement - my very Soul at this moment revolts at the Idea of remaining so long in a state of unfaithfulness & unwatchfulness, but I fear "the next gale of temptations will blow away my resolutions" at this time - -This eveng spent a little time at Thos Robisons very pleasantly as to the outward, but my mind was in so lean a condition that I could not feel much life

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 October 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 10 M / In the forenoon our meeting was middlingly large & D Buffum - informed us that he that knew his Masters will & did it not Should be beaten with many stripes - In the afternoon we were Silent, & very small in numbers, owing to the heavy rain -In the evening with O W visited Wm Lee whose daughter Sarah deceased yesterday

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October 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 5 of 10 M / I am a poor barran thing, but at the funeral of Sarah Lee my mind was in a degree Solemnized & a comfortable quiet experienced - Oh the want there is of my digging deep that access may be had to the fountain of life & Wisdom, - there is much rubbish to be removed before the waters of life can flow freely -

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October 6, Tuesday: 28-year-old Humphrey Davy first produced and discovered potassium, working in his own laboratory in the Royal Institution, London (by chance Davy had passed an electric current through molten potash, releasing potassium, which when it came into contact with air appeared as a lavender flame).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 6th of 10th M 1807 / Dry & barran as to religion - S Barker called at the Shop & was very agreeable, I was in hopes her weighty spirit would have helped mine, but I'm so unfaithful & keep defering application to duty so long that I am allmost ready to fear the acceptable time of Offering a heart wholly dedicated, will be over, before it is done -

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October 7, Wednesday: At Philadelphia, “a [comet](#) visible.”

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 7 of 10 M / Saw the Corps of a child of JH the most singular circumstance that has come within my knowledge or the knowledge of a person present that said he had layed out more than and hundred persons - the child died on second day last & there Still appears heat in it Particularly about the neck & the boody in general, has not that deathly cold which other corps have, every limb & joint moves as easy as if it was living, I saw its hand taken & put to its head - & there is no smell about it not even the common smell that allways attends corpses

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October 8, Thursday: Andrew Law received a US copyright for his Choice Collection of Church Music for the Methodist Church.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 8 of 10 M / At meeting the precious life & influence of the holy spirit was sweetly vouchsafed to my poor (allmost dead) mind-was it not that now & then this precious feeling was renewed I should be ready to fear that the day of my visitation was



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sorrowfully past & gone - soon after we took our seats I began to seek for help & felt it near, & was just breathing in secret supplication to the Lord Almighty for that bread which nourisheth as none other can - when our dear S Barker knelt in prayer & seemed to take the very words from my mouth, & went on in such a manner as to refresh my spirit as I never remember to have felt it by a similar appearance - I desire to be humbly thankful for this renewed favor & Oh Lord be pleased to enable me to dwell low that this may not be the last time - The Corps of the child mentioned yesterday was buried this afternoon, an alteration took place -

This evening called at J Earls where I found A A. M M. S B & several others waited on S B to D Ws - It seems as if I am in a rather & better State this evening than at some times

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October 9, Friday: An edict by King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia ended serfdom in that nation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 10th M 1807 / I think not quite so much of that deserted deathly state of mind as some days, rather more feeling, or ability to strive for help. I esteem this a precious favor for which I desire to return thanks & Oh! that I may be enabled to render praise also to the Great Name - Spent most of the evening at Aunt M Goulds - & in my way home called a few minutes at C R's.

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October 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 10th of 10th M / Not the worst of days - In the evening took a pleasant walk to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Z Chases After I went to bed my mind was ruminating on various subjects & became arrested with an exercise on behalf of one that is about to marry contrary to the order of Friends, - occurrences of that kind are always affecting to me & raise sensations which I cannot well express -

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October 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day / Morning after breakfast went up to P L, & found my dear H well - then to meeting & enjoyed a pretty good state of mind & I thought it was a good meeting, tho' it passed in silence - Din'd at P L's & in the afternoon went to see our Ancient friend & my beloved cousin Elizabeth Mott tho' she is confined to her room & has been for several years, is very pleasant & interesting



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in conversation; it is all ways agreeable & am allways well paid for my visits too those that are older in experience than myself. took tea at P L spent the evening & lodged there & this 2 day morning rose early & walked home before breakfast was ready I seem to labor under a cold, which with my walk this mornng has so unhinged my system that I have done but little work or felt but little of the circulations of that spirit I was in some degree favord with yesterday - In the eveng called to see A H to consult with her in the affairs of her family, Poor thing she is so situated that it is hard to know what to advise her too - of I ever have children I hope I shall keep my Authority over them longer than she has over hers -

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October 12, Monday: Louis Spohr was admitted to the newly reconstituted Masonic lodge “Ernst zum Kompass” in Gotha.

In [Bristol, Rhode Island](#), at the US Customs House, sale of [slaves](#) brought over in a voyage of the [negrero](#) brig *Three Sisters*.

TRIANGULAR TRADE

How was this possible under the federal Act of 1807, recently enacted?

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: The dozen or more propositions on the question of the disposal of illegally imported Africans may be divided into two chief heads, representing two radically opposed parties: 1. That illegally imported Africans be free, although they might be indentured for a term of years or removed from the country. 2. That such Africans be sold as slaves.⁶² The arguments on these two propositions, which were many and far-reaching, may be roughly divided into three classes, political, constitutional, and moral.

62. There were at least twelve distinct propositions as to the disposal of the Africans imported: —

1. That they be forfeited and sold by the United States at auction (Early's bill, reported Dec. 15: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 167-8).
2. That they be forfeited and left to the disposal of the States (proposed by Bidwell and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 181, 221, 477. This was the final settlement.)
3. That they be forfeited and sold, and that the proceeds go to charities, education, or internal improvements (Early, Holland, and Masters: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 273).
4. That they be forfeited and indentured for life (Alston and Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 170-1).
5. That they be forfeited and indentured for 7, 8, or 10 years (Pitkin: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 186).
6. That they be forfeited and given into the custody of the President, and by him indentured in free States for a term of years (bill reported from the Senate Jan. 28: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 9th Congress 2d session, V. 575; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 477. Cf. also ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 272).
7. That the Secretary of the Treasury dispose of them, at his discretion, in service (Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 183).
8. That those imported into slave States be returned to Africa or bound out in free States (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 254).
9. That all be sent back to Africa (Smilie: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 176).
10. That those imported into free States be free, those imported into slave States be returned to Africa or indentured (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 226).
11. That they be forfeited but not sold (Sloan and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 270).
12. That they be free (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 168; Bidwell: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 9th Congress 2d session, V. 515).



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The political argument, reduced to its lowest terms, ran thus: those wishing to free the Negroes illegally imported declared that to enslave them would be to perpetrate the very evil which the law was designed to stop. "By the same law," they said, "we condemn the man-stealer and become the receivers of his stolen goods. We punish the criminal, and then step into his place, and complete the crime."⁶³ They said that the objection to free Negroes was no valid excuse; for if the Southern people really feared this class, they would consent to the imposing of such penalties on illicit traffic as would stop the importation of a single slave.⁶⁴ Moreover, "forfeiture" and sale of the Negroes implied a property right in them which did not exist.⁶⁵ Waiving this technical point, and allowing them to be "forfeited" to the government, then the government should either immediately set them free, or, at the most, indenture them for a term of years; otherwise, the law would be an encouragement to violators. "It certainly will be," said they, "if the importer can find means to evade the penalty of the act; for there he has all the advantage of a market enhanced by our ineffectual attempt to prohibit."⁶⁶ They claimed that even the indenturing of the ignorant barbarian for life was better than slavery; and Sloan declared that the Northern States would receive the freed Negroes willingly rather than have them enslaved.⁶⁷

The argument of those who insisted that the Negroes should be sold was tersely put by Macon: "In adopting our measures on this subject, we must pass such a law as can be executed."⁶⁸ Early expanded this: "It is a principle in legislation, as correct as any which has ever prevailed, that to give effect to laws you must not make them repugnant to the passions and wishes of the people among whom they are to operate. How then, in this instance, stands the fact? Do not gentlemen from every quarter of the Union prove, on the discussion of every question that has ever arisen in the House, having the most remote bearing on the giving freedom to the Africans in the bosom of our country, that it has excited the deepest sensibility in the breasts of those where slavery exists? And why is this so? It is, because those who, from experience, know the extent of the evil, believe that the most formidable aspect in which it can present itself, is by making these people free among them. Yes, sir, though slavery is an evil, regretted by every man in the country, to have among us in any considerable quantity persons of this description, is an evil far greater than slavery itself. Does any gentleman want proof of this? I answer that all proof is useless; no fact can be more notorious. With this belief on the minds of the people where slavery exists, and where the importation will take place, if at all, we are about to turn loose in a state of freedom all persons brought in after the passage of this law. I ask gentlemen to reflect and say whether such a law, opposed to the ideas, the

63. Bidwell, Cook, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 201.

64. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.

65. Fisk: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 224-5; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221.

66. Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 184.

67. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 478; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 171.

68. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.



passions, the views, and the affections of the people of the Southern States, can be executed? I tell them, no; it is impossible – why? Because no man will inform – why? Because to inform will be to lead to an evil which will be deemed greater than the offence of which information is given, because it will be opposed to the principle of self-preservation, and to the love of family. No, no man will be disposed to jeopard his life, and the lives of his countrymen. And if no one dare inform, the whole authority of the Government cannot carry the law into effect. The whole people will rise up against it. Why? Because to enforce it would be to turn loose, in the bosom of the country, firebrands that would consume them.”⁶⁹

This was the more tragic form of the argument; it also had a mercenary side, which was presented with equal emphasis. It was repeatedly said that the only way to enforce the law was to play off individual interests against each other. The profit from the sale of illegally imported Negroes was declared to be the only sufficient “inducement to give information of their importation.”⁷⁰ “Give up the idea of forfeiture, and I challenge the gentleman to invent fines, penalties, or punishments of any sort, sufficient to restrain the slave trade.”⁷¹ If such Negroes be freed, “I tell you that slaves will continue to be imported as heretofore.... You cannot get hold of the ships employed in this traffic. Besides, slaves will be brought into Georgia from East Florida. They will be brought into the Mississippi Territory from the bay of Mobile. You cannot inflict any other penalty, or devise any other adequate means of prevention, than a forfeiture of the Africans in whose possession they may be found after importation.”⁷² Then, too, when foreigners smuggled in Negroes, “who then ... could be operated on, but the purchasers? There was the rub – it was their interest alone which, by being operated on, would produce a check. Snap their purse-strings, break open their strong box, deprive them of their slaves, and by destroying the temptation to buy, you put an end to the trade, ... nothing short of a forfeiture of the slave would afford an effectual remedy.”⁷³ Again, it was argued that it was impossible to prevent imported Negroes from becoming slaves, or, what was just as bad, from being sold as vagabonds or indentured for life.⁷⁴ Even our own laws, it was said, recognize the title of the African slave factor in the transported Negroes; and if the importer have no title, why do we legislate? Why not let the African immigrant alone to get on as he may, just as we do the Irish immigrant?⁷⁵ If he should be returned to Africa, his home could not be found, and he would in all probability be sold into slavery again.⁷⁶

The constitutional argument was not urged as seriously as the

69. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 173-4.

70. Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 170.

71. D.R. Williams: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 183.

72. Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 184-5.

73. Lloyd, Early, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 203.

74. Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 170.

75. Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 222; Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 225.

76. Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 177.



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foregoing; but it had a considerable place. On the one hand, it was urged that if the Negroes were forfeited, they were forfeited to the United States government, which could dispose of them as it saw fit;⁷⁷ on the other hand, it was said that the United States, as owner, was subject to State laws, and could not free the Negroes contrary to such laws.⁷⁸ Some alleged that the freeing of such Negroes struck at the title to all slave property;⁷⁹ others thought that, as property in slaves was not recognized in the Constitution, it could not be in a statute.⁸⁰ The question also arose as to the source of the power of Congress over the slave-trade. Southern men derived it from the clause on commerce, and declared that it exceeded the power of Congress to declare Negroes imported into a slave State, free, against the laws of that State; that Congress could not determine what should or should not be property in a State.⁸¹ Northern men replied that, according to this principle, forfeiture and sale in Massachusetts would be illegal; that the power of Congress over the trade was derived from the restraining clause, as a non-existent power could not be restrained; and that the United States could act under her general powers as executor of the Law of Nations.⁸²

The moral argument as to the disposal of illegally imported Negroes was interlarded with all the others. On the one side, it began with the "Rights of Man," and descended to a stickling for the decent appearance of the statute-book; on the other side, it began with the uplifting of the heathen, and descended to a denial of the applicability of moral principles to the question. Said Holland of North Carolina: "It is admitted that the condition of the slaves in the Southern States is much superior to that of those in Africa. Who, then, will say that the trade is immoral?"⁸³ But, in fact, "morality has nothing to do with this traffic,"⁸⁴ for, as Joseph Clay declared, "it must appear to every man of common sense, that the question could be considered in a commercial point of view only."⁸⁵ The other side declared that, "by the laws of God and man," these captured Negroes are "entitled to their freedom as clearly and absolutely as we are;"⁸⁶ nevertheless, some were willing to leave them to the tender mercies of the slave States, so long as the statute-book was disgraced by no explicit recognition of slavery.⁸⁷ Such arguments brought some sharp sarcasm on those who seemed anxious

77. Barker: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 171; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.

78. Clay, Alston, and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 266.

79. Clay, Alston, and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 266.

80. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221.

81. Sloan and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 271; Early and Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 168, 171.

82. Ely, Bidwell, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 179, 181, 271; Smilie and Findley: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 225, 226.

83. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 240. Cf. Lloyd: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 236.

84. Holland: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 241.

85. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 227; Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 225.

86. Bidwell, Cook, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 201.

87. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221. Cf. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 202.



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"to legislate for the honor and glory of the statute book;"⁸⁸ some desired "to know what honor you will derive from a law that will be broken every day of your lives."⁸⁹ They would rather boldly sell the Negroes and turn the proceeds over to charity. The final settlement of the question was as follows: -

"SECTION 4.... And neither the importer, nor any person or persons claiming from or under him, shall hold any right or title whatsoever to any negro, mulatto, or person of color, nor to the service or labor thereof, who may be imported or brought within the United States, or territories thereof, in violation of this law, but the same shall remain subject to any regulations not contravening the provisions of this act, which the Legislatures of the several States or Territories at any time hereafter may make, for disposing of any such negro, mulatto, or person of color."⁹⁰



October 13, Tuesday: Humphrey Davy repeated his experiment of October 6th using soda instead of potash. This produced Sodium.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 13th of 10th M / My heart is affected with the spirit of thankfulness to the Father of mercies for thus visiting me with favors daily, & the Sincere aspiration of my soul to God is, that I may yet experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit

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October 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day of 14 of 10 M / Rather a lean day, so it is one day up & another down, yesterday Grace seemed to be at command, but today I can scarcely feel a lively sensation -- In the eveng went to Thos Robinsons on buisness with M Morton, & set a little w[h]ile very pleasantly with them

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October 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 15 of 10 M / When I took my seat in meeting I was quite empty but after a little time, my Vessel became refreshed with a comfortable Portion of the good Spirit Our friends John Hull & wife & Comfort Upton from Oblong on a religious visit to this Quarterly Meeting were with us. They appear to be solid friends & the two women appear to be Sound in Word, but not so correct in words as some others, John gave us no Specimin of his Gift,

88. Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 239.

89. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session

90. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 1267.



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but if a solid countenance is any thing to judge by, he has that in his favor

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 October 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 16 of 10 M / Our above mentioned friends staid in town last night & this mornng went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend a meeting which they appointed there his afternoon at Two OClock, From Er who was there I understand it was a favor'd time, they all preached & J Hull spoke from the words of the Apostle John "Faith is the substance of things, hoped for & the evidence of things not seen"

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 October 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 17 of 10 M / I have had of late to reflect much on the dander [danger?] of standing high the view of the World - I have both seen & heard of many who have been considered eminent as men & women of piety & been much Spoken of as such & doubtless in measure were so, but by having their minds filled with the praise of men have become spiritually proud, by not keeping down in the spirit of their minds, others have fallen into acts of immorality & brought disgrace on themselves & the Truth they were making profession of & some have fallen one way & some another, which hath at times raised a strong query [?] in my soul to God that he would preserve me by his power from falling into the hands of the enemy -Oh Lord preserve me from falling

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 October 18, Sunday: French troops entered Spain, making for Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 18 of 10 M 1807 / Our meeting this mornng was a very favord one. O Williams spoke in a weighty manner, as did also Mary Morton from these words, Blessed are they that Hunger & thirst after Righteousness for they shall be filled - In the Afternoon we were Silent, but my mind was not in quite so good a frame as in the mornng - As I was disappointed of a visit to [Portsmouth](#) this afternoon by the rain - took a walk in the forepart of the eveng over to the Beech, & spend the latter in my shop at writing letters to Several of my dear friends. M M, S B & my dear H R.

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 October 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 10th M / Much engaged at Trade, & but little time to think on Superior concerns, my mind however has Several times been turned towards them with desires that they may have more place with me than they have - It seems a comfort to me that they have not been forgotten

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 October 20, Tuesday: Civil engineer Loammi Baldwin –who had in the 1794-to-1804 timeframe built the ill-fated [Middlesex Canal](#)– died and was immortalized in our language as the person to have noticed, hanging on a wild apple tree near Woburn MA, the “Baldwin” apple, an excellent tasty tangy winter-keeping apple.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 20 of 10 M / As yesterday, much engaged in buisness, but it has not passed with entire forgetfulness of the right & all important Object, -

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 October 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 21 of 10 M / The addition to our meeting house for the accomodation of the Y Meeting was this day Raised with out the least accident thro' the whole - towards the middle to the day I went up with an intention to render what service I could, but seeing the very dangerous situation the men was necessarily in, had such an effect on my system that I came home concluding it was impossible for me to be of use - but a while after went again & found by putting hand to that sense of fear vanished & I could



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*perform to my own astonishment
I had today Some conversation with a friend who I apprehended
had not borne a faithful testimony in respect to his militia
fine, when he told me his conduct in the affair my mind was
painfully affected with a fear that unless Friends are very
watchful over their members, our testimony in that respect will
be, (if it is not already) grievously wounded –*

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October 22, Thursday: Magnus Huss, a Swedish medical clinician, was born. Huss would be the 1st to recognize chronic [alcoholism](#) to constitute a medical syndrome (his “Alcoholismus chronicus eller kronisk alkoholssjukdom” would appear in 1849).⁹¹

PSYCHOLOGY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22nd of 10 M 1807 / At meeting my mind was exercised on
acct of the many deficiencies that prevail among us as a society,
but over all & above all on acct of my own Short coming &
consequently Small Authority to put hand too to help remove
those weaknesses which are Among us - O Williams Stood up & said
his mind had been so impressed with the message which the prophet
had to deliver formerly that he thought best to express it - "Oh
Alter Alter hear the word of the Lord," he wished us to remember
that there was to be but one Alter in Israel & that was to be
at Jerusalem - M Morton stood up & preached very sweetly,
encoraging us to "seek first the kingdom of heaven & the
righteousness thereof & all things necessary shall be added unto
us" - She said she had no doubt but there are in this particular
meeting a livingly baptized remnant, & by faith & Patience she
trusted they would see the desire of their Souls & be satisfied,
notwithstanding the many clogs which retard the wheels of
Society. She stood rather longer than I ever saw her before, &
was very lively in her communication
In the preparative meeting the Queries were answered & the
defective manner in which some of them were necessarily
expressed, occasioned some close remarks & doubtless exercise
to some feeling minds, & sorrowful to mention, the Overseers
reported a Young man as a delinquent for attending a Militia
training -*

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October 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 23 of 10 M / This Afternoon my friend Sam Towle called to
see me, tho' he is not called by my name in religion, yet he is
one that I feel to be a brother in the truth & I am free to
acknowledged that his company has often proved edifying to me
as I think it did this Afternoon. When he first came in I felt*

91. Street, W.R. A CHRONOLOGY OF NOTEWORTHY EVENTS IN AMERICAN [PSYCHOLOGY](#). Washington DC: American Psychological Association, 1994



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my mind Stript of every feeling that was desirable, but on digging & waiting a little in silence life sprang into dominion & did not leave me but continued to circulate thro' the evening & render'd my calls at J S's & O W's very pleasant - I desire to be thankful for all my favors & under due Acknowledgement to Him who is the Author of them All

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 October 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 24 of 10 M / The life has risen very sweetly in my mind this mornng & Oh may it continue tho' [thro'] the day to sweeten my outward labor
My morning experience & desire has been in measure continued thro' the day but Oh that I could dig to the "nethermost Spring" that the Spirit of my mind may be refreshed thereby -- Spent the eveng at C R's my endeared H is here & was a sweetner to the Circle -*

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 October 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 10 M 1807 / At meeting my mind was rather unsettled. I strove to dig & now & then was favord to feel a little Strength vouchsafed - the meeting was pretty full & very still & I thought a favor'd time. D Buffum spoke a few words toward the close in a very lively & feeling manner, Desiring we might be proffited by our thus Assembling, & said if we were not the fault was our own, & in order to be proffited we must enter into a lively concern, & then we should feel a language or go away with a language like this "I am glad I have been there - In the Afternoon I thought my mind was in rather better state than in the morning. H Dennis was concern'd to remind us that "Salt was good but if the salt had lost its Savor wherewithall shall it be Salted," & advised those that had witnessed the preserving salt in their mind might be concernd to retain its savor, lest by carelessness they loose it imperceptibly & think their Standing in the divine sight better than it really is - then A Robinson made a small addition to what H had expressed, & the meeting soon concluded - After tea I took Chase [chaise?] & rode to Portsmouth with my endeared H left her at P L's, & came back to Z Chases to see my endeared Aunt M Gould who has been there Several days on a visit Staid all night & the next morning rose early & came home

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 October 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day / I'm rather unwell today, when the boody is out of order the mind generally is also - but lamentable to Say mine is continually so, if my mind could have enjoyed as perfect health & order as my boody has for Several months past, I could now have begun to hope the time would come when a redemption from Sin would commence - but Satan is allways buisy & every day renews his attacks, & Oh that there could be a more firm resolution maintained against his intreagues -- Old Ceasar Hazard discription of him was by no means unjust - when he said the Devil was like an old white horse, put him into a field & he would go all round the fence feeling for a weak place & when he found it would push harder there than any where else, & tho' he might as well have been compared to a black horse as a white one yet the comparison would hold better than some I have heard drawn by those who had much more of the worlds wisdom than he had, - I find it is the weak places that satan tries the hardest to gain the victory at, & I have so many of them that I Sometimes think the poets language quite descriptive of my mind "Some are flau'd & some flau'd all o'er

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October 27, Tuesday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 7th Annual Message.

France and Spain signed the Treaty of Fontainebleau. Spain agreed to cooperate with French troops in the conquest of Portugal and allow French garrisons along their supply route. In return France granted Spain the southern third of Portugal. Meanwhile, King Carlos IV and Queen Maria Luisa detained Prince Fernando in the royal palace and launched an investigation into his affairs, fearful he was leading a plot against them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 10th M 1807 / I seem to have to bewail myself as seperated from the divine harmony, I can neither See hear of [OR] feel any thing of the precious influence, but am dead dry & allmost a burden to myself - however this afternoon I became acquainted with a young man from Pomfret in Connecticut whose name was Daniel Clapp Junr - his countenance seems remarkably solid & his company was very pleasant, & I thought was of some use to my lifeless mind

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October 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 10 M / Much engaged in my occupation, but notwithstanding that I have felt my mind enlivened with the precious influence of the holy spirit, not for many days have I felt so refreshed, So it is after a time of Poverty & leanness comes a time of Strength, & for this visitation of divine love, Oh my soul be thou thankful

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October 29, Thursday: Denmark allied with France against Britain.

Friend [James Arnold](#) got married with Friend [Sarah Rotch](#). The couple would have one daughter, [Elizabeth Rotch Arnold](#), born during January 1809, who would get married with a Dr. Tuttle but without issue, and who would die during October 1860 just after the death of her mother his wife — leaving him entirely without a blood heir for his accumulated vast whale-oil gains.



"The whaler was a kind of pirate-miner – an excavator of oceanic oil, stoking the furnace of the Industrial Revolution as much as any man digging coal out of the earth."

– Philip Hoare, *THE WHALE: IN SEARCH OF THE GIANTS OF THE SEA* (NY: HarperCollins, March 2010)



MOBY-DICK, THE OIL SPILL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with E R stopt at P L, & from there to the meeting house with my endeared H - In our first meeting soon after taking my seat my mind was very feelingly cloathed with the precious ownings of divine favor which so rejoiced my spirit that a song of thankfulness arose to the Lord for once more favoring me with the light of his countenance - Our friend O W Stood up & very feeling invited us in the language of "Come brother come sister let us go up to mountain of the Lord & to the House of the God of Jacob & he will teach us his ways & we will walk in his Paths" & said it was the desire of his mind that we might come out of the form & cleave to the Substance, come from the outward to the inner temple where his holyness dwells & he believed was this the case with us we should find in us "a well springing up unto eternal life" A Robinson soon rose & said she could say in sincerity that her Spirit Said Amen to the invitation but a query soon rose "Who shall go up this holy mountain without a preparatory exercise? even Moses that faithful servant of the Lord could not ascend without first putting off his Shoes for the Ground whereon he stood was holy," she very feelingly pointed out the way to prepare to ascend the holy mountain & encoraged all to begin that their days work may be completed the part of the meeting for discipline was pretty well conducted & for my own part I feel thankful I was there & it is the Secret prayer of my soul that the present favor may not vanish like the early dew but remain for many days - Dined at P L; & rode home before dark - R T was appointed clerk of the mens & H R of the womens Meeting, I feel desirous strength may be given them in proportion to their trials & in proportion to their faith I trust help will be afforded unto them -6th day 30 of 10 M 1807 / If it was safe to boast I should be allmost ready too of this as a very favord day for me, Oh soul Dwell deep for it is in the deep & thro' the deep that we must travel 'ere we can become inheriters of the



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October 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 31 of 10 M / Except for giving way to a light disposition in one instance my mind has experienced a good degree of seriousness thro' the day, & this eveng has been much afflicted with various reflections, particularly that of the different views of mankind in general, & how much more we should assimilate with each other, were we to come more under the influence of spirit & truth, I can say that my hearts desire is that we may (or that mankind the world over) may submit to the benign spirit & principals inculcated by the Author of Christianity - And that those who have in measure witnessed this pure spirit to influence their minds may strive to deepen therein, for it is my sincere beleaf & has been for a long time, that were the professors of religion to be real possessors of it there would not be that gainsaying there now is, neither would there be that coolness towards one another but we should be brought into a Sweet harmony & love would more & more abound, our poor drooping society would revive & that Ancient Zeal for the Truth which so conspicuously shone in the lives of our worthy prediccors would again appear - at seasons all that is alive within me is roused into fervancey that this may be witnessed in our day, but when the many weaknesses & deficiencies are brought to view which prevail even alarmingly prevail among us, I am ready to adopt the query formerly "by whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" & conclude the Ancient warning is applicable in this our day

"O ye children of Benjamin, gather your selves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, & blow the trumpet in Tekoa [an outlying fortress city on the edge of the wilderness]; & set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccirem [a city of Judah, and chief town of district with a beacon]: for evil appeareth out of the north & great destruction.

*C R & wife spent the evening with us, & tho' I am well acquainted with them yet as things are at present circumstances, I was subjected to a little embarrassment [from **C R & wife** to end crossed out with X]*

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November 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 11th M 1807 / This mornng walked to [Portsmouth](#) by the East road & stoped at H Almys & got some breakfast before meeting

At meeting my mind was favord to feel a degree of favor, but found it hard to keep settled as a roving disposition seemed to prevail We had no preaching but the meeting was uncommonly quiet & solid



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*I dined & P L; & spent the Afternoon with my precious H who my soul loveth & at every interview is more & more entwined [from **I dined** to end crossed out with an X]*

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 November 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 2 of 11 M / Lodged last night at P L; & this mornng rose early & walked home, - the weather was very pleasant & my ruminations by no means painful, but may I not add were peaceful, - The time hastens when I shall not have occasion to go so frequently to Portsmouth as for several months past which affords me a degree of comfort, but I can say of a truth that my visits there this summer have allways been pleasant & I have no doubt were useful to me many ways & a seal is fixed on my mind that it is right that my lot has been cast there as it has, not a single unpleasant reflection arises from it -- The day has passed as well as common, spent the eveng in writing a Marriage certificate for R S & L F - & a letter to D S -

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 November 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 11 M / It has been a day of precious favor, may my soul bow in humble thankfulness for this renewed visitation of heavenly love & tender regard, when I first laid my head on the pillow my mind was under much feeling on several accounts, but alass was soon exchanged to hardness & dimness of sight - In the corse of the day received a letter from Mary Collins. In the evening made several calls on my friends, one at C R, where I found O W & wife comfortably Seated

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 November 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 4 of 11 M / Another favord day - my mind seems this evening to be a little with our friends who have gone to Quarterly meeting, but from an apprehesion it is right for me to be at home, feel no regret that I am not with them may they have a good reward for going -

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 November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 11 M 1807 / After I went from the Shop last eveng I perceived the family had received affecting news from my



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brother David who hath arrived in Savannah & is very sick, desires soon arose in my mind that he might find friends among Strangers, & that should he be Summoned to his long home that he may previously be at peace with his maker, & be admitted to the blessed abode of the righteous – I'm now going to meeting & Oh Father be pleased to me my stay, help me, for I acknowledge my great need, & my unworthiness of thy favor. – Reuben Shove & Lydia Fish were married they spoke very audible & becomingly, & all things conducted in order. The meeting was silent & I believe not a minister present all were absent at Swansey to the Quarterly meeting which is this day held there – My mind was not in that State of favor I anticipated before I went, but on the whole it was a pretty good time

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November 6, Friday: [Cornelius Conway Felton](#) was born in West [Newbury, Massachusetts](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 6 of 11 M / Our friends have generally return'd from Quarterly Meeting, I understand they had a very good meeting, & some of them refreshed in the best sense Spent the eveng at O Ws & was rather humoursly entertain'd by B H's storys the time passed pleasantly but I apprehend not so proffitably as it might have done. I hope no harm will come of it & if I had done nothing this eveng to be dissatisfied with, but that, I believe I should be better quallified to write than I am now

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November 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 7 of 11 M / In company with B Freborn a brother committe man, visit H Hadwin in consequence of his attending at the last Military Parade. The poor thing seemed sorry for what he had done, but we were ready to fear from his other conduct in life he will not be able to make suitable satisfaction for that violation of our christian testimony, we left him & I agree'd to see him again & he was willing to meet me in my Shop some evening –

Feeling a drift towards [Portsmouth](#) as it will be the last (probably) I shall see my beloved H there, in the evening would out, & lodged at cousin Z Chases whose affectionate care & attention to me thro' life & particularly this summer has been very manifest, & requires my grateful Acknowledgement & are to number'd among my temporal blessings –

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 November 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day / Walked up to P L & from there with him to meeting -which was large & to me an uncommonly favor'd Season Our friend H Almy was largely concerned in testimony particularly addressed the youth on the subject of their future hapiness & warnd us in a Solemn manner of the dangers of delays & exhorted us as a Monument of Gods mercy to close in with the day of visitation while it lasted - at a second & third standing he was concernd to prove & enforce the doctrine of perfection & addressed those who were placing too much dependance on those who teach for hire & divine for money, exorting such to leave the shadow & cleave to the substance for they could never find it among those dead worshipers who are ever learning & never Able to come to the knowledge of the truth - I thought while he was standing, If George Fox was living & was to hear him he would have unity with him, as something of that power which George so frequently spoke of, seemed to be among us, & several were much broken even to weeping
After meeting I dined with J Chase, then returned to P L & spent the afternoon & evening in true love & fellowship with my endeared H - then return'd to Z C', & lodged, & this morning*

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 November 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day walked home in about an hour & three quarters, my walks this summer have been very pleasant as to the outward & I apprehend no loss of inward strength has been experienced from them - I am glad the time has come when my dear H will be nearer than for six months past, & tho' it has cost me some exercise of boody, & given the world an opportunity to make some unfriendly remarks at her going out there, yet I trust there has been no just occasion of offence, & for our own part we are perfectly well satisfied that it was right for her to be there -[from **I am glad** to end has been crossed out with an X]*

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 November 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10th of 11 M 1807 / The day has passed with but little religious sensibility

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 November 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 11th M / The forepart of the day my mind was rather light & of an airy turn, but by the company & conversation



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*of my beloved Philip Dunham [?] was rather helped to feel something of the covering of truth
Towards evening Simeon Martin the owner of the Ship of which my brother David is mate received a letter which mentioned that the second mate & two of the hands were dead, & the mate very low of a fever - A report is also in circulation that all the hands on board are dead except the Captain it appears to come so correst that most people believe it - the report involves us in much doubt & fear, & is very afflicting to dear father & Mother*

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November 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 11 M 1807 / The report of last night so opperated on the minds of Father & Mother that they thought best to keep our Shops shut today & owing to Some indisposition & the effects of a portion of physic I did not go to meeting, but was not otherways so affected but that I could have attended pretty well especially as there is some doubt of the correctness of the report of last night, but should the poor thing be living it is most probable his Situation is very distressing, being far from friends & connections or any that he is particularly acquainted with in a county not noted for its humanity & kindness to poor suffering humanity, the secret prayer of my heart is that if he is living he may be favor'd with some kind friend that will afford the balm of comfort on a sick bed & more particularly, that friend who can make a sick bed easy by the effusions of his holy spirit in the mind - & if he is no More, Oh Saith my Soul that he might have been so favord before the final Solemn change as to be at peace with Our God & now at rest in the bosom of the blessed Saviour - When he was at home the last time he drempt a dream which he told mother the next day he could not get rid of, but thinking of it, & if he has been favord with his Senses I think he must have thought of it in this sickness - He said he thought he was coming from meeting & an old grave looking friend met him, & said to him David thou must go up to the meeting house field (meaning the buring place) & pray - & he went & knelt down & prayed fervantly, & as he prayed he got flat upon his face & the tears flowed so copiously that they seemed to run in a Stream - When this was told me today it affected my mind very much -

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November 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 13 of 11 M 1807 / This eveng while setting at C R's, I felt the covering or mantle of Truth spread over my mind in a very precious manner Oh how I love to feel it - but Alass my mind is so fluctuating that it is easily shifted from one thing to another & by giving way to the lightness - I miss of many



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precious moments & in their place find a Sting of remorse

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November 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 14 of 11 M / Could I allways feel that precious tenderness & seriousness with which my mind is now clothed, I should not so often stray from the path which leads to peace, & inflict a wound which needs the purifying fire of truth to heal
The desire of my mind is very fervant that this may continue, as the time I apprehend is approaching when we shall stand in need of all the christian fortitude that we can attain to, as the times are very allarming, our Political world is very much convulsed, & this land is threatened with the horrors of war - & preparations are Making to draft men as Soldiers for the carnal warfare, that those young men members of our society that may chance to be drawn will do I know not, whether we shall be favord with a Sufficient of the Lambs Spirit to resist with propper firmness the requisition made by government in that respect or not is yet unknown - but the desire yea prayer of my Spirit is that the Lord will not be wanting to invest us with a portions of his power & spirit to carry us thro' all to his honor -*

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November 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 15 of 11 M / Our meeting both in the forenoon & afternoon were Silent As to my own Situation I may acknowledge it was much better than I deserved, being thro' unmerited mercy favord to feel the Stirring of truth in my mind, tho' mixed with conviction, & was helped to gain a good degree of ascendancy over Some thoughts which require unceasing watchfulness & prayer to Subdue - Spent the evening with my beloved H in a very solid manner & the greater part of the time in silence, both our spirits being under the baptizing influence & Oh Saith my soul may all that is within us bow & surrender to the requisitions of the spirit of truth in our hearts

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November 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 11 M 1807 / This evenings Mail has confirmed the melancholy report of my dear Brother David's decease. He departed this life the 22nd of 10th M last About 9 OClock in the evening at Savannah in Georgia after twelve days illness of a fever, the particulars of his sickness we have not yet learnt whether he was favord with his reason to the last, or reconciled to the Solemn final change, we wish very much to hear but as he



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was so far from us & no particular friend & acquaintance near, it is most likely we Shall not very soon if ever learn how it was with him - The circumstance of his change at so great a distance from us is a very close tryal, & since the news reached us I have had to take an home view of death. The agonies attendant at that Awful moment must be very great. Oh that when the pale messenger may assail my tabernacle, I may be in readiness to go with him -

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 November 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 11 M 1807 / A day of seriousness, but even in the midst of Seriousness, the tempter has been present & in a Small degree prevailed against me, but I hope he will be put to flight yet -

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 November 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18th of 11 M / It hath been a favor'd day, for which my Soul desires to be thankful. I have felt more of the precious covering Spirit & Power of Truth than for a long time -- The Militia Companys have this day mustered in order [sic] to draft their men P[er] order of the President - whether my name was among the number that were drawn out, or not, I have not heard, nor do I feel much concern'd about it, having felt this day an uncommon Zeal to bear faithful testimony in that respect

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 November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 11 M / Our Meeting was Silent, & to me a pretty good one; the preparative meeting but small & no buisness - After having got through the manual labor of the day in the latter part of the evening called at C Rs & set an hour very sweetly, & I trust to some proffit -

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 November 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 11 M / My Dear Aunt Martha Stanton sail'd from Newyork yesterday mornng at 10 OClock & arrived here this mornng at 5 OClock. When I first saw her my mind was bowed with the Spirit of thanksgiving & prayer to God for his many favors, & a sweet spirit of that kind pervails me at this moment. Oh Lord



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*be pleased to preserve me in this tender frame
This evening called at J T's shop & met a couple of men whose
conversation turned on the present gloomy prospect of War, & in
such a case what Friends would do. They said we must all fight.
- My reply was, that I should think it an heinous crime for me
to fight & kill an Englishman for they had done me no hurt & I
felt no animosity against them. My reply was short but were
Such as has afforded me very peaceful feelings, & I thought
struck them with some weight - Soon after I fell in with a member
of society with whom I had a little conversation on the Same
Subject which has given me much pain as I verily believe he is
not as sound in the faith as he ought to be*

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November 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 21 of 11 M 1807 / The day has passed rather better than
common My mind has been possessed with an lively Zeal for the
Testimony - [?] received a clever letter from a female friend
& relative in Nine Partners which was very agreeable - In the
evening gave way to a peace of folly which left a testimony of
remorse.*

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November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 11 M / Our meetings were Silent, large & in a good
degree favor'd times. In the mornng my mind was feelingly
arrested with the subject of the Babylonish garment & wedge of
gold that hinderd the progress of Israel formerly, attended with
a consciousness of there being something of the accursed thing
retained in my mind which so retards my progress in the work of
religion. may I me [be] zealously engaged to exterminate every
thing which stands as a barrier to my peace with God - In the
Afternoon the same subject was renew'd, but not with so much
force as in the mornng - Spent the evening with my endear'd H*

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November 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 23 of 11 M / This mornng the young man (member of society)
with whom I mentioned having conversation on Military subjects
on sixth day evening last, came to the shop & said his mind had
been troubled about what he said on the subject, & thought he
should feel most easy to say something further upon it, &
satisfactorily condemned what he then said as believing it
right in case of personal insult, rather than be killed or suffer
those under our protection to be killed, to kill the offender,*



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on this doctrine I opposed him & stood my ground, zealously supporting that it would be better to die ourselves, that we should stand a greater chance of mercy from the Lord, than to Kill him whose mind was so far reduced to the brute condition, & the probability would be must be consigned to endless misery, & in my opinion the destroying of such an one would subject our own souls to the same punishment. Whereas was he to live he might by unfeigned repentance obtain pardon from the most high & we be clear of the blood of all men -In this frank acknowledgement of the young man my mind has received an additional confirmation that it is best for us zealously to support our religious principals & if we are sometimes overcome by the eloquence of mans wisdom, or rather if we do not allway find sufficient matter to advance against those who has a little more of gift of speach than ourelves, that is no reason to think our cause is bad, if we can but feel an evidence of what we say to be right & as coming from the right spring, we need not fear, for sometimes a few words spoken in the symplicity will do more good & have a more convincing effect on the mind of an opposer than many words couched in the nicest manner.

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 November 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 11 M 1807 / Busily occupied at Trade. I've nothing to boast of in any sense, my purse is low, but thro' favor, not so streightened as I have been - That life which I wish above all other considerations to cherish & support is but weak. I pray it may not die, for my soul is well satisfied that the enjoyment of it is all that can render us wise & happy in this life whether rich or poor -

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 November 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 25 of 11 M / Nothing material to insert. My friend A Barker spent then evening with me in the shop hos company was very plesant

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 November 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 11 M / Monthly meeting held in town The first was a good favord time to me. Our friend Holder Almy was helped with a good degree of Authority to preach to the people concerning the things which belong to their present & future wellbeaing, & particularly that of the love of the world he mentioned as one of the greatest hindrances to our religious growth, he urged the



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necessity of obeying the commandments of God, that no Wedge of God or Baybalonish garments be retained in the camp, but that all that God requires must be done. the best of the sheep & oxen must not be kept but slain if he requires it, the pretence of sacrifice will not do -

In the last part for discipline I thought we were much favord in the traransacting [transacting] the concerns that came before us. Our new Clerk R T perform'd well for the first time -I know not the time when my mind has been more favord in any meeting than to day - I felt the precious incomes of divine life to arise in the first & was uncommonly continued in the last, & feel well satisfied with the few remarks that I apprehended was right for me to make to the buisness before us

In the eveng called at Aunt M Gs, R Ts, C R, & set the remainder at O W's in very pleasant circle

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November 27, Friday: The federal Congress returned, on this day, to the hard task of considering the possibility of the issuance of a clarification to Section 8 of their recent "Act to prohibit the importation of Slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight." This section had given permission for the continued buying and selling of slaves inside the borders of this nation. Nothing would come of their attempt at a clarification of this section.

STATUTES AT LARGE, II. 426. For proceedings in Senate, see SENATE JOURNAL (reprint of 1821), 9th Congress, 1-2d session, IV. 11, 112, 123, 124, 132, 133, 150, 158, 164, 165, 167, 168; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress, 2d session, pages 16, 19, 23, 33, 36, 45, 47, 68, 69, 70, 71, 79, 87, 93. For proceedings in House, see HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 9th Congress, 2d session, V. 470, 482, 488, 490, 491, 496, 500, 504, 510, 513-6, 517, 540, 557, 575, 579, 581, 583-4, 585, 592, 594, 610, 613-4, 616, 623, 638, 640; 10th Congress, 1st session, VI. 27, 50; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress, 2d session, pages 167, 180, 200, 220, 231, 254, 264, 270.

SLAVERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 27 of 11 M 1807 / Much engaged, in the Morning with T H visited Eleazer Trevets Charity School for the purpose of selecting proper objects to bestow some old cloaths put into our hands & \$5 in money to purchase new shoes for the most necesitous scholars in the School we selected twelve of this discription, with the money in our care we purchased Six pair of good shoes & gave those that needed most, & the old clothes we distributed according to the best of our judgement - When I see those that are poor it excites in my mind a desire to be more in a capacity to help them than I am but may I be content with my lot & not aspire after things beyond my reach, for riches in this world will never be in my possession -but a disposition



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to do all the good I can is my sincere wish

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 November 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 28 of 11 M / My endeared friend Joseph Austin is here from [Nantucket](#) & has spent much of his time with me today I love him as a brother & do sincerely sympathise with him in his very tried state of mind respecting his Fathers situation - I hardly know of a young man with whom I feel so nearly united in the best sense. Oh that we may continue to Strive for best help thro' life & be favord when the thread of life shall be cut to receive the blessed sentence of "Well Done"

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 November 29, Sunday: The Portuguese royal family, court, and government left Lisbon for Brazil under British escort. They took with them most of the national treasury and national archives.

Miguel Pereira Forjaz, conde de Feira became acting head of government in Lisbon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 11th M 1807 / Last night Aunt M Stanton was violently attacked with the Bilious Cholic, which kept me up very late, & this mornng rose early & went with R T to dig some narrow dock root for a complaint which my Mother has in her breast, all which so fatigued me that I thought it best to omit meeting this forenoon - I understood those that attended were favor'd with a good time & D Buffum was uncommonly favor'ed in testimony In the Afternoon I went but to me it was but a poor dry time tho' I thought there was a degree of favor vouchsafed - Spent the evening as usual of late on first days -

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 December 1, Tuesday: [Horatio Wood](#) was born, son of John Wood and Elizabeth Smith Wood, in Newburyport, Massachusetts (the father was for half a century a prominent merchant of [Newbury](#) port, and for several years president of its Mechanics Bank).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 12th M 1807 / Again much engaged, & nothing material to insert The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak

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 December 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 12 M / Tho' much engaged at Trade, my mind is touched with the precious spirit of Truth, & feel disposed to



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stop & say "Thy ways are ways of pleasantness & all thy paths O God are peace, enable me Oh Father to keep in thy ways & to walk in thy paths.

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 December 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 12 M / Times & seasons are assuredly in the hand of the Lord. When I took my seat in meeting I was entirely unqualified, & saw nothing but a poor dry barren meeting before me - but was very soon agreeably disappointed. I hardly know when my spirit has been in a better frame - Spent the forepart of the evening in calling on several of my friends & among the rest M Williams for the first time since her confinement - The latter part in the shop writing to a friend

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 December 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 4 of 12 M / An agreeable visit from my friend P.D. I believe our strength was mutually renewed by the company & conversation of each other, for my own I was much refreshed with his company -

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 December 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 5 of 12 M 1807 / Buisy at trade, but not with out an evidence of the continued regard & mercy of divine providence

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 December 6, Sunday: Obed Baker of West Dedham (now Westwood), Massachusetts got married with local schoolteacher [Betsey Metcalf](#).

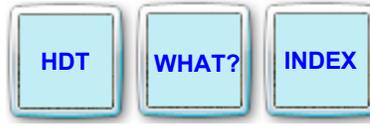
According to church records as investigated by Judy Fichtenbaum of the Concord Museum, on this day Mrs. [Sophia Lapham](#), wife of Mr [Luther Lapham](#) & daughter of Rev A Dunbar, received communion as a member of the congregation of the West Church in [Boston](#).

SOPHIA DUNBAR

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 6 of 12 M / Our meetings were silent & to me favor'd opportunitys, feeling the sweet springing up of life & a little renewal of my spiritual strength may I be duly thankful



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therefor – Spent the eveng as usual on first days

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 December 7, Monday: Jérôme Bonaparte ascended the throne of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 12 / Accompanied Our friend D Buffum in a visit to Rodman Gardner occasioned by some unjust unfounded & malicious aspersions which Rodman had utterd against David in presence of Joseph Briggs & John Price who went with us – Rodman accused David of having officiously [meddled with, crossed out] advised his father Anthony in the making of his Last Will, but when called upon to specify wherein, or what David had done worthy of blame declined offering any thing as accusation, whereupon David rehersed in the presence of J B, J P & myself all the conversation he ever had with his father on the subject, which amounted to no more than, that he visited him sometime before his death & was speaking with him on various subjects, & of necessity of leaving our outward concerns in such manner as to feel peaceful in the trying moment on which he said, Elisha immedeatly reply'd "mine are not" & wished David to call on C Rodman & ask him to call at his House the next day which he accordingly did, & when the will was rote David was one of witnesses, & with a little conversation on the subject of the Executors was all that ever passed between them - So David clearly satisfactorily cleared up his character before the witnesses without any grounded accusation from Rodman who only asserted things without proving them as he went - I was very desirous that the conference might end well, which it did, to David & myself but poor R was left in an hard unrelenting state & without any ground of hard thinking

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 December 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 8 of 12 M / Occupied as usual thro' the day, my mind in rather better state than common - In the eveng rote a friend & acquaintance in Salem

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 December 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9 of 12 M / After I went home last eveng I was called to watch with a Sick man. My mind was often in the corse of the night brought feelingly & deeply to reflect on the Awfulness of death -The circumstances of my poor brother David's decease was brought close home to my feelings. I longed to hear the state



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of his mind at the final change, & thought how thankful I should have been to have had the favor to set with him as I was then with that sick man. But alas he is removed from time - & that in a land where he would not receive the assistance of near relatives. My souls prays that he had some near sympathiser where he was -

This Afternoon received a letter from my Beloved friend Micajah Collins which did my soul good - for When I received it my feelings were upon a low key - I'm sure I have not been so refreshed by a communication in a long time, if ever -

 December 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10th of 12th M 1807 / Our meeting was silent. I tried to have a good one, & thought I should in the beginning, but found it hard to keep to the center before it concluded, however it was not the worst of times

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 December 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 12th M / Much perplexed with old stoping Watches insomuch that I allmost was ready to wish that I had never learnt the trade - but thro' favor made out to get the better of them, & by striving for patience & resignation, became reconciled, & experienced a favord state of mind. Spent the eveng in replying to dear Micajahs favor received the day before yesterday -

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 December 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 12 M / A very poor thing

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 December 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 13 of 12 M / Silent meetings, & I am a poor scatterd thing

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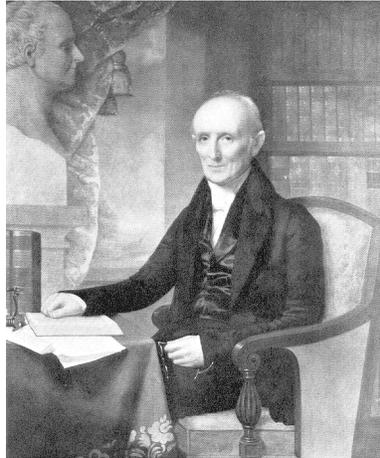


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December 14, Monday: In the early morning hours, a huge fireball streaked from north to south over New England at a speed of three miles per second and an altitude of some 18 miles, exploding with the noise of a small cannon above Weston, Connecticut. Remnants would be collected and studied by Yale College. Shown a rocky fragment that weighed nearly 200 pounds, President [Thomas Jefferson](#) remained skeptical of the supposition that stony matter might be originating anywhere else than from down here upon the surface of the earth (like extinct dinosaurs, this was something that just didn't fit into his mental universe). We owe the calculations of the speed and altitude of this [meteor](#) to Nathaniel Bowditch, who throughout his life was in constant search for instances which would succumb to the tools of mathematical analysis.



SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14 of 12 M / A severe struggle between flesh & spirit. I never more sensibly felt that truth of the assertion that there is no temptation so great but that with the temptation there, was, or is a way made for an escape. -

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December 16, Wednesday: Panama Railroad financier William Henry Aspinwall was born in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 16 of 12 M / The state of my mind was such yesterday that I thought best not to attempt to insert any thing in my journal, it resembled that of poor Cain when every man that met him slew him, every one that looked at me accused me of having departed from that principal which will save to the very uttermost, or having known a death to that precious life which is of all things the most precious, I am abundantly satisfied in the belief of the doctrine that the spirit does not always strive with man, but will faithfully strive for a Season & if there is not a compliance with the terms, which is nothing short of a death to the will & passions of the natural man, we are by degrees left to fullfill our own lusts untill we become hardened & can commit them, without feeling the checks of conscience, & thus witness our SPIRITUAL life to decay & we left but poor dry & dead



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creatures.

I have felt in rather better condition than yesterday, & hope I shall yet do better, so as to feel more of the power of divine life in my mind -

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December 17, Thursday: The Emperor Napoléon issued the Milan Decrees: all neutral shipping which submitted to British search or visited British ports would be banned from continental ports.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 12 M 1807 / It was a silent meeting, & to me a close searching season but I trust not the worst of times - Just now heard my brother James had arrived in NewYork after a passage of 29 days from Liverpool In the eveng walked out to D Buffums to wait on my H & sister A [?] home -

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[John Greenleaf Whittier](#) was born to a [Quaker](#) family of [Huguenot](#) ancestry (John and Abigail Hussey Whittier)⁹² living in an old hand-hewn oak cabin near Haverhill north of Boston. He was their 2d child, the 1st having been Mary, born in the previous year.



This was one family that would not be claiming, like some, to be blond-haired and blue-eyed and hereditarily

92.Using statistical methods, Abraham D. Lavender has calculated in his FRENCH HUGUENOTS: FROM MEDITERRANEAN CATHOLICS TO WHITE ANGLO-SAXON PROTESTANTS (New York: Peter Lang, 1990, page 171) that as of the middle of the 19th Century there were perhaps a million people in the US who had credentials similar to Thoreau's and Whittier's for descent, with considerable outmarriage, from French [Huguenot](#) religious refugees.

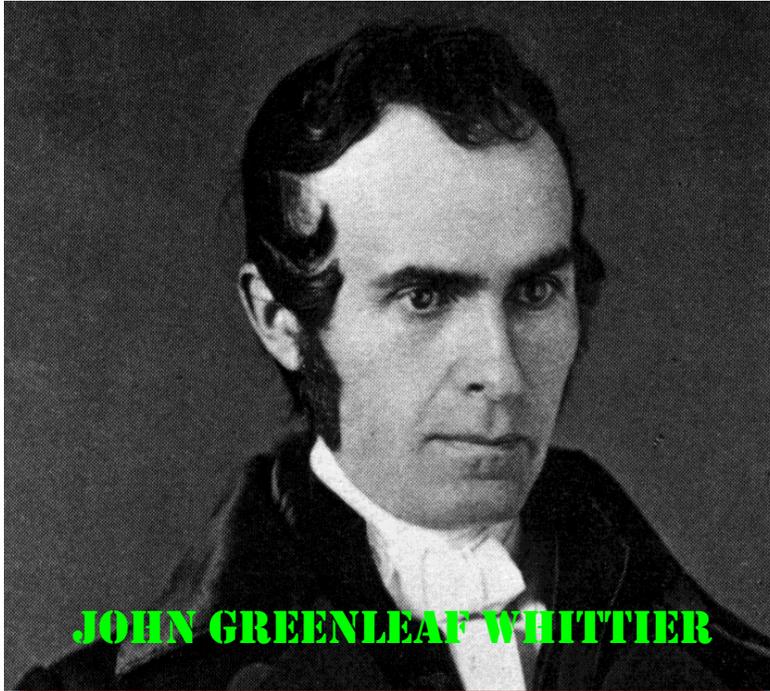
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privileged and to have come over in the *Mayflower*.⁹³



JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

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93. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow had been born on February 27th of that year in the Massachusetts town of Portland (Portland not yet having been assigned to Maine), to parents who did claim such distinction. According to the [American Methodist Monthly](#), Volume II, page 229, [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) was descended from a religious refugee named Fouillevert who had fled from Brittagne in the early states of the persecution by the French government. [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) was distantly related to [Benjamin Franklin](#), Friend [Lucretia Mott](#), Octavius Brooks Frothingham, and Henry Adams.



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When Friend John would belatedly enroll at the Haverhill Academy, he would need to support himself by odd jobs and by crafting slippers for other students at \$0.²⁵ per pair. Due to poor health, as well as to lack of financial backing and to being quite a bit older than the other students, he would be quite unable to proceed

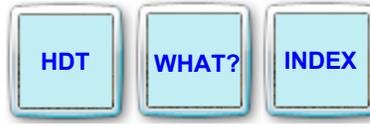


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from the academy to college.

I was born on the 17th of December, 1807, in the easterly part of Haverhill, Mass., in the house built by my first American ancestor, two hundred years ago. My father was a farmer, in moderate circumstances,—a man of good natural ability, and sound judgment. For a great many years he was one of the Selectmen of the town, and was often called upon to act as arbitrator in matters at issue between neighbors. My mother was Abigail Hussey, of Rollinsford, N.H. A bachelor uncle and a maiden aunt, both of whom I remember with much affection, lived in the family. The farm was not a very profitable one; it was burdened with debt and we had no spare money; but with strict economy we lived comfortably and respectably. Both my parents were members of the Society of Friends. I had a brother and two sisters. Our home was somewhat lonely, half hidden in oak woods, with no house in sight, and we had few companions of our age, and few occasions of recreation. Our school was only for twelve weeks in a year,— in the depth of winter, and half a mile distant. At an early age I was set at work on the farm, and doing errands for my mother, who, in addition to her ordinary house duties, was busy in spinning and weaving the linen and woolen cloth needed in the family. On First-days, father and mother, and sometimes one of the children, rode down to the Friends' Meeting-house in Amesbury, eight miles distant. I think I rather enjoyed staying at home and wandering in the woods, or climbing Job's hill, which rose abruptly from the brook which rippled down at the foot of our garden. From the top of the hill I could see the blue outline of the Deerfield mountains in New Hampshire, and the solitary peak of Agamenticus on the coast of Maine. A curving line of morning mist marked the course of the Merrimac, and Great Pond, or Kenoza, stretched away from the foot of the hill towards the village of Haverhill hidden from sight by intervening hills and woods, but which sent to us the sound of its two church bells. We had only about twenty volumes of books, most of them the journals of pioneer ministers in our society. Our only annual was an almanac. I was early fond of reading, and now and then heard of a book of biography or travel, and walked miles to borrow it. When I was fourteen years old my first school-master, Joshua Coffin, the able, eccentric historian of Newbury, brought with him to our house a volume of Burns' poems, from which he read, greatly to my delight. I begged him to leave the book with me; and set myself at once to the task of mastering the glossary of the Scottish dialect at its close. This was about the first poetry I had ever read, (with the exception of that of the Bible, of which I had been a close student,) and it had a lasting influence upon me I began to make rhymes myself, and to imagine stories and adventures. In fact I lived a sort of dual life, and in a world of fancy, as well as in the world of plain matter-of-fact about me.



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 December 18, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 18 of 12 M / I was at O Williams this eveng. He & wife have just returnd from a visit to Bedford -

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 December 19, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 19 of 12 M / Much as usual of late, rather a going behind hand

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 December 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 20 of 12 M / Silent meetings - Alass for my backslidings - I was but a poor scattered creature, but in the afternoon fared rather better than in the morning - Spent the evening as usual of late -

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 December 21, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 21 of 12 M / Alass! Alass! I really believe every moment of my life is retrograde from the path to holiness - A little after Sunset, brother James arrived from NewYork, spent the evening at work & towards the latter part of it called at a friends house & set a little while -

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 December 22, Tuesday: The US Congress passed President Jefferson's Embargo Act of 1807 halting commercial shipping to any other nation without the specific authority of the president. His embargo on foreign trade instantly shut down the port of New-York (American ships would be forbidden from leaving American waters, until 1809).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 22 of 12 M / Owing to repeated revoltings & rebellions to the saving Principal, my mind is in a very depressed state, & almost ready to conclude it is impossible for the heavenly presence to be vouchsafed but nevertheless am favor'd to feel an encoraging hope that by a deep indwelling with the spirit of divine life that I may yet witness light to arise out of darkness, & tho' depression is more my experience today than for a long time, I am not willing to consider it a bad omen, but rather as a good one, for I have allways found when my mind can come to a feeling sense of my backslidings that it is more comfortable & hopeful than is a dead unfeeling state, having a



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sense that things are not right, but not able to do the least thing to extricate myself from the thraldom of Sin. This State I have experienced hundreds & I dont know but thousands of times, & find it, of all that I have ever experienced the most unpleasant - It is the sincere prayer of my spirit, that I may that I may be more watchful to guard against the cunning intreagues of the Enemy that all that is of a Babylonish nature may be removed even if it be as near as a right hand or a right eye. Oh Lord it is under a feeling sense of my great unworthiness that I presume to ask thy help in removing those hindering & obstructing things.

Was favor'd this evening, (notwithstanding my depression in the day time to treat with H Hadwen in consequence of his attending a Military training,) much beyond my expectation & tho' the Spring of life appeard low in his mind & he manifested but little disposition to satisfy friends for his transgression, Yet the circumstance of his Youth & the little advantage he has had in society claimed my affectionate feelings & sympathy, & according to the ability afforded, endeavor'd to do what I could for his restoration

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December 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 23 of 12 M 1807 / Again feel an emptiness, but am not so much depressed as Yesterday, or so sinful as for many days past -

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December 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

24 of 12 M / When I went to meeting I felt but little prospect of having a good meeting, feeling very barran & destitute of life, but very soon after taking my seat, felt the flowings of that precious Stream which refreth as none other can - & at the conclusion could readily adopt the Language "It is Good for me to be here" Our friend Abigail Robinson was fervantly engaged in supplication that we might be favord to overcome the enemys of our own house-hold, & that those whose hands were ready to hang down, under the depressing prospect of things in our poor society, might be strengthened to hold on their way, & also was engaged to return hearty thanks to the Lord for his many favors bestowed upon us acknowledging in deep humility our great unworthiness - We had no buisness at the preparative meeting, except to appoint representatives who were directed to confer with some friend suitable to serve as Clerke - This evening I went to the Moravian Meeting it being the time of their love feast which curiosity lead me to see performed, the house was so full that I could not get in so as to hear what was said, or see all that was done, however they gave me half a rusk, & would have given me a mug of Chocolate if there had been



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any left, I took the will for the deed & in compensation gave them six cents. I felt a little reluctance at giving money for any thing at a Meeting house, but when I considerd it was not to pay for preaching but mearly to defray the expence of what was eaten, I made a little stertch of conscience & conformd to what I could not fully approve of was that they only thing that I had ever done that was wrong, or if I was not in the daily practice of doing things much more offensive, than I have any reason to believe that was, I believe my path to happiness would not be at all obstructed to what it now is

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 December 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 12 M / It has been a day peradventure of some little improvement, having felt a good degree of Seriousness to cover my mind. In the evening walked to Saml Thurstons to come home with H & E R
This afternoon received another very acceptable letter from my beloved friend Micajah

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 December 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 26 of 12 M / Nothing material has occur'd in my own mind save some little cogitations respecting the political convulsions of our nation - we seem on the brink of a war, & a report has currently circulated that an embargo is laid on all Vessels in the united states, but notwithstanding the present calamitous appearance of things, a little secret Small Still voice has frequently been sounded in my mind, like "Be ye bot troubled" -

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 December 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 27 of 12th M / It has been a comfortable day to me, our meetings were favor'd seasons. In the forenoon our friend D Buffum stood up & endeavord to impress in our minds the necessity of our being concern'd in good earnest for our own peace & said it would not do for us to Say that we have Abraham to our fathers for our connection with good people would do nothing for us but we must be good our selves - when he first rose he mentioned the text "Ye have no longer need of this proverb in Israel the children have eaten sour grapes & the children s teeth are set on edge, which he clearly proved to be of no use in these days as we were not accoutable for the sins of one another. --
In the afternoon we were silent but very quiet & solid -Spent



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December 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 12th M 1807 / It has been a day of feeling, & this evening a precious sweetness covers my mind Oh that my soul may be humbly thankful for this favor

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December 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 12 M / A pretty good day, much engaged in buisness

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December 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 30 of 12 M / This day I am 26 years of age. the relfection that I have advanced no further in religious experience is very humbling

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December 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 31 of 12 M 1807 / This morning rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend our Monthly Meeting which was large & but a low time. The seed seem'd to be under suffering both in the first & last meetings. Our friend S Barker however was favord with Strength to remind us of the words of the Royal Psalmist "Behold how good & how pleasant it is for bretheren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Arons beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that desended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessings, even life forever more. - The buisness of Society went on pretty well considering the dullness that prevailed among us. & our friend O Williams made a few lively remarks in the line of testimony - we dined at P Lawtons & rode home on the edge of the evening. Thus ends the Year. Oh that the conclusion of another may be more propitious, my mind is often humbled under the very gloomy prospect of things in our poor society & my inability to contribute towards rebuilding the waste places of Zion -

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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1808. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

 This was the year of the formation of the African Benevolent Society of [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), and also the African Society for Mutual Relief of [New-York](#). It was at about this point that, in [North Kingstown](#), [Cato Pearce](#), who had almost reached the age of 18 at which his master Joshua Pearce might have been permitted to prepare manumission papers under the state's gradual emancipation procedures, felt that instead he needed to run away from his master's farm. Venturing to the city of [Providence](#), he obtained employment from a Captain Bailey on board the schooner *Four Brothers*.

Bailey's vessel was bound for Wilmington, North Carolina with a return voyage to [Boston](#), but when suddenly the first mate "fell ill," they needed to put in to shore at [Wickford](#), Rhode Island.

We got into Wickford on a Sunday; and at the very time my master happened to be out a fishing. He knew it was the vessel I went in, and came on board and took me on shore. He took all my wages, and gave me a floggin'.

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This “falling ill” aboard the *Four Brothers* off Wickford would have been, of course, no coincidence. The white master Joshua Pearce must have, by making inquiries at the docks in Providence, learned what ship had hired his man Cato. He would have passed a message via another ship captain –white men sticking together– and Captain Bailey would have had his first mate feign this sudden illness that caused the putting ashore exactly where the white master was waiting. Cato Pearce would of course receive, instead of freedom, a flogging.



Plus, his master was of course entitled to seize all his wages.

➡ [William J. Brown](#) would allege, when he would publish his autobiography in 1883, ➡ that in this year the [Rhode Island](#) General Assembly had enacted a “General Emancipation” law, by which those who were still [enslaved](#) in that state were offered their freedom while those who turned down that offer of freedom were to be maintained out of the property of their owner when they should come in old age or illness “to want” or to need “assistance.” That of course would be a false memory: no legislation even remotely resembling this had actually been enacted during this Year of Our Lord six years prior to Brown’s birth. All such matters were handled, always, in the best interest of the white people, with the best interest of the people of color being at best a distant second consideration. The question arises, however, of how this grandson of a slave came to form such a false appreciation of the history of his state. The explanation would seem to be that during this year some provisions had been made, to balance out the responsibility of civil government versus the responsibility of the private white slavemaster, for the maintenance of emancipated slaves who had subsequently become burdensome. Professor Joanne Pope Melish explains this delicate matter in a precise manner:



Brown’s version provides a fascinating glimpse of how public policy concerning slavery ... could be represented quite differently to slaves by their owners, or could have consequences that would lead slaves to interpret it quite



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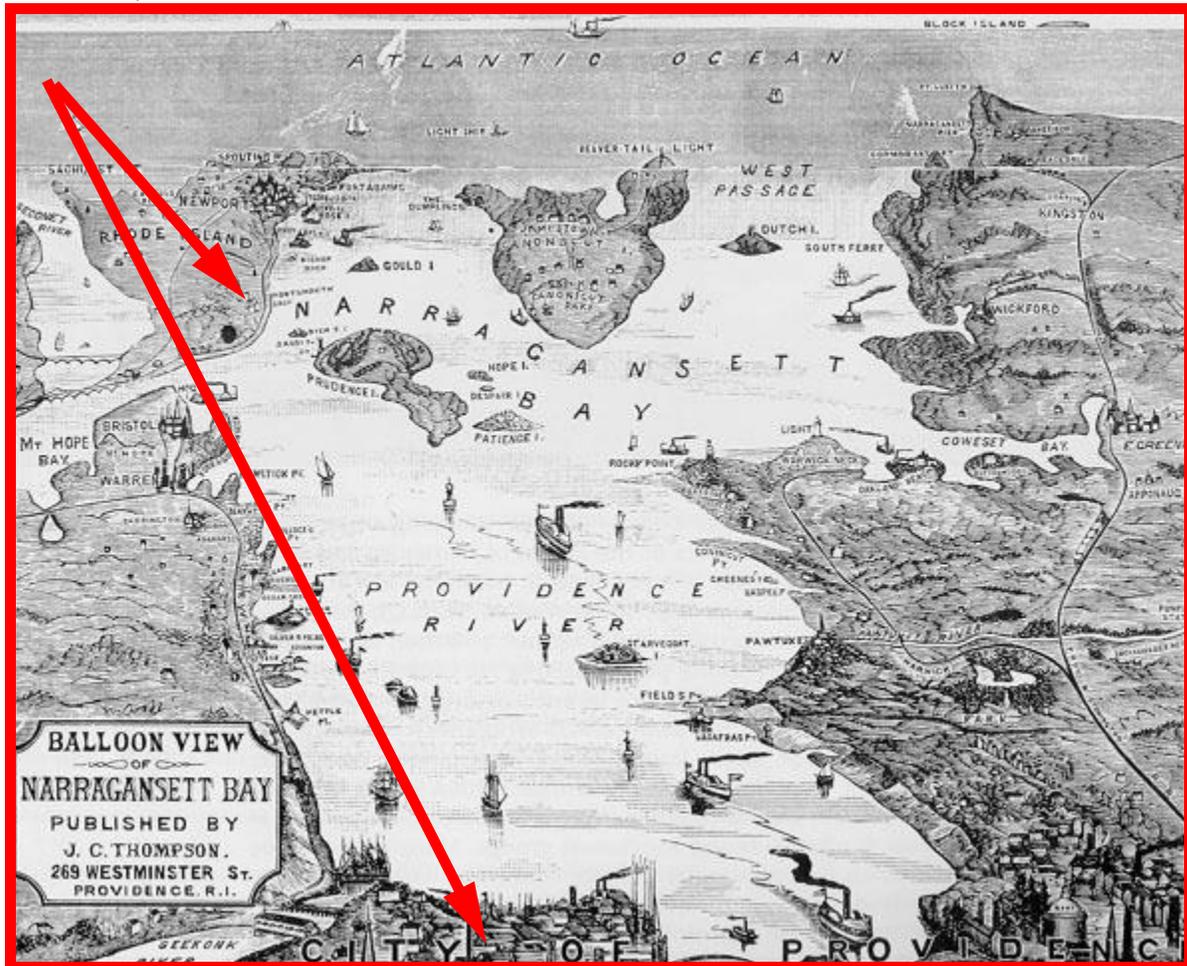
differently. The support provisions of the 1784 emancipation law allowed slave owners to escape any further financial responsibility for slaves under forty years of age whom they [manumitted](#), which threatened to leave too many "old" slaves in their thirties to the support of the towns. A 1785 revision ["An Act repealing Part of the Act respecting the Manumission of Slaves," RI General Assembly, October 1785], reiterated in 1798 ["An Act relative to Slaves, and to their Manumission and Support: part of the revision of the Public Laws of the State of Rhode-island and Providence Plantations," RI General Assembly, January 1798], lowered the age of eligibility for unencumbered emancipation to thirty. Apparently some town councils, faced with rising costs for pauper support, refused to allow slave owners to manumit even eligible slaves, leading to the passage of an 1804 act providing for an appeal procedure by slave owners "aggrieved" by recalcitrant councils ["An Act in Amendment of the Act, entitled, 'An Act relative to Slaves, and their Manumission and Support,'" RI General Assembly, March 1804]. In other words, an aging slave population that would not be replenished either by birth into slavery or by importation, which had been outlawed in Rhode Island in 1774, presented an increasing financial liability, and many slave owners sought to manumit their slaves before they would be obligated to support them in their old age. The large number of manumissions may have led the slaves themselves to interpret these provisions as the "General Emancipation" act that Brown describes. Undoubtedly most slaves saw freedom under any circumstances as good news – though not all did, as Brown wryly observes, noting that a few "declared their masters had been eating their flesh and now they were going to stick to them and suck their bones."

At the first federal census in 1790, there were 427 free people of color and 48 slaves living in the city of [Providence](#), a city of about 6,400. By 1810, four years before William Brown was born, the number of free people of color had risen to 865, just about 8.6 percent of the population of about 10,000, and the number of slaves had fallen to 6. Yet there were still 5 slaves in Rhode Island and 1 in the city of Providence in 1840, according to the Fifth Federal Census, and it was only the new state Constitution of November 1842 that finally abolished slavery entirely in Rhode Island.

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 The [Yearly Meeting](#) School that Friend [Moses Brown](#) had established in [Portsmouth](#) in 1784 had closed its doors in 1788. Friend Moses at this point, however, revived this school board, and after more than another decade of planning, the school would begin anew in 1819, this time atop College Hill in [Providence, Rhode Island.](#))



In [Providence](#), the legally incorporated entity “The Charitable [Baptist](#) Society” obtained the authority to levy a tax on church pews for repair of the society’s meetinghouse.



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January 1, Friday: “[Mounseer Nongtonpow](#),” a poem expanding upon a Charles Dibdin song, published by the publishing firm of [William Godwin](#) (M.J. Godwin) and illustrated by a Godwin protégé William Mulready, that some once supposed to have been authored by that publisher’s child [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#).

Herman Willem Daendels, appointed as governor by the French-controlled Dutch government, arrived in the Dutch East Indies.

The Code [Napoléon](#) went into effect in Spain and Holland.

Princess Elisa of Lucca reduced her court orchestra to a string quartet which included [Nicolò Paganini](#) and his brother.

Sierra Leone was made a British Crown Colony.

As of this day it supposedly became impossible legally, sort of, to import any more [slaves](#) into the United

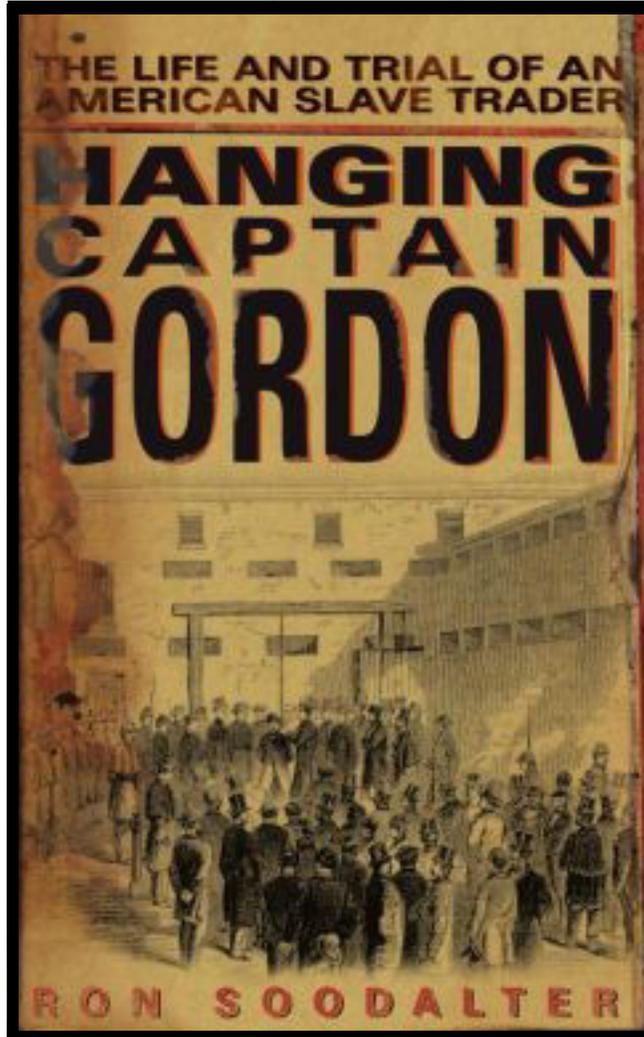


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States of America.⁹⁴

(Please note: in this assertion, the words “impossible” and “legally” entirely alter each other’s implications.)



94. You will notice the manner in which Section 9 of the US Constitution is persistently misrepresented in our history textbooks. Where Section 9 explicitly prohibits the new federal Congress from restricting the [international slave trade](#) before 1808, saying that “The migration or importation of such persons as any of the states now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight” our popular historians gloss this in our high schools as a victory for human liberty. This was instead a sop that had been thrown to the American enslavers. It categorically prevented the new federal government from interfering with their resupply of slaves prior to 1808 no matter how many votes there came to be, by decent and honorable Representatives, to duly restrict such an insidious traffic. Our popular historians present this concession to slavery, falsely, as if it were a 1787 declaration that as of 1808 the international trade in slaves was constitutionally declared to be outlawed. A built-in protection for slavery has been portrayed falsely in scholarly loose talk as an assault upon it. Yes, the federal congress did indeed in 1807 enact legislation making engaging in the international slave trade be a capital offense. However, we must take into account the fact that 1.) many [slaveholders](#) voted in favor of this new legislative approach, the fundamental economic motivation for this being that this legislation interfered with the international trade by others to the advantage of the national trade by themselves. This increased the value of the new crops of human property which they were themselves raising on their plantations, for sale within the nation. We must also take into account the fact that 2.) although the new legislation defined the offense as [piracy](#), a capital offense calling for [hanging](#), it also created a series of five loopholes through which almost anyone captured in the trade might expect always to escape unscathed. In other words, the hanging part of it was a straightforward sham. In fact between 1807 and 1861 not a single culprit “pirate” would get hanged! In 1862 one such bold “pirate” would be hanged — exactly **one** such criminal in the **entire** history of this legislation — but if you examine this one case, you will see that what he would be hanged for in 1862 was the crime of pride, in that he had neglected to make available to himself any one of these five built-in loopholes.



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Although importation of slaves into the United States was banned by this act which Congress –becoming for the first time enabled to overcome the constitutional restriction– had passed in 1807, making slave import into a capital crime, some 250,000 additional enslaved persons would be illegally imported between this year and 1860. Although nowadays we congratulate ourselves by paying extraordinary attention to the “success stories,” the sad fact is that the combined total of escapes (vanishingly few, mostly of unattached young males of the border states) and [manumissions](#) (vanishingly few) would come nowhere close to making a dent in such a rate of continuing “recruitment.”



“There has never been a document of culture,
which is not simultaneously one of barbarism.”

– [Walter Benjamin's THESES ON THE
PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY](#) (1955)



»Es ist niemals ein Dokument der Kultur,
ohne zugleich ein solches der Barbarei zu sein.«

– [THESEN ÜBER DEN BEGRIFF DER GESCHICHTE](#) (1940)

Although this [international slave trade](#) had been made a capital crime, nobody would hang for such a crime for a long, long time. There were too many too carefully built-in escape clauses. In fact, only one unfortunate would ever be hanged, and the hood would not be pulled over the head of this slave importer until the Year of Our Lord 1862!

THE MIDDLE PASSAGE

During this year the Reverend Absalom Jones would be proposing, to his African Episcopal congregation in Philadelphia, that all Americans should celebrate an annual holiday of Thanksgiving. This former slave would propose January 1st as the annual date of this Thanksgiving, it being the date on which the further importation of slaves into the US had at least ostensibly been made a federal capital crime. (Execute that turkey!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about electricity:

6th day 1st of 1st M 1808 / The year commences but poorly as to the inward condition of my mind. if there was but a living up to the light afforded, there would not be those secret condemnations which I almost continually feel – This evening curiosity lead me to an house, to try the curious effect of electricity. I received Several Shocks for the first time in my life - Set a little while with my H the latter part of the



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evening ⁻⁹⁵

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 January 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 2 of 1 M / This evening tho' very cold weather I rode on horse back to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Z Chases -

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 January 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day / It stormed so hard this morning that I thought of not going to meeting, thinking that I was so poor a thing that If I went I should be of no use to the meeting nor the meeting to me, but fearing I should be worse if I did not go was induced to weather a Smart snow storm. When I got there found my mind pretty quiet, & we had a comfortable meeting, our friend H Almy was very lively in testimony, encoraging those that were afflicted or might be afflicted to hold on their way & after meeting returned to cousin Z Chases, dined, spent the day & staid all night -

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 January 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / This morning rose early & rode home after a pleasant visit among my cousins whom I dearly love. It is remarkable that tho' it was very cold I did not suffer with the cold neither this morning in coming home, yesterday in going to meeting nor

95. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 9 for July 24, 1807-April 30, 1809; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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seven day evening in going out -

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 January 5, Tuesday: Robert Fulton left New-York to go upstate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 1 M / It has been a day of feeling, but I fear I have not obeyed my feelings, so as to insure peace -

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 January 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 6 of 1 M / Busily occupied at Trade. I dont find yet, that the general obstruction of buiness occasioned by the embargo, effects mine. I desire to be thankful for all my favors.-

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 January 7, Thursday: Robert Fulton got married with Harriet Livingston in Teviotdale, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 1st M 1808 / Favor'd with a good quiet meeting, had a Short visit this afternoon at the shop from R J our conversation occasioned some proffitable feelings - Set the evening at C Rs, rather pensively, but with nothing particularly depressive on my mind

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 January 8, Friday: The US Congress passed a 2d Embargo Act, requiring ship owners to post bond twice the value of the ship, to prevent them breaking the 1st Embargo Act.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 8 of 1 M / As to my state of mind it is much as usual today if any thing I think it has been a little more favored -

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 January 9, Saturday: Publication of the Razumovsky String Quartets and the Coriolan Overture by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was announced.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 9 of 1 M / I remain a poor thing - passed the evening at Thos Robinsons very pleasantly & trust to a degree of proffit-

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 January 10, Sunday: Emperor Franz of Austria got married with his 3d wife, Ludovica d'Este. On the same day the Apollosaal, a large, ostentatious ballroom, opened in the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 1 M / This forenoon our friend D Buffum was very livly in testimony from the text "The dilligent hand maketh rich but Idleness will clothe a man in rags" this he said would hold good both in A temporal & spiritual sense, the latter he expatiated on largely impressin in a very lively & feeling manner the necessity of working while the day lasteth for behold the night cometh wherein no work can be done - In the afternoon we were silent, And alass for poor me I was but a poor scattered thing, it seemed as if there was no Sense of right feeling tho' I did indulge the hope toward the close in the afternoon that it was not wholly withheld

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 January 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 11 of 1 M / It has been a more favor'd day for which I desire to be thankful, but Alass when I would do good evil is present

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 January 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 1 M / Endeavourd this morning to center my mind to the right place, read a little in the Life of F [T?] Ellwood which interested my feelings & revived a degree of the same sensation when I read it some Years ago - After dinner -Oh that I could be preserved under that precious feeling which has for a little while been experienced - This evening was waited on by, three black men in a very solid weighty manner, with the minutes & constitution of a Society forming in this town among the black people for the purpose of promoting a free School for people of colour, under the name of the African Benevolent Society, they had taken the liberty to include my name among the Directors & wish me to consider of their plan & consent that my name should stand for the ensuing Year.

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 January 13, Wednesday: Salmon Portland Chase was born to Ithmar Chase and Janet Ralston Chase in Cornish, New Hampshire, the 9th of what would be a family of 11 children.

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) would be residing at the Courier building on the Strand in London, until June.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 13 of 1 M 1808 / My mind has been, at times, closely engaged thro' the day in considering the consitution of the African Benevolent Society, & am apprehensive it will clash with my religious principals to serve as a director, as there in it is contemplated to establish a free School & the master is required to Pray with the Schollars daily, & was I to be appointed to hire a teacher, it would be utterly inconsistent with my religious principals to enjoin any such practice, believing that it is impossible to pray without the immediate assistance of the holy spirit, & experience teaches me that prayers offered in meer form is an offence to the Almighty - It would be pleasant to afford the poor black people any assistance in my power, as they are a class of mankind, for whom I have long (even from my boyhood) been anxiously concerned for, & have often, yea, very often, felt a near Sympathy with them in their deeply afflicted & oppressed condition, & should be heartily glad if their emancipation could be generally effected, & trust as they keep their propper places, & their friends continue faithfully to espouse their cause it may yet be brought to pass, & that load of iniquity, which now abounds & burdens the Earth shall be swept from among us -

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 January 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 1 M / Owing to a severe storm of snow & rain our meeting was very small, but to me a preciously favord season, such an one as I have not recently experienced. Oh that I may be humbly thankful for this, as I have may times gone to meeting & like the door on the hinges come as I went, only so much nearer the Grave

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 January 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 15 of 1 M / Spent the evening at D Huntingtons, R B was very entertaining with her old storys

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 January 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 16 of 1 M / No advancement in religion but rather a decline



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In the evening called At aunt P Gould, O Williams & CRs a little while

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 January 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 17 of 1 M 1808 / Our meetings were Silent. In the morning it was a favor'd time to me being enabled to feel the spirit of supplication to arise to be preserved from falling into spiritual death. In the Afternoon was severly tried with wandering thoughts, I endeavored to rally all my force against them but still they perplexed me - Spent the evening as usual -

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 January 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 1 M / In the evening wrote a letteer to my beloved friend Micajah Collins. - After I went to bed my mind was much affected with a Sense of my short comings, a desponding temptation ensued & I was all most ready to fear a sleepless night, but was favor'd to get into the precious quiet & slept better than common.

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 January 19, Tuesday: [Ebenezer Hubbard Flint](#) was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, son of the Congregational [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) and [Abigail Hubbard Flint](#).⁹⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 1 M / At the funeral of a child of Asa Sissions my mind was lead into a precious feeling state & was truly thankful that I was thus kept alive notwithstanding my unfaithfulness -While setting in the room I felt much for the poor mother who was present with another sick child in her Arms & altho' it was very uneasy a part of the time & crying, yet it did not disturb me or to appearance the rest of the company, but was a time of favor tho' the company was but small -

It has been my lot of late to keep much in shallow waters fearing to lanch out into the deep least my faith fail & I like poor Peter begin to sink, but now find my strength has a little increased, or at least I have thought so today

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 January 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

96. Hey, this time the reverend bothered himself to write down the date of birth in the church records! Is the guy turning over a new leaf?



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*4th day 20 of 1 M / Busily engaged in trade - towards 9 O'clock
in the eveng called at D Williams*

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January 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 1 M / It was to me a most precious meeting, my
mind was bowed under a sense of the Lords goodness, & desires
were raised in my soul to increase my care to invoke the holy
Spirit more & more daily - in the preparative meeting I was
engaged to Speak to some matters before us & trust I did no Hurt
& perhaps but very little good - Poor W C was brought forward
by the Overseers for indirectly paying his Military fine,
unfaithfulness will bring us into difficulty*

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January 22, Friday: Dom João and the Queen of Portugal arrived in Salvador, Bahia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 22nd of 1st M 1808 / Busily at trade thro' the day &
evening, toward the close of it called at C Rs a little while -
Alass no growth -*

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January 23, Saturday: Samuel Wesley was admitted to Somerset House Masonic Lodge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 23 of 1 M / At trade thro' the day. In the evening, at R
Taylor & Aunt M Goulds -*

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[Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Samuel Miller in regard to government-sponsored prayer and other religious worship:

I do not believe it is for the interest of religion to invite the civil magistrate to direct its exercises, its discipline, or its doctrines; nor of the religious societies, that the General Government should be invested with the power of effecting any uniformity of time or matter among them. Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the times for these exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets; and the right can never be safer than in their hands, where the



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Constitution has deposited it.

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January 24, Sunday: [Seth Eastman](#) was born in Brunswick, Maine, the 1st of the 13 children of Robert Eastman and Sarah Lee Eastman.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 1 M / My Aunt M Stanton being taken very Ill of a billious complaint, it seemed best for me to omit going to meeting this Morning - Attended in the Afternoon, but was a poor unsettled thing - our friend D Buffum towards the close spoke in a very lively & encoraging manner to a state present that he apprehended was under a close trial - took a dish of tea at Aunt M Gould - Spent the evening at C Rs, John Smith was there & related an anecdote of his towards the officer that came on a time to distrain his Military fine. The man came & was about to proceed but fell into discourse with John & finding him full a match, stept into the Street to call in another to his assistance - they asked John if there was an enemy approaching the shore if he would not step forward then to "defend his property," John's reply was "I dont know what I whould do in such a case, you are my neighbors, & are the only people that ever attempted to take my property, & it appears to me if I should ever fight it would be now, for it would be easier to fight with two than with an Army" which reply with the other conversation so operated on the minds of the men that they took a look around the house, but took nothing & went off & John never heard any thing more from them on that account

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January 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 1 M / Aunt M S remains very ill, last night was a night of great distress & has continued thro' the day Im allmost induced to fear it will prove too much for her - Spent the eveng with my Dear H

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January 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th day of 1st M / This evening visited WmPatten respecting our Standing as Directors of the African Benevolent Society, had much conversation with on the subject of the stile of their consitution which requires the master of the School to Pray with the Schollars daily I pointed out the inconsistency of such a requisition according to my understanding and capacity, he at length united with me so far as to be willing to propose that the Article be altered - We parted in much friendship & I wondered that he bore some of my remarks on formal



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prayers & Worship as well as he did -

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 January 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 27 of 1 M / Pretty busily occupied at Trade, after work toward the close of the evening called at little while at O Williams

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 January 28, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), Daniel Brooks of Groton & Rebecca Harrington of Concord were joined in marriage by Abiel Heywood, Just. Pacis.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 1st M / Moy [Monthly] Meeting in town - In the part for worship H Almy was twice engaged in testimony, he was concerned to encourage those who were sensible they had no might nor strength of their own to hold on their way believing that the trials permitted to await us in our religious progress are for our refinement & reminded those that were of this description "that the hotter the furnace the purer the Gold" In the part for discipline we had much business & things labor'd hard, poor me was active & perhaps had in some instances had better have been silent

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 January 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 29 of 1 M / Pretty dilligently occupied at Trade thro' the day - Aunt M S is better but recovers slowly -

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 January 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 30 of 1 M / Nothing material has occur'd - my mind as usual very lifeless - Oh that a greater degree of dedication of heart could be attained too -

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 January 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 31 of 1 M / Attended Meetings - in the morning I was a poor scattered creature & could not feel the life to rise any untill our friend D Buffum stood up & expressed a few words on



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the necessity of Watchfulness, his expressions revived the latent spark in my mind & I thought enabled me to have a better meeting in the Afternoon Spent the evening with my precious H, our love seem'd affresh renew'd. & my mind received a new & stronger tie of affection

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 February 1, Monday: Andoche Junot, the French commander in Portugal, announced that the Bragança dynasty was history and that power had passed to the man whom he represented, Napoléon Bonaparte.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 2nd M 1808 / Debating in my mind whether to go to [Providence](#) to Attend our Qrt Meeting. I want to go but dont see how to leave my buisness – really it seemes as if my way was never more hedged about with incumberances

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 February 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 2 M / Still in suspence about [Providence](#), whenever my mind has been turn'd that way there has been a thick cloud, but whether the cloud is owing to the Situation of things there or at home I am hardly able to determine - The prospect however has brightened this evening & I am induced to think if it is a good time in the morning that I shall go -

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 February 3, Wednesday: Publication of the Twelve Dances for piano op.27 and the Twelve Dances for piano op.28 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Moses Brown](#) had his family inoculated with “kine pox.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was agonizing about his upcoming trip to [Providence](#) to attend the [Quaker](#) Quarterly Meeting there — the big city being all of 30 miles distant while he never in his 27 years had been farther from his home than to East [Greenwich](#) and to [Swansea](#), “the distances of which is only computed 25 miles.”

4th day / This morning a little past 10 OClock went on board the packet in company with J Earle, J Rodman, E Rodman & M Buffum & after a pleasant passage arrived in [Providence](#) about sunset & was very affectionatly received by our kind friends O & D[?] Brown. J E, J R & myself lodged there & the young women at Wm Almys. I had the satisfaction of being in company with Richard Jordan, & Rowland Greene, the evening passed pleasantly & instructingly----

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February 4, Thursday: The Emperor Napoléon demanded 40,000,000 francs from Portugal, to defray the cost of his having invaded their country. "You don't think I do this sort of thing for free, do you?"

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day Before meeting went to Wm Almys where I had the allmost exquisit satisfaction of seeing my endeared friends Micajah Collins & Matthew Purinton - At meeting my mind was quieted in an unusual manner soon after I took my seat, & a very humbling season ensued, being favor'd with the renewal of the day spring from on high, & my soul was bowed with thankfulness to the Lord that I was there, & did not give way to the Mountains of discouragement that presented in view before I left home, which sometimes were so gloomy that I began to think there was no way to escape sudden destruction Soon after the meeting was settled James Greene stood up & expressed a few words to good satisfaction, on the necessity of our individually witnessing the resurrection unto life, then Holden Almy on the great privileges & usefulness of Silent waiting - then Micajah Collins in a very weighty manner addressed & encoraged the young people of our own Society to take up their daily cross & follow Christ, observing that he believed if the "Cross could be dressed up in something pretty to our fanciful immagination it would be much more readily embraced than it is by many" - Then Richard Jordan appear'd in a very edifying testimony endeavoring to stir up our minds to more life & dwelt considerable time on the very watering seasons experienced in the Meetings of our invaluable prediccursors. The life & power was so great that even those that came as disturbers were many times smiten by it, & convinced of the truth, but now it was very often quite the reverse we are but poor dry & barran things our meetings allmost void of the Power of divine life - much more he said which was very cordial to my mind - then James Greene appear'd in a short supplication & the meeting ended - There was but little buisness in the last & it ended about 8 OClock. I took dinner at O Browns & after dinner went to Wm Almys to spend a little time with Micajah Collins & thereat took tea -returned to OBs in the evening & wrote a little to Mary Collins at Salem from whom I receiv'd one in the morning -

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February 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / Breakfasted at OB's with whom I lodged again then went to Wm Almys to have a little more time with my dear friend Micajah after setting with him a while he felt his mind drawn to the meeting house, a committee from the meeting for suffering was then sitting to revise our discipline - I walked to the meeting house with him - then took a turn among my brother



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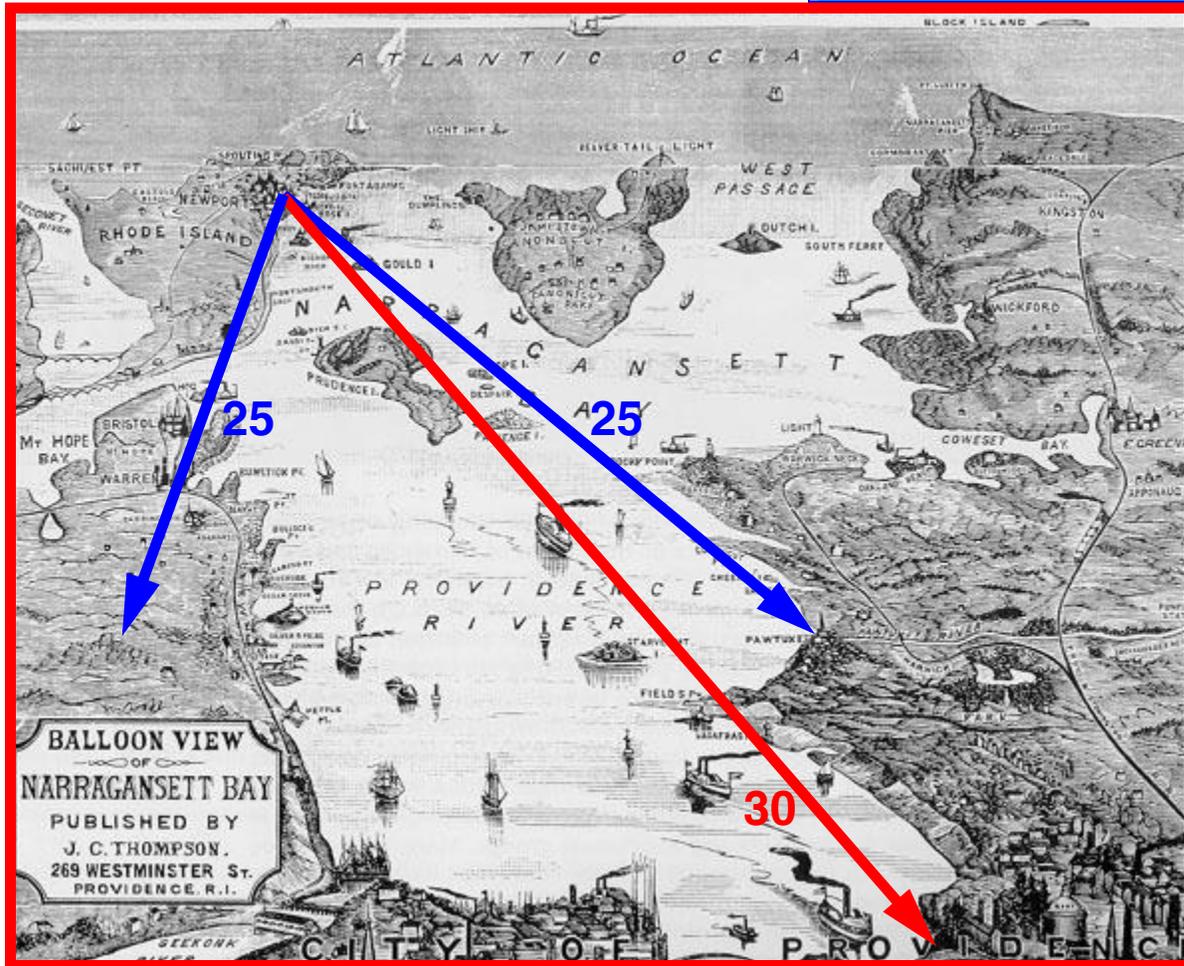
watchmakers in that place, bought several necessary Articles & went to the Wharf where the Packet lies & found one hoisting sail & J Earle on board, so leaving my friends very abruptly & very unexpectedly stept on board at 20 Minutes past eleven, & arrived in [Newport](#) at about 15 minutes past two O'clock making the passage a little less than three hours -My first visit at [Providence](#) has been exceedingly sweet, being favor'd with much agreeable company & a very favor'd time in my mind. I desire to be truly thankful, & believe I am, even bow'd in spirit for being again favor'd to experience ny inward strength renewed - This was the first time I was ever at [Providence](#) or so far from home, the extent of my journeying being only to East [Greenwich](#) & [Swansey](#) the distances of which is only computed 25 miles & [Providence](#) 30 - When I arrived in town immediately called at C R's & gave them information that - J & E had gone to Patucket & would be at home tomorrow - when I came home found all my little buisness & concerns in as good as order as I left them which is also cause of humble thankfulness, & encoragement I believe my journey was right - Spent the eveng with my precious H & gave her as interesting an account of the meeting & my visit as I was

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➡ February 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day / Busily at Trade with my mind often turn'd towards my late very favord visit -

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➡ February 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 2 M 1808 / This morning on hearing the character of one that Stands as a member of our Society very much called in question as a dishonest person, by society very much aspersed on his account - my mind was deeply affected & even lead to mourn for the ways of Zion - Was favor'd with a pretty good meeting in the forenoon in the Afternoon more roving & unsettled - Spent



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the evening with my precious H our love was sweetly renewed

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February 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 2 M / Afflicted still with the evil reports which abound respecting a brother -Scarce any one that has come within my doors this day but has expatiated on his character it is truly painful to hear society so reproached on the account of any one, & ought to serve as a solemm warning to those who have yet lived with untarnished characters to watch well our steps, our dealings among men, & in order to live unblemished there is nothing will be of more account than a truly religious life -Oh that I may renew my care, double my dilligence, watch & pray without ceasing that I may not loose my ground entirely. Oh Lord preserve me, I have suffered the surfiting things of the world & the wicked passions incident to my poor frail nature to have aboundantly too much sway, may they be Subjected to thy Holy will, & may all that is within me bow in Humble submission to thy holy will, be it what it may, Help Oh Lord for without thee I can do nothing -

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February 9, Tuesday: French troops crossed into Navarre and Catalonia in force.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 2 M 1808 / As usual at Trade, Oh what a want of that heavenly flame which kindleth up the soul in lively appreciation to its God for that heavenly food which nourisheth up the soul to eternal life - for the want of care to watch & pray, my mind hath this day, as well as many others, been suffered to enter into several hurtful things, which tend to diminish the inward life

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February 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 2nd M / This forenoon I have felt but little life, but since dinner my mind has been very suddenly dipt into sensations which have bowed my spirit - Oh what a desirable object to have our hands clean & washed in innocency, to be able to feel our minds exempt from guilt & hypocracy. Oh saith my soul may all hypocracy be removed & my heart renewed before the Lord.

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February 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 2 M / Rather poor at Meeting but on the whole better than I expected before I went as there was all most an entire void of life in my mind before I went – Our friend Obadiah Davis was with us & toward the close of the meeting was concerned to incorage the poor in Spirit & especially those that had just begun their work, that they do not suffer the enemy to get the advantage in low Seasons, nor "take their flight in this their Winter Season" – In the evening joined a Sweet circle at O Williams. present as visitors O Davis & wife H & R Rodman M Sherman & M Barker – towards the close we fell into Silence & our friend O Davis was concerned to address us in a very powerful manner, & particularized dear H & R Rodman & M Barker encoraging them to faithfulness believing they had been called to Holiness. dear H he desired would be faithful as he apprehended she would be of use in the Church Militant - it was the most melting opportunity I was ever present in, & I am sure my feelings were scarcely ever more reached by any preaching. I was thankful I was there & hope the impressions received will be of duration. I trust the opportunity will not soon be forgotten –

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February 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 2nd M 1808 / At Trade pretty dilligently, nothing material has occupied my mind thro' the day. in the evening called at C Rs & spent a few minutes agreeably as usual

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 February 13, First Day: Richard Allen requested to be accepted as a member of the Acoaxet Preparatory Meeting (later the Westport Monthly Meeting) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#). In [Newport, Rhode Island](#),



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his diary:

7th day 13 of 2 M / The week has gone no more to be recalled it is an humbling consideration that time passes swiftly away & every moment brings us nearer to the grave - & it is Still more so when we feel sensible that we do not progress in that which will afford peace in the Solomn final change from this to another world - My mind is often arrested with the necessity of our being more dedicated in boody soul & spirit to Serve the living God. There is an afflicting example now among us of one that thro' the love of mammon has fallen into Shameful disgrace even a bye word among men for dishonesty, & thereby brought great reproach upon our Society. There has been a time when the poor thing might have done better but Alass he has fallen -

 February 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 2 M / Poor scattered Meetings - both silent - spent the evening as usual on this day of the week, with my very endeared H who at every interview feels more precious & nearer my heart - Oh Saith my soul may all my faculties be engaged in the right discharge of the duty that may soon involve on me toward her, but whether we Shall ever be ever closer united that at present is very uncertain at [as] thy Dear creature is now in poor health & has been so for many months

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 February 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*2nd day 15th of 2nd M 1808 / Nothing but barrenness thro' the day
In the evening met with the Directors of the African Free School
at Wm Pattens for the first time meeting - We agreed to propose
an alteration of the Consitution to the Society, of the
article respecting binding of the Master to pray with the
Schollars daily -& Also of another article which respects their
Annually attending some place of publick worship in a sowing
capacity, for the purpose of making a collection for the benefit
of the institution. Those two articles are now so quallified
that I think a Friend might teach the School, [or they attend
Friends meeting, crossed out] without being obliged to do
anything inconsistent with our religious Principals, & should
they request to meet with us there would be some embarrassing
circumstances removed - A committee was appointed to carry the
school into effect*

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February 16, Tuesday: French troops took possession of several border towns in Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 16 of 2nd M / As usual at Trade thro' the day - In the
evening called at J E's and set the latter part of it there very
agreeably, my dear H was also there*

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February 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 17 of 2nd M / Oh that there was more Stability in my
nature, I often yea very often, oftener than the morning find
my Spiritual strength diminished by giving way to things that
some would think inthemselves [sic] were innocent, but the
inward reprovor often tells me they are not so, yet there is
such a propensity in my nature to folly, that the impulse seems
to be allmost irresistable - The question is often asked within
myself "Is there any growth in truth, & the return is allmost
as often, Alarmingly sounded in the ear of my mind NO accompanied
with an fearful apprehension that there is quite a retrograde
motion as respects my religious progress - I have been long
professing & Oh to my grievous mortification there is not that
fruit which is to be expected from a tree that has so many times
been duned & watered.—*

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February 18, Thursday: Jonathan Fiske of Waltham got married with Mary Baker.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 2 M 1808 / At meeting had to fight with the enemy,



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even to close quarter, & thro holy help I was favord to know him to be in good measure overcome My mind while writing bows under a Sense of the Lords goodness, & Oh Oh saith my Soul may the warfare be daily renewed untill all that is opposed to the divine will be Slain & lad low - In the evening called at Aunt Martha Goulds, O Williams, & C R's - at the two latter places my mind was brought into the quiet sweetness in a manner rather uncommon for these Years of fammine & the precious life flowed freely -

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February 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19 of 2nd M / Pretty much engaged at Trade thro' the day My esteemed friend Philip Dunham Spent the evening with me in the shop his company is very interesting, & Oh that we may unitedly run our race with acceptance to him who hath in mercy visited our hearts with the day-spring of his love, & many times refreshed us together as with the distilling of his heavenly dew -

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February 20, Saturday: Russian forces occupied Finland.

Ein französischer Prolog von Madame Aurore Bursay: Venez plaisirs charmants by Johann Friedrich Reichardt was performed for the initial time, in the Kassel Hoftheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 2 M / Met with the School committee at the meeting House on buisness - What need we have of faithful burden bearers, those that are willing to take the Yoak upon them & be exercised in the cause of our great Master - but alas I was so barran that I was ready to conclude myself but a burden to those that were under more exercise - The frequent calls of my friend P D has been very agreeable, he has been detained today by the weather - his countenance is Solid & weighty, & I hope yea greatly desire he may dwell deep & not get mar'd upon the wheel Spent most of the evening in the Shop at Trade

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February 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 2nd M 1808 / I was but a poor scatterd thing at Meetings I often thought it was near mockery set thus in a place appointed for the worship of the Almighty God - Our friend D Buffum was very accepably engaged in public testimony, he endeavor'd to impress on the Audience the importance of our attending to the Golden rule, To do unto others as we would



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others should do unto us were we in their situation – Between meetings visited an Old acquaintance & relative, while setting with her my mind was brought feelingly to commemorate some very pleasant & instructing seasons which occur'd in that house & very chamber, when I was quite a youth. Serious reflections insued & some conversation that I trust may be render'd useful to us both -Spent the evening as usual on this day of the week, with my increasingly Precious H & desires were raised in my soul that the time of closer union may be hastened

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 February 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 2nd M / Nothing material thro' the day. in the eveng called at W Cornells, O Williams & C R's, at W C's they are in much affliction. I hope it will work for their good & as a warning a solomn warning to others

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 February 23, Tuesday: Count Remusat wrote to the director of the Opéra requesting that the name of Jan Ladislav Dussek be inscribed on the “liste des Entrées” (Dussek would not need to pay at the door).

The Senate of the United States received from the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania a proposal to amend the federal Constitution in such manner as to make it forever impossible for the federal legislature, or for any state legislature, to authorize importation of any more slaves. Although this resolution was read to the body, there would be no further mention of such a proposal.

“Agreeably to instructions from the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania to their Senators in Congress, Mr. Maclay submitted the following resolution, which was read for consideration: – “Resolved . . . , That the Constitution of the United States be so altered and amended, as to prevent the Congress of the United States, and the legislatures of any state in the Union, from authorizing the importation of slaves.” SENATE JOURNAL (reprint of 1821), 10th Congress, 1st session, IV. 235; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 10th Congress, 1st session, page 134. For the full text of the instructions, see AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, MISCELLANEOUS, I. 716.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Note that in this timeframe, the white people of the South had not yet become fixated upon the absolute value of their system of human [enslavement](#). They were, in this timeframe, perfectly congenial to speculations that it might be an excellent idea to simply walk away from all this. Attitudes had not yet hardened; situations had not yet stickied.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: The attitude of the South toward the slave-trade changed *pari passu* with this development of the cotton trade. From 1808 to 1820 the South half wished to get rid of a troublesome and abnormal institution, and yet saw no way to do so. The fear of insurrection and of the further spread of the disagreeable system led her to consent to the partial prohibition of the trade by severe national enactments.



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Nevertheless, she had in the matter no settled policy: she refused to support vigorously the execution of the laws she had helped to make, and at the same time she acknowledged the theoretical necessity of these laws. After 1820, however, there came a gradual change. The South found herself supplied with a body of slave laborers, whose number had been augmented by large illicit importations, with an abundance of rich land, and with all other natural facilities for raising a crop which was in large demand and peculiarly adapted to slave labor. The increasing crop caused a new demand for slaves, and an interstate slave-traffic arose between the Border and the Gulf States, which turned the former into slave-breeding districts, and bound them to the slave States by ties of strong economic interest.

As the cotton crop continued to increase, this source of supply became inadequate, especially as the theory of land and slave consumption broke down former ethical and prudential bounds. It was, for example, found cheaper to work a slave to death in a few years, and buy a new one, than to care for him in sickness and old age; so, too, it was easier to despoil rich, new land in a few years of intensive culture, and move on to the Southwest, than to fertilize and conserve the soil.⁹⁷ Consequently, there early came a demand for land and slaves greater than the country could supply. The demand for land showed itself in the annexation of Texas, the conquest of Mexico, and the movement toward the acquisition of Cuba. The demand for slaves was manifested in the illicit traffic that noticeably increased about 1835, and reached large proportions by 1860. It was also seen in a disposition to attack the government for stigmatizing the trade as criminal,⁹⁸ then in a disinclination to take any measures which would have rendered our repressive laws effective; and finally in such articulate declarations by prominent men as this: "Experience having settled the point, that this Trade *cannot be abolished by the use of force*, and that blockading squadrons serve only to make it more profitable and more cruel, I am surprised that the attempt is persisted in, unless as it serves as a cloak to some other purposes. It would be far better than it now is, for the African, if the trade was free from all restrictions, and left to the mitigation and decay which time and competition would surely bring about."⁹⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 23 of 2 M / Oh my instability & very great infermity,
I have tried to get nearer the fountain of life, but for the
want of more deep indwelling am yet very barran*

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97. Cf. United States census reports; and Olmsted, THE COTTON KINGDOM.

98. As early as 1836 Calhoun declared that he should ever regret that the term "piracy" had been applied to the slave-trade in our laws: Benton, ABRIDGMENT OF DEBATES, XII, 718.

99. Governor J.H. Hammond of South Carolina, in LETTERS TO CLARKSON, No. 1, page 2.



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February 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 2 M / Pretty dilligently at Trade & nothing material to insert, except that the old man with his deeds are not yet put off & whether I shall ever be able to get the better of him or not is often matter of doubt in my mind

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February 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 2nd M / With my very endear'd H I rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetings. In the part of it for worship, H Almy had considerable to say, but not so lively as at some other times D Buffum was engaged in the most finished & I dont know but the most favor'd testimony I ever heard of his -He proposed a query for consideration "What am I"? which he apprehended would be proffitable for all present seriously to make to ourselves & after some some further observations - he Said that man was indowed with three faculties, the Animal, rational & Divine the rational is to keep in order the animal, & the divine is for the rectification of both, & he was confirmed if we closely adhere to the pure inward principal we should not stray so far, or make such gross mistakes in the our Animal & rational faculties as we do

The part for discipline was a close exercising time & as to my poor mind it was allmost void of the life & power, but improving the little I found the Oil did increase but not to that degree as to render it necessary to borrow more Vessels - We dined at R Mitchells & while there I enjoyed the best part of the day, for while setting in the circle after dinner my mind was favor'd with the sweet arisings of life - We rode home & I took tea & spent the evening sweetly at C R's

It is lamentable yea it is very affecting to consider the very low state of our Society & when we see how many are falling on the right hand & on the left it calls loudly for those that "think they stand to take heed least they fall" And for my own part it is very humbling to reflect on the great liability of my falling, there is nothing short of a deep indwelling & the assistance of Grace that can preserve me - One of my fellow apprentices was this day disowned for misconduct & I pray the Lord most fervantly that I may never reproach the precious testimony -

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February 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 2M 1808 / Occupied at Trade as usual, at times my mind thro' the day brought into seriousness, & a little life afforded -

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February 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 27 of 2nd M / I hardly know what to say. the day has passed
& but little gained*

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February 28, Sunday: Austria adhered to the Continental System.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1day 28th of 2 M / Silent Meetings – The Stool of repentance is
often my seat, & has been most of this day – my quick temper
often brings me to it, early this morning a circumstance took
place which at an unguarded moment I did what would have been
omitted in cooler moments – it is mortifying to insert such
occurrences, but it would hardly be answering the design of
journalizing without it. Oh! that I could dwell in the life of
Truth continually, then I should not have to suffer as I have
this day -- Spent the eveng at C R's in company with the family
& a visitor that was not very salutary to my feelings; & had to
renew the conflict with Satan to keep in the patience –*

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February 29, Monday: French troops captured Barcelona.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 29th of 2 M / Spent the day as usual at Trade, passed
the forepart of the evening at B Hadwens with the committee from
the African Benevolent Society & concluded to open a School,
free for Black children as soon as it could be got under way,
under the Tuition of Newport Gardiner a religious & exemplary
black man – the latter part called to see my beloved H & found
her much indisposed, her complaints excited emotions of fear in
my heart that unless they are speedily removed "the silver cord
will soon be loosned" –*

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 March 1, Tuesday: American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this date President [Thomas Jefferson](#), whose house slave [Sally Hemings](#) was six or seven months pregnant with his 5th child, pardoned Phillip M. Topham after a conviction for “carrying on an illegal slave-trade.” Go thou and sin some more: Mr. Topham’s “I’m so sorry I got caught” routine must have been of true eloquence, for this gentleman would benefit not once but twice from such clemency (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 146, 148-9).

The Emperor Napoléon created a new Imperial Nobility.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 3rd M 1808 / It has been a day of deep seriousness of mind, a search has been made in the camp & alas Saith my soul, several things have been discovered that are very offensive, & as sense of my wicked heart hath so affected my mind that I can scarcely assume confidence to lift my heart in prayer to God for Strength to remove whatsoever is still retained that is an impediment to my religious progress –

 March 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2 of 3rd M 1808 / Occupied at Trade – latter part of the evening called at C R’s & found my precious H better which was rejoicing to my heart –

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 March 3, Thursday: Gonzalo O’Farrill y Herrera replaced Pedro Cevallos Guerra as First Secretary of State of Spain (ad interim).

Three Piano Sonatas with violin and cello accompaniment by Leopold Kozeluch were entered at Stationers’ Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 3 M / Had a pretty comfortable silent meeting –in the Afternoon rode to Middletown to attend the funeral of Daniel Anthony who deceased the night before the setting was very short but to me a precious time & I thought well worth going for – H Almy in a Short testimony & D Buffum closed the setting with a few words on the way home stopt at cousin A Goulds took tea & spent a little time with them very agreeably –

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 March 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 3 M / Nothing material to insert, spent most of the eveng in writing to my belov’d friend Micajah, & called a few



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minutes to enquire after my H who I found much better, of which I was truly thankful -

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March 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 3 M / A day of seriousness. in the afternoon met at the meeting house with the School committee, & very reluctantly accepted the office of Clerk but when once geared found the task nor so hard & felt more in my place than at first expected, so it is, if people, or if I could allways cheerfully submit to do what ever was right & necessary to be done I should make better progress in every sense than I do

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March 6, Sunday: French troops occupied the fortress of San Sebastián.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 3 M / The mind somewhat roving at meetings but not so bad as at sometimes. In the forenoon D Buffum delivered an excellent testimony founded on 1 Chron 28 Ch 9 re "And Then Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father & serve him with a willing mind & perfect heart. for the Lord searcheth all hearts & understandeth all the immaginations of the thoughts, if thou seek him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever" - In the Afternoon we were silent. took tea at Aunt M Goulds & spent the evening with my very precious & much endeared H -

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March 7, Monday: Dom João and the Queen Maria of Portugal arrived off Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 3rd M 1808 / Considerably engaged in buisness which took me from the shop, took an affermation before the town Council to quallify me to apprise the estate of Tho Gurney deceased - & attended to buisness for my cousin R M in the settlement of heer affairs which I think myself very poorly quallified, but hope that poor help will be better than none - In the evening at work - in the Shop my friend P Dunham Set with me & I think his visit was very helpful. I love him & hope we may continue to advance in the truth & finally end well -

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 March 8, Tuesday: The royal Portuguese entourage of Dom João and the Queen Maria disembarked and made a triumphal entry into Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 3rd M / I think my mind is in better condition this forenoon than for some time. The calls of my dear friend P Dunham has been strengthening

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 March 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 3 M / All things here are transient & sublunary & to those that are conscious of living far short of truths standard, reflections of that kind are the more striking, because they feel that by flinching from the divine command they stake their happiness in a world where all things are substantial. My mind has been this day very feelingly struck with the melancholy circumstance of poor Nebuchadnezer who by disobedience (no doubt) to the internal Monitor as well as the hand writing on the wall, was driven from among Men to assimilate with the beasts of the field until Seven times had passed over him that he might know that the Most High REIGNETH, & I believe unless we bow in mercy we shall in judgement. God is a merciful God & deals long & lovingly with his children & under a sense of his long suffering toward me my soul hath been shocked with fear least mercy be withheld & judgement be dispensed. Oh Father yet a little longer, yet a little longer - these are not words of mere course but the very feelings of my heart.

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 March 10, Thursday: Fernando José de Portugal e Castro became Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal in Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 3rd M 1808 / Our meeting was silent & I thought was a solid opportunity. Tho' it appear'd to me to be a time of suffering it was a time of favor to me, The life was easier to come at than common, if the mind at any time got off the watch it was easy to return to the center

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 March 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 3 M / The day has gone much as usual, nothing



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March 12, Saturday: Faced with economic depression and protests caused by the first two embargo acts, the US federal Congress passes a 3d Embargo Act prohibiting any export to any country by any means.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 3 M / Spent the day as usual at Trade, nothing occurd worth entering -

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March 13, Sunday: King Christian VII of Denmark died in Rendsburg, Schleswig and was succeeded by his son, Frederik VI.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 3 M / This mornng our meeting was very full & quite a solid opportunity. Our friend Abigail Robinson was concernd in a very lively & pertinent testimony endeavoring to impress on our minds the importance & solemnity of thus assembling ourselves for the purpose of performing worship to Almighty God & that unless we strive to center to the right sorce & spring we are but Mockers. She endeavord very sweetly to encorage those that oft assemled without feeling but little or no power to turn their minds inward, their mind being barran & they ready to conclude the day of their judgement was past that they put their trust in God & in his own time he would arise for their help & they would see that those seasons of barraness were dispenced for their good -- In the Afternoon we were silent but & had a pretty good time - took tea with Aunt M G & spent the eveng as usual on this day of the week

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March 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 14 of 3rd M / Finished a letter to my beloved friend Wm S Burling of NYork in answer to his a few days past - Spent the evening with my fellow apprisers in apprising the Estate of Thos Gurney deceased - it afforded a degree of real pleasure to have it in my power to assist the widdow & fatherless

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March 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 15th of 3rd M 1808 / Many times but particularly this days experience has taught me that I have many bitter draughts of self mortification & abasement to endure before I can attain to that lamblike chaste & pure state which constitutes christian perfection

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 March 16, Wednesday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia declared Finland a conquered province.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 3d M / A day of seriousness of mind, but not so uncomfortable as yesterday – pretty busy at Trade –

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 March 17, Thursday: An angry crowd in Madrid forced King Carlos to dismiss his favorite, Manuel de Godoy — who was being seen as encouraging French designs on Iberia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 3rd M / A pretty good silent meeting –

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 March 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 18 of 3 M / As Jimmy Simpson said at Monkey town meeting "too bad, too bad, worse & worse" – however he preached largely before it ended. This is some degree consoling

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 March 19, Saturday: The 2d angry mob in three days forced King Carlos IV of Spain to abdicate in favor of his son, Fernando VII. Pedro Cevallos Guerra replaced Gonzalo L'Farrill y Herrera as First Secretary of State of Spain.

I pittagorici, a dramma by Giovanni Paisiello to words of Monti, was performed for the initial time, at Teatro San Carlo, Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 3rd M / This forenoon a friend called on me & stated that an Auction was held in order to sell a black child said to be the property of one J Prigmore a woman that is here from Charleston but her title to the girl was doubtful. The friend & I Stepped over to F R; I took his advice on the subject who readily came over & consulted an Attorney, who declared the



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Sale illegal & went & broke up the Auction & called the town Council & on examination it appear'd that the womans title to the black girl was only founded on her being requested to take care of her by the childs mother when on her death bed & could produce neither bill of sail nor Indenture. The woman (Prigmore) appeared to have no wish to sell the child except from necessity & that but for nine years, which, even that was contrary to our law but being invegled by the person she boarded with, the Constable & Justice of peace was persuaded to the Measure I attended Council & to see the firmness manifested by its members against any species of Slavery was a real balsam to my mind. They censured this Justice & Constable in a spirited manner & broke up the proceedings - To see a poor little black girl standing up to a post exposed by an unfeeling Constable to a multitude of people for sail is a sight to moving to be quietly endured, & thro' favor there is yet remaining a spirit of tenderness in many of the inhabitance that would recoil at a deed so inhuman, & the exercions of Friends in this matter I believe will be of some use, even many of the Guiney traders themselves were affected at it & opposed the measure - It is rare of late that my feelings have been so quickened on any subject but to reflect that this poor little creature should be sold to the highest bidder who perhaps may be a person that would privately convey her to Some Sothern State & there sell her for life to deprive her of liberty & happiness, which is a peace of villany that might easily be practiced upon a poor little unprotected child I say to reflect on this is more than I can bear, hard & obdurate as my heart is in other respects, & that I have been a Small instrument among several to prevent it is matter of most Sincere thankfulness in my heart. [His writing is suddenly doubled or trebled in size, and the ink very dark. In the next paragraph his writing returns to its normal small size.]

In the evening visited several acquaintance & at D W's heard that our Ancient & beloved friend mary Mitchell has lately had a Shock of a fit of the Palsey while speaking in a Meeting on [Nantucket](#) just as she was finishing her last sentence. She is Somewhat recovered, but it is not expected she will ever go out again -

Also heard of the decease of Sarah Barney a very repectable friend of [Nantucket](#).

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March 20, Sunday: Martin Van Buren was appointed surrogate of Columbia County, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 3rd M 1808 / Owing to its being a very rainy day our meetings were very small, but six women this afternoon they were silent & to me very Scattered Seasons - took tea at Aunt M Goulds - Spent the eveng as usual on this day of the week with my very endearing H -

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 March 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 3rd M / A Trade as usual, nothing material to insert except a poor barran mind, several friends called whose company was pleasant

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 March 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 3rd M / Again Nothing material, the mind as usual in a barran situation, however favor'd with a little strength to strive

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 March 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 3rd M / This afternoon spent a little time in the Free black School, had a few remarks to make to the Children on the importance of their attention to Study & good behaviour in School, the institution is yet infant & whether it will ever arrive to much usefulness is yet uncertain, however I wish it well sincerely

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 March 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 3rd M / A rather better meeting than common, silent & a solid quiet time -

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 March 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 3rd M / Pretty diligently at trade, convictions has closely followed me for some part of this days conduct - Spent the evening with Cousin Anne Greene at J's, it was an agreeable time, but I could not enjoy it as I wanted too -

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 March 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 3rd M / Before I went to bed last eveng my mind was seriously affected under a sense of my poor frail condition.



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The temptations surround me & alas the fear is they will ultimately Swallow me up. thro' the night I slept but little being much disturbed by a noise in the house adjoining ours by reason of a death & a birth which took place within a Short time of each other – & during my wakeful hours "repentance filled my mind" & if this repentance will but tend to the revival & establishment of my mind in the precious life, I have frequently thought I should be willing to suffer all that might be unflicted but alas there is something in my nature that is so unslain that I Sometimes fear I shall ultimately make ship wreck of faith, which God in Mercy forbid -

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March 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 3rd M 1808 / In the forenoon our friends Anne Greene & D Buffum were very lively in testimony. Cousin Anne's testimony in particular was a very precious one to me, in the afternoon we were silent but quiet & solid - It had been a day of deep feeling to me & Oh saith my soul may I dwell under the exercise that now impresses my mind --Spent the eveng as usual with my dear H —

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March 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 3 M 1808 / Between 10 & 11 OClock this forenoon Aunt Martha Stanton & brother Isaac went on board the sloop packet Golden Age, Capt Justin for NYork - a very fresh wind at North west

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March 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 3 M / Aunt Patty & Isaac came on shore last evening the wind blew so hard they could not get out of the harbor, but again this morning set sail & I hope they will get their safe & speedily as she is anxious to see her husband -

I thought & allmost determined once today not to write any thing in my journal, feeling my mind so overwhelmed with my own human frailtys, & altho I cannot even now "Sing on the banks of deliverance" yet it seems best to say I am yet alive, but how soon Death to the Spiritual life takes place I can not tell. if Life is mercifully continued it will be a meer mercy for it will not be from any merits of my own, & if light is wholly withheld I have thought it will be just, as I allmost continually rebell against its heavenly rebukes, this is painful to records &



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 March 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30th of 3rd M / Aunt Patty & Isaac are Still detain'd the packet returned yesterday after beating against an head wind some hours they discoverd a serious leek in the Vessel upwards of four feet of water in the hold — In company with Wm Patten this afternoon visited the African Charity school. I hope sincerly they may prosper
My mind this day has been released from the painful state it was Yesterday emmersed in, & in closing the evening a good degree of Sweetness attends me -*

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 March 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th [sic] of 3rd M 1808 / Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in town, the part for worship was silent & I suppose rather a dull time but for my own part was middlingly favor'd - In the part for transaction of Church discipline we had Several painful occurrences among which poor I A was disowned, alass poor thing he hath known better times, & Oh Saith my soul may he yet in mercy be brought to consider the rock from whence he was hewn, & the hole in the pit from whence he was digged, & again return to his first love -

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 April 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 4th M 1808 / My mind has been in measure released from some exercises which has attended me of late, & on the whole a pretty comfortable day - dilligent at Trade -

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 April 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 4th M / Pretty dilligent at Trade thro' the day, in the eveng made an agreeable call at my friend Sam Towles -

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 April 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 4th M / Our morning meeting was very full owing to informations being given out that R Jordan was to be there, but he did not arrive till this eveng which disappointed the



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people much –

For the Afternoon I left meeting & rode to Middletown to attend the funeral of Sylva Anthony widdow of Daniel [crossed out: who deceased about 9 month since] The funeral was large & a quiet opportunity, took tea at cousin Alice Gould & on the way home stopt at Saml Thurstons spent the evening with my dear H witnessing a joint renewal of our fellowship –

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 April 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 4th of 4th M / The day has passed as many, yea very many others have with a retrograde motion as respects devotion of heart - In the eveng called at Saml Gibbs on buisness & then a few minutes at CR's

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 April 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) talked religion with the Reverend Gibson, the local [Baptist](#) minister, and considered afterward that he as a [Quaker](#) had had the better side of the conversation:

3rd day 5 of 4 M / Pretty much as Yesterday as to the State of my mind & no occurrence as to the concerns of the day worth inserting, except that it just occurs, that I had a Pleasant interview with Gibson the Baptist Minister of this town, I have no doubt but he is a religious minded man but holds several eronious doctrines, particularly that the scriptures are the only rule of faith & practice, however from his own confession of his religious experience he contradicted himself several times in the corse of conversation

(One wonders, actually, whether the Reverend would have been able to concur with this assessment of the encounter.)

 April 6, Wednesday: The New York legislature approved the incorporation of John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 4 M 1808 / It has been a favor'd day, & my mind was particularly refreshed while setting at D W's this evening

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 April 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th of 4th M 1808 / Our friend Richard Jordan was with us at our meeting to day & after setting sometime after the usual time of breaking Meeting he rose as he Said with a prospect of Saying but little, but went on from Step to Step untill he occupied



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forty minutes in very lively & powerful communications. he said that perhaps Some were much disappointed at not hearing Something sooner, but most of the meeting he had nothing in commisson to deliver & it was as much impossible for him to preach without a commission as it would be for him to make a living man out of a dead image, that there was certain geniuses that could form a peace of wood into the form of a man, but after all he could not breathe the breath of life into it & it was as impossible for him to preach without immediate commission, he seemed much engaged to encorage a living, baptized remnant present &c --

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 April 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 4 M 1808 / The day has passed much as usual. I hardly know what to say of the State of the mind

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 4 M / A day of deep Seriousness on may acct's. The aspect of our political affairs according to the days New paper is very warlike but above all the health of my beloved H occasions very painful apprehensions, my mind, I can sincerely Say has been bowed with the prospect that has been this day much & allmost continually before me. I pray for a quallification to say with deep submission "Thy will Oh Holy father be done"

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 10, Sunday: Franz Joseph Haydn was awarded the medal of the Philharmonic Society of St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 4 M / Our Meetings were quite large & larger on acct of our friend R Jordan who was with us, in the forenoon he preached livingly & powerfully, & took occasion to remind us of the many favors & priviledges that we the Inhabitance of America enjoy far beyond what many in Europe can from the wars & tumults that are among them & the religious superstition but we were free from them. Peace & plenty within our border's as yet & a tolleration of all religious sentiments; & such considerations ought to bow our hearts before God Almighty, as it had many times his with humble thankfulness, & prayers raised that we may be in possession of that real religion which will be availing thro' all trials & tribulations tumults & commotions whatsoever - In the afternoon his communications to the people was short, but very close on the dry professors of our own Society & said he



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believed he had felt as our dear Master felt when his deciples were found Asleep "Sorrowful unto death" that they were not found watching, but asleep. – He concluded the meeting in a very liveing supplication for those that were honester hearted & those that were Sensible they had no might of their own, but were casting all their confidence on the Lord alone, that these might be helped & Strengthened to run the race that was set before them with Alacrity & acceptance – Also that the time would come speedily when "Nation should lift up Sword against nation NO MORE" & be at peace one with another & the effusions of Gospel love be difused the world over

My mind thro' the day has indeed been wholly desitute of Good but dear R's preaching & praying could not fail to stir up the pure witness which is often slain thro' my own wicked propensity, it is indeed with shame that I acknowledge this, but the condemnations of my feelings would not allow me to insert any thing better. Oh that the time may hasten when the bonds of inequity may be broken, & my poor Soul Set at liberty from its present shackles –

I spent the eveng with my precious H & found her much unwell, her Cough & horsenes continues with violence & today has had a vein open'd to try the effects of that. I greatly fear our intended connection will be broken off by the removal of one or the other of us, as from her own acct of her feelings from the beginning of our company keeping it appears that she has never seen to the end of it but often times has been possessed with fears that it would never terminate in Marriage & that in such a manner that she hath been deeply affected with it. Well if it is never my lot to be united to the dear creature I most fervantly Pray God to give me resolution to endure the disappointment, & with fortitude say from the bottom of my Soul "Oh Lord they holy Will be Done" [written large]

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 April 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 4 M 1808 / Nothing material has occur'd, & I hardly know wat to insert except that I am a poor creature –

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 April 12, Tuesday: Birth of Louisa Greenleaf Webster, 8th child of Rebecca Greenleaf Webster with [Noah Webster, Jr.](#), in New Haven, Connecticut (a special needs child from birth).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 4th M / This days experience as well as many others has convinced me that I have much of the old nature to subdue, & the furnice (I fear of affliction) must be deeply enterd into ere a thorough cleansing can be experienced. I in the eveng called to See my beloved & found her releaved from her cough,



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for which as far as I am capable of am thankful for -

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 April 13, Wednesday: New-York native John Lambert noted in his diary that financial disaster was facing the city because of the embargo, with 120 businesses failing at a loss of \$5,000,000, with 500 vessels rotting at wharves and thousands of sailors and merchants' staff out of work — all for benefits which he considered “extremely doubtful.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 4 M / "A Mans enemies are those of his own household" & the conflict of this day amply testifies that those of my inward house are my most potent ones -

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 April 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14 of 4 M / Our Meeting was Silent, & if I was favord with right apprehensions of the State of it, it was a very barran time among us, as for my own part, tho' I labor'd to become rightly centerd yet there was Such an obstruction from my own omissions & commissions that for the good I was Sensible of receiving might as well have staid at home -
In the eveng called at CR found my dear H not so well. S Barker soon came in, & tho' we did not fall into silence (except at intervals) my mind receiv'd more sweetness than for some time & it was a very sweet eveng - at the close I walked home with S but could not enter into some conversation desirable, company with us*

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 April 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15th of 4 M 1808 / Perhaps I have been a little better today than common, but it is not safe to boast, as the attainment will not warrant it -

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 April 16, Saturday, 17, Sunday, and 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day, 1st day & 2nd day of the Week / On seventh day in the latter part of the forenoon cross'd the ferrys to Narragansett & arrived at cousin P Gardiners at seasonable dinner time, there I spent the Afternoon & took tea, being detained by rain, towards night it held up & I went to cousin Caseys spent the evening & lodged. I found the family much afflicted & particularly cousin Abigail. They have within a few week lost the Young woman that



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lived with them as house keeper & companion, & their black woman their main help, & one that they loved very affectionately now lies at the point of death with Dropsy, & when I got their they did not expect she would survive the night thro', but revived & was more comfortable in the mornng - It was remarkable to me that while I was walking up to the house my mind was lead involuntarily into serious reflections & the circumstance of my brother Davids decease was afresh presented to my mind, so that I was prepared to meet cousin Abigail in the Situation I found her & was better quallified to Sympathize with her & tho' it was a visit of seriousness, my heart was thankful at being there The next mornng return'd to cousin Gardiners with an intention to go to cousin Hazards & if time & opportunity allow'd to go to meeting but soon after I got there before the Horse could be saddled, it set in to rain, & remaind rainy till toward night, here my visit also was agreable, the mind experienceing a favor'd state, when the clouds broke away I went to cousin Hazards took tea & lodged found cousin Martha in a very serious frame of mind & since I saw her last has so far taken up the cross as to use the plain language The next morning before I was dressed cousin Lewis came into the room having traveled that mornng from tower Hill on foot to see me & seemed very glad & I was truly glad to see him - after breakfast, he rode with me to John Rose's on buisness returnd to cousin Hazard & dined. after dinner we rode directly to the ferry & I had a quick passage to Connanicut & sufficient time to go to Cousin J Green's & make a little visit, found them all well & glad to see me - then just before night came over the ferry to [Newport](#) & had a quick & pleasant passage - found all well at home & in the evening called to see my dearly beloved H whom I found as well as when I left her - There has been something very pleasant in this visit, & every occurance has confirmd me in the belief that it was best for me to be there, having felt my mind in a very sweet frame at every place I have been & certainly some proffitable reflections occurs

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April 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 4 M 1808 / Weakness & infirmity surrounds my mind, but a degree of favor also attends it - Spent the eveng in the Shop engaged in writing my Beloved Micajah Collins

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April 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 20 of 4 M / While ruminating on various subjects this forenoon relating to my own Situation & condition a passage of Scripture came very fresh & unsuaght after into my mind "A



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contented mind is a continual feast" & from the impression it made I felt encouraged to strive to be contented in whatever outward condition I may be in - believing that much greater happiness may be attained even in this life by a thankfulness for every favor received from the hand of Providence & not dwelling too long on the dark side of things - In the evening called at O W & C R found my dear H better -

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 April 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 4 M / This afternoon went as curiosity prompted, with B H to the Neck where an attempt is making to dig Sea Coal It is curious to see them boaring with an auger in the Earth thro' rocks & stones upwards of 40 feet - I also in the forenoon attended meeting, but Alass Alass -

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 April 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 4 M / Perhaps it is best to note time as it passes, but I am afraid to Say much of what has been passing in my mind today - In the eveng called at R Ys & C R's

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 April 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 4 M / Notwithstanding my great backsliding & grievous revoltings from the Truth, I think I have experienced a degree of the precious spirit to arise in my mind. Oh what does the poor mind have to suffer that is continually shrinking from what is made manifest to be their duty, & still worse when acts of wickedness are committed. I desire, I pray that Strength may be given me both to do & resist whatever is required -

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 April 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 4th M 1808 / This morning when I first awoke my mind was very pleasantly affected with the Singing of a Robin from a neighboring Tree, it seemed to awaken my feelings to a Sense of my own very great unworthiness & lead to a contrast between my innocency & the innocency of that little bird - while he was Sweetly chanting his Makers Praise - I of the noblest of the creation fell far short of what I was designed, & he fully answering the noble end, - This is cause of blushing & confusion



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of face. Oh that it may be (in some measure at least sic) the means of Stimulating my spirit to purge the camp, that nothing offensive, nor any thing that occasions such death & conviction as I sometimes felt, may be suffered to remain – I had a precious meeting in the forenoon, our friend D Buffum Spoke twice & the last time was remarkably lively -- In the Afternoon my mind was in a rather different frame, but I trust not unprofitably engaged –

Spent the eveng with my dear H –

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 April 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 25 of 4 M / Deep seriousness pervades my mind, on the prospect of future events of my life which hath been much the subject of my ruminations thro' the Day – This Afternoon my friend Wm S Burling of NYork called to see me, & this evening I spent with him at O Williams very agreeably

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 April 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 26th of 4th M / Nothing material thro' the day. Spent most of the eveng at Cousin A Knowles & near the close call'd at C R's

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 April 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 27 of 4 M / No occurrence that I can recollect worth naming, except that I spent the eveng in much sweetness with my precious H

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 April 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 28 of 4 M / Rode with R Taylor to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our M Meeting. the part for worship was a very Lively & favord meeting to me. H Almy & D Buffum were lively in testimony we had much buisness in the last & an exercising time – Before meeting we called at P Lawtons – dind at A Shermans & on our way home stopt at R Mitchells [writing for this entry very small, cramped into the bottom of the page]

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 April 29, Friday: Hezekiah Cheney got married with Hephzibah Mulliken.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 4 M 1808 / In the Afternoon in company with Wm S Burling walked to the coal mine or the place where they are endeavoring to find one - the walk was exceedingly pleasant & his company as agreeable when we return'd he set sometime with me in the Shop & related Some exercises of his mind that were very interesting In the eveng on buisness called at R Taylors & was invited into the chamber where his mother is very low & to appearance near her end in consumtion. the visit was very pleasant & I believe very satisfactory to us both - Then with Wm Burling spent the residue of the eveng at D Rodmnas. Wm related some interesting anecdotes of the recent journey of our friend Stephen Grellet in France -

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 April 30, Saturday: In New York, Saratoga County physician Dr. Billy J. Clark formed the Union Temperance Society of Moreau and Northumberland.

ALCOHOLISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30th of 4 M / Nothing material; time has passed & no Note taken but from its loss - On reflecting on the time that I am spending & little proffit arising, I often feel Sorrowful. Oh that I had resolution to have things littlr [?]

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 May 1, Sunday: [William Hazlitt](#) got married with Sarah Stoddart at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London (the bride was a sister of Hazlitt's friend Thomas Barnes, the editor of The Times; the marriage would end in divorce in 1822 due to his affair with his maid Sarah Walker).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 5th M 1808 / In the Afternoon Sarah Fish had a short testimony An unpleasant occurrance in the morning which was disturbing to the mind - nevertheless I fared not the worst of any time in my life at meetings particularly in the afternoon - between meetings J Rodman called at T Robinsons with a message from Wm Lee Junr to Abigail requesting her to pay his son a visit who is thought to be near his end - Took tea at O Williams & spent the eveng with my beloved H as usual -

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 May 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 5th M / Nothing worth inserting. Spent the eveng



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at C R Sarah Fish was there –

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 May 3, Tuesday: Mahmud Shah replaced Shoja al-Molk Shah as King of Afghanistan.

Francisco Goya witnessed the execution of Spanish civilians by French troops at the Montaña del Príncipe Pío near Madrid. After sketching the bodies by moonlight he would create “The Shooting of the Third of May, 1808.”

“Capt Jabez Bullock found dead in the necessary.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3d of 5 M / Our friends from this Moy [Monthly] Meeting have just gone on board the packet for [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meetings it is a lovely sight to see them going - It would be exquisitely pleasant to accompany them but no way at present appears to make it convenient - Heavy depression seems to have been my lot to day, not from any particular & or a combination of causes, but more from the animal powers, I am ready to believe that even such dispensations are profitable. - In the evening called at a friends house & found a disposition towards some that stood in the first ranks in the Church, of an hurtful nature & my mind was much affected there with, & came away sorrowful -

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 May 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 5 M 1808 / Considering it has been Election day, it has been pretty free from noise I think there has been less drunkenness than common If obedience had kept pace with knowledge I should not have felt as I have thro' the Afternoon & evening

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 May 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of r M / Our meeting was rather small & silent, but to me the helping hand was evidently extended - Set the eveng with my dear H

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 May 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 5 M / At Trade as usual & perhaps the state of my mind not the worst of any time in my life - Our friends have arrived from [Greenwich](#) Qtrly Meeting they speak of it as a very



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refreshing season & that they were glad they were there. I think my mind has been capasitated to rejoice with them, yea feelingly so - they mention that Our friend John Casey was livingly engaged in testimony in the first meeting & in the last, in Supplication - Called at C R's in the evening -

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 May 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 5 M / No material occurance the same old round over again, from the house to the shop & from the Shop to the house &c - In the evening at R Taylors & Aunt M Goulds -

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 May 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 5 M / At Meeting this forenoon my mind was in a pretty good frame, reflections on the uncertainty of all human events - toward the close D B feelingly revived the query "What proffiteth it a man if he gain the whole world & loose his own Soul" - between meetings made a precious visit to E Honer - In the Afternoon meeting we were Silent & to me it was not quite as lively as in the Mornng but not the worst of times to tea at D Williams, & spent the eveng with my beloved H

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 May 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 5 M / There is need indeed that I lay my hand upon my Mouth & my Mouth in the Dust & Cry Unclean Unclean -

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 May 10, Tuesday: The Emperor Napoléon named his brother, Joseph Bonaparte, King of Naples, as King of Spain.

General William Hildreth would be Sheriff of [Concord](#) until 1813.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 10 of 5 M / No material occurrence. In the eveng called at C R's

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 May 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 5 M / Tho' I am but a poor erring creature at best,



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*yet I think my mind has experienced a degree of Sweet favor,
especially this Afternoon - Oh that my soul may be duly thankful.
Spent the evening in writing to D Smith alone in my Shop -*

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May 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 12 of 5 M / Awoke this morning under serious impressions
from a dream
As I was coming from Meeting I met our friend H Almy who says
"well Stephen been to meeting", I said yes & we have had a quiet
time" he reply'd there is great ??rment [encouragement? -
- the writing is cramped and very small] to keep in the
quiet & to abide patiently the day of trial, for tho' we may be
tried for a time the quiet is a head & will be obtained by
patience & obedience, this says he I mention that thou may
remember it. perhaps when I am no more -
Set the evening with my dear H*

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May 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 13th of 5th M 1808 / pretty buisy at Trade thro' the day
- In the eveng called at neighbor Birds - The Old Lady related
a Story of a man on Long Island that had a grudge against his
wife, & brought a Sholder of Mutton for her dinner which she was
particularly fond of, he previous to roasting rubed it over with
rats-bane - he likewise bought some Fish for his own dinner, &
after eating it asked his wife what she fryed the fish with. She
told him the drippings of the mutton then he says I am a dead
man - Medical aid was soon called. but all efforts were in vain
to restore the poor woman. he was kept alive & hanged - this
story was related to shew the wonderful workings of Providence*

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May 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 14th of 5 M / Pretty diligently occupied at Trade thro'
the day this evening called at J T's shop & met a man who was
disposed to argue upon maintain the right of self defence - &
tho' he was fluent in speech I thought I was favor'd to give him
pertinent answers, & to handle the subject to pretty good
advantage considering the contrast in our abilitys as men -*

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May 15, Sunday: M. Talleyrand left Paris for his chateau at Valençay. The Emperor Napoléon had assigned him the task of imprisoning/hosting the three Spanish princes captured at Bayonne (the Prince of the Asturias, the Infante Don Carlos, and the Infante Don Antonio). Jan Ladislav Dussek would be part of the entertainment (here during the upcoming summer Dussek would be inventing the Aeolian Harp).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 5 M / When I first took my seat in meeting this mornng my mind was sweetly impressed with a sense of the loving kindness & long suffering of the Almighty toward his children & in particular to me in often renewing his gracious visits of love to my heart. It was the best meeting I have had for a long long time & I was made in degree to experience the truth of the Scripture declaration that the "Reward of Righteousness is Peace" - Our friend D Buffum was uncommonly large in testimony from the text "The harvest is past & the Summer is ended & I am not gathered - towards the conclusion of the Meeting H Dennis was concernd in a sho[r]t & very sweet testimony - Afternoon silent & but few in number - but favor'd - I must acknowledge it has been a favor'd Day to me - Spent the evening as usual on this day of the week with my dear H

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May 16, Monday: A report that can only be characterized as "a UFO sighting" appeared in the Transactions of the Swedish Academy of Sciences. According to this report, it was a warm, cloudless day in Sweden, but at about 4PM the sun strangely dimmed and "there appeared on the western horizon, from where the wind blew, to arise gradually, and in quick succession, a great number of balls, or spherical bodies, to the naked eye of a size of the crown of a hat, and of a dark brown color." As these objects drifted with the breeze in the direction of the sun, their appearance darkened until they appeared "entirely black." Eventually most of them drifted on over the eastern horizon, but "[d]uring this course, some disappeared, others fell down.... The phenomenon lasted uninterruptedly, upwards of two hours, during which time millions of similar bodies continually rose in the west, one after the other irregularly, and continued their career in exactly the same manner. No report, noise, nor any whistling or buzzing in the air was perceived. As these balls slackened their course on passing by the Sun, several were linked together, three, six, or eight of them in a line, joined like a chain-shot by a thin and straight bar; but on continuing again a more rapid course, they separated, and each having a tail after it, apparently of three or four fathoms length, wider at its base where it adhered to the ball, and gradually decreasing, till it terminate in a fine point. During the course, these tails, which had been the same black color as the balls, disappeared by degrees." An official of the Swedish Academy, K.G. Wettermark, reported that some of the balls came to earth in his vicinity, and that as they came down they lost their dark color, were unseen for a brief period, and then when they became visible again they were iridescent "in this particular exactly resembling those air-bubbles which children use to produce from soapsuds by means of a



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reed. When the spot, where such a ball had fallen, was immediately after examined, nothing was to be seen, but a scarcely perceptible film or pellicle, as thin and fine as a cobweb, which was still changing colors, but soon entirely dried up and vanished.” (Such reports were apparently rather familiar in the earlier centuries, and we have the terms “star jelly” and, in Welsh, *pwdre ser* meaning “rot from the stars.” References to such a material descending from the sky are to be noticed in a poem by Sir John Suckling from 1541 and in a poem by John Dryden from 1679. In 1712 the Reverend John Morton of Emmanuel College had obtained enough of this strange sky-falling material to burn some of it, and noted that “there was left a film like isinglass, and something like the skins and vessels of animal bodies.”).

ASTRONOMY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 5 M / A day of considerable favor of mind - I have begun to read the life of the celebrated C J Fox, his dissipation is astounding, but is evidently to be traced to the unaccountably imprudent indulgences of his Father - I hope it may teach me more wisdom in the management of my children should I ever have any - in the evening at C Rs—

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May 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 5 M / In the forenoon (buisness on the way) went to the coal Mine with Cousin Greene - P Dunham is over & called & set a little while with me - I have felt a Sweetness of mind this evening that is very comfortable -

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May 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 5 M / It has been a day wherein a good degree of favor has been experienced I desire to be thankful again to feel that my heart has not wholly turned into Stone

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May 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 5 M / At Meeting D Buffum was concernd in a lively testimony on the necessity of "Bretheren's dwelling together in Amity, it was like a precious ointment poured on the H camp of Aron &c - it seemed like a precious meeting to me, tho' as to my own particular not so much favord as at some times - set the evening with my dear H -

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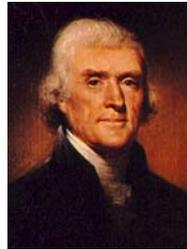
 May 20, Friday: The announcement was officially made that King Fernando VII of Spain had abdicated — this was the last straw and Spain lurched into revolution against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 5 M / Dilligently at Trade - some good degree of favor in the mind, at least Sufficient to Satisfy me that I am not without some life In the evening at C Rs, a pleasant time, socobility & ease -

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 May 21, Saturday: [Sally Hemings](#) gave birth to the last of the five children she would bear for [Thomas Jefferson](#). President Jefferson named this son after the traditional hometown of his Jefferson family in England, Eston. The Virginia State Legislature would vote a special dispensation for the mother, after Jefferson died. Jefferson's three older children by Sally having previously disappeared from the pages of history (presumably by changing their names, moving elsewhere, and passing as white), only Sally, Madison, and Eston would remain at Monticello while all of the other 187 plantation slaves were being disbursed.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 5 M 1808 / Pretty dilligent at trade, the close of the afternoon read in the life of C J Fox - In the evening at O Williams, a pleasant time & a good or comfortable degree of favor of mind, sent a letter to Patience Austin which I wrote yesterday - So closes another Week -

 May 22, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 5 M / Both meetings silent & to me dry seasons tho' a disposition was experienced to labor for the refreshing water - took tea at Aunt Martha Gould & set the evening as usual with my beloved H

 May 23, Monday: King Joseph Bonaparte departed Naples to become King of Spain. Cartagena and Valencia rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 5 M / In the forenoon pretty laboriously at Trade, after dinner spent an hour reading the life of C J Fox -then to Trade & in the evening walk'd out to D Buffums to wait on my beloved H home - In the corse of the day my mind has Several times been turned inward & I trust a degree of favor experienced.



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Oh! that I may be duly thankful for all favors & especially that of feeling my mind tenderd & brought into the divine presence

 May 24, Tuesday: Zaragoza and Murcia rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 5 M / Industriously at Trade, but a precious currant of life running as a brook by the way, especially this evening. Oh that my Soul may be truly thankful, but when I consider my manyfold transgressions I am made to wonder that the Lord is thus kind - in the evening at C Rs

 May 25, Wednesday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 5th birthday.



The General Assembly of the Asturias declared war on France. Oviedo rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 5 M / Pretty much engrossed in book at Trade nevertheless the mind has felt a good degree of sweetness & much tenderness this evening -

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 May 26, Thursday: Seville rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 26 of 5 M / Monthly Meeting in Town - The first was Silent but to me a very favord time, & in my own mind the life was preciously near in the last being favord with ability to open my mouth to buisness under such feelings as I thought warranted me therein - but it appeared to be a time of discouragement in the minds of some, Several of our most active members were allmost wholly silent & the buisness generally went on with labor - One encoraging circumstance however occurd. B Pearce requested the care of friends. he at present appears hopeful & it is probable if faithful will be a help to society - Spent the evening very preciously with my very precious H

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 May 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 5 M / It has been a pleasant day, a sweet Brook of the precious life has Sweetly refreshed my mind & particularly this evening - dear A Barker made me an agreeable visit in the Afternoon - I hope to be both humble & thankful for the many favors which I receive, several of the last may be called days of favor

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 May 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 5 M / The usual rounds vituals to work & from work to vituals - in the evening received the Books & papers of my new office of Recorder

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 May 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 5 M / Our Meetings were both Silent except that O W read the General Epistle & to me were rather scaterd seasons, & it was not because there was no preaching that I know of but wholly owing to my own state in not getting to the root of matters - I took tea at Aunt M Goulds & spent the evening with my beloved as usual on this day of the week -

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 May 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 5th M 1808 / The mind not in a very progressing state as to religious improvement, however not the worst of times - In the evening at J Earls & C Rs

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 May 31, Tuesday: New-York's first permanent circus, Pepe and Beschard's, opened at Broadway Avenue and Worth Street.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31st of 5 M / Attended the funeral of Philip Robinsons who died yesterday & was buried today in the buring ground near the meeting house, in the evening at O Wa & C Rs - little or no religion today -

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 June 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 1st of 6th M 1808 / But little life in religion nevertheless perhaps not entirely void in the evening called at G Champlins to consult C J Tenny about the affairs of our Black School, & a little while at C Rs

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 June 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 6th M / At meeting we were silent & part of the time my mind was profitably engaged, being favored with a view of the merits of the blessed Saviour & was made sensible that by his interceptions with the father, I am often helped & strengthened to stand against temptations, but Oh my frail nature often it surrenders to things hurtful, but if I fall my destruction will be of my self nothing on the part of the Redeemer being lacking to complete Salvation - In the Afternoon with C J Tenny visited the black School - In the evening with my beloved H -

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 June 3, Friday: Birth of Jefferson Davis, who after serving on the committee to investigate the 1859 raid by abolitionists upon the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry would become President of the Confederate States of America from 1861 to 1865.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 6 M / Nothing material to insert. The mind rather oppressed than otherways In the evening at O W & C Rs - Evans Thomas & companion has arrived to attend the Yearly Meeting, more friends are expected in a few days from NYork -

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 June 4, Saturday and June 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th & 1st day 4 & 5 of 6 M / After dinner on Seventh day I went on business to Little Compton & after a tedious journey over the Beech, at the Ceswest crossed the river & arrived there before sun down, went immediately to Joshua Wilbour's & finished my business & there took tea, then went to my friend Philip Dunham's & lodged. Philip is a plain man & lives much in the simplicity at his own home, next morning return'd to J W's & found the Clock went well from there rode to meeting & a meeting of deep seriousness it was to me my mind was lead to reflect on the past & present situation of poor J A notin who once used to set in that meeting in great innocency but now Alass Alass is in a very different state & far distant from his native shore I felt united to a few present & none more so than Dear old Jeremiah & Philip - Dined at David Irish's then crossed Valenties ferry & after a long very hot & fatiguing walk arrived in [Newport](#) while the



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Afternoon meeting was setting & from the circumstance of Evans Thomas & John W Himm ? [?] being there was allmost induced to go in tho' considerable after the time - but feeling unusually worn down with heat & fatigue concluded to go home & rest & spent the evening with my beloved H - This is the first time I was ever at Little Compton & that I ever attended their Meetings & while there for the first time heard a Whip 0 will & Bull frog. it is a very pleasant place, & tho' the visit was performed in a hurry I had many sweet feelings & hope they will not soon be forgotten -

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June 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 6M / Uncle & aunt Stanton arrived about 1 / 2 past 12 OClock - otherways nothing material. the mind overcast & little or no religious sensations - In the eveng at D Ws & C Rs -

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June 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 6 M 1808 / I rose early this morning & took a pleasant walk as to the outward, but my mind was Seriously affected - brother James come home at a late hour last night which banished sound sleep from my eyes the whole night, Oh saith my soul that young men would duly consider the effects of dissipation for in this life & that to come, in this it ruins their credit among men & unfits them for usefulness either to themselves or others & affords not one substantial enjoyment. tho' they may for a moment feel their spirits exilerated by the rosy god, yet when that is off, Oh the Sting that must ensue & remain as a sorce of pain & misery untill the same dreadful measure for relief is again resorted too, or the spirit & power of truth as a shield. & oh that this may be the grand restorative of all that are unhappy & miserably following their vain & wicked propensities. My mind has been bowed this morning in prostration before the Lord that those may be met with in the narrow way even in the way in which there is no turning - In the forenoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness & dined at J Chases & in the way visited the Monthly Meeting School kept by Susanna Anthony - In the evening a few minutes at CRs -

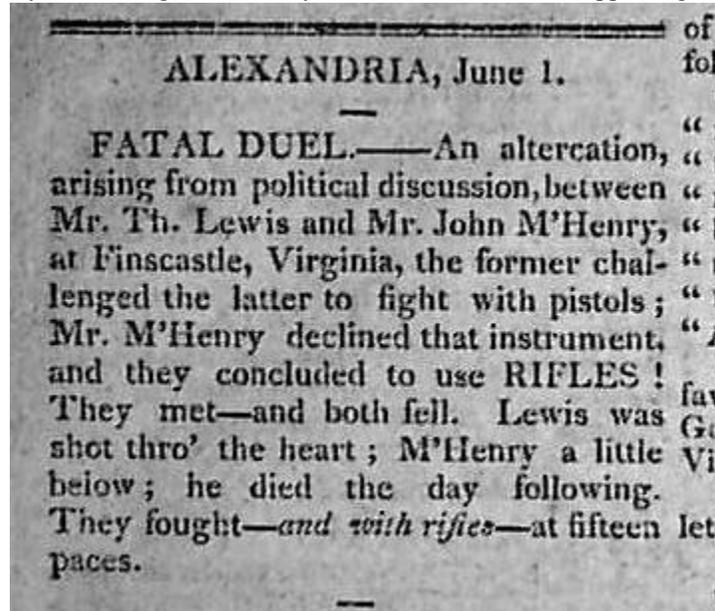
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 June 8, Wednesday: Something akin to today's "Darwin Awards" was appearing in the American gazettes:



DUELING

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 6 M / Pretty buisy at white washing, in the evening at WmPattens with the Directors of the African benevolent society, the school is weak every way but in pecuniary assistance very much so & whether we can long continue it is doubtful, but when we have done what we can I trust we shall have our reward -

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 June 9, Thursday: By imperial decree, Emperor Franz created the Austrian Landwehr — all men 19-25 years of age not yet in the army were conscripted.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 6 M / Our friend Evan Thomas & his companion John W McKimm was at Meeting. Even spoke a little towards the close, & desired the Youth to attend the divine principal as he felt an exercise on our account - As to my own state of mind it seemed as if I might have had a favord time if it had not been for a roving inclination, as some thing sweet seemed to be underneath, while obstructed by this roving disposition - Met about half an hour at the African School room with C J Tenny & Cato Barker on buisness of the Directors in the evening with my beloved H

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June 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 6 M / While setting at home a little while this forenoon with a relation who is on a visit to us from NYork, my mind felt seriously disposed, particularly in observing him frequently to sigh I thought was he at home, he would not do it so frequently & was inclined to fear his seriousness arose for the want of company adapted to his turn of mind. I thought to myself "how precious a refuge is Religion? when in possession of it, if turned a little out of our ordinary course, & something unpleasant assails the Mind, Religion is a refuge to which we may flee & ever feel contented, but if the reverse an unpleasant vacuum is experienced" --made several calls in the evening

7th day 11th of 6M 1808 / Our Yearly Meeting commences this day. it falls to my lot again to have the oversight & care of the Boarding houses. When I went out to go to the meetinghouse yard my mind seem'd clothed with a degree of the right spirit for which I felt thankful, but in the hurry & vexation, almost necessarily attendant at such times, those religious sensations seemed to vanish, however finding the buisness accomplished & as satisfactorily as circumstances would admit, a degree of peace seems to attend my mind

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June 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Before breakfast visited the boarding houses & found them in comfortable order Our morning meeting was very large [space left for name] spoke first who was the first friend that ever preached in our new part of the Meeting house then J Green - then E Thornton was very lengthy & with all, powerful & sound, he told us that "the love of God to man thro' Jesus Christ when felt to flow in the Heart was far sweeter, yea, preeminanetly sweeter than all that ever Smoaked on Palestine's Alter, or all Arabian spices" he concluded the meeting in solemn supplication -

In the Afternoon we had several offering all short among them were David Buffum & Evan Thomas - David's testimony seem'd very sweet - & tho' we had but little preaching & long pauses between some of the offerings, yet the meeting was very quiet & no interruption that I know of & I thought more than usual Solemnity - Those large meetings are generally (to me) Seasons of much toil & anxiety, but this, thus far has been less so than common, whether it is from an increase of experience or more particular favor than common I know not, however this I know that it has been a very favor'd day to me. -

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June 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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No 2nd day / Our meetings this morning opene'd with livly communications from E Thornton D Buffum E Thomas & a few others -the buisness went on as usual with frequent pertinent remarks from our usual active Members And concluded with a very lively communications from our friends Micajah Collins - In the afternoon It opened in Silence, I know not how others felt, but for my own part there seem'd to be as sweet as covering over my own mind & I thought over the whole meeting as I have felt in some time -- The State of Society as reported by the queries, was in Some instances painful & called forth very feeling & pertinent remarks from our friends John McKimm E Thornton E Thomas John Casey & D Buffum, particularly the accts of the use of spiritious Liquor & sleeping - after Meetings I invited a number to partake of our meals, but few came & that few consisted of Thomas Watson & his intended wife, D Cooledge & Sarah Keone at dinner - Smith Brown wife & daughter & Loyd Greene at tea in the evening, I visited several boarding Houses & found things comfortable as could be expected -

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June 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / After a pause of silence the meeting was opened & my mind thro' divine favor was cover'd with a precious covering. The London General Epistle was then read with uncommon effect on my mind, & I thought was generally impressive over the meeting -- The meeting then proceeded to the case of Sam' Slaids appeal, which was introduced with very pertinent & cautionary remarks by E Thornton Wm Rotch Jun & others - after some little further buisness the meeting adjourned till tomorrow Morning - at dinner but few guests - This afternoon called at C Rs & J Earls to see Mary Collins at the latter place found her, & had some agreeable conversation on various subjects. I feel a love in the Truth to flow towards her & greatly wish she may be preserved in the path in which she hath begun to walk - In the evening at C R in a pleasant circle - & a few minutes at the close at D Rs -

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June 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / The meeting met at 9 O'clock in the morning & finished the first Setting - Several weighty & impressive communications were made by E Thornton, Micajah Collins John Casey Joseph Douglas & others - Saml Slaids appeal was confirmed against him - The Buisness of the Yearly Meeting has been conducted with unusual love & harmony, no jars nor long contests have been made but all seem'd to aim at one thing & It will not be speaking my own opinion alone to say that it has been a very favor'd time, & I believe the hearts of many are made glad & thankful therefore - After dinner many friends left the town on their way home,



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some remains & will probably be with us 'till tomorrow – Towards evening with my beloved Micajah walked round the Hill, much pleasant & familiar conversation passed between us, & for my own part it was a very strengthening walk to me, we returned to C Rs & passed the remainder of the evening in a large circle of friends & acquaintance - Oh that the repeated opportunity that are afforded me for improvements may be duly prized, at leaving there took leave of several of my acquaintance that I did not expect to see again –

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June 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / We had a very large pulbic meeting John McKimm opened the service in a short but comprehensive & feeling testimony Evan Thomas followed him in a very long communication where in he appear'd deeply concern'd for the wellfare of all present that we might walk by the same rule & mind the same thing, before that which made for our everlasting peace be hid from our eyes, tho' he was not very eloquent, he was correct in delivery plain & simple adapting his testimony to the capacitys of all present - there were several men of note in other societys present, as Wm Patten the Presbitirian Minister Merwin [Nerwin?] the Methodist Minister Caleb Green the Newlite Minister, Loyd Beale the Cap't of the Fort & many others of distinction, all appear'd quiet & very attentive till the meeting broke - Our friends have generally gone out of town, tho' some staid to meeting - The Yearly Meeting has generally been favor'd thro' its several setting public & private with solemnity & the private settings with uncommon uninimity & Harmony in conducting the Church concerns that came before us - I think I may say on my own account that I have been favor'd with fresh incomes of life from day to day mercifully vouchsafed for which I desire to be thankful & bow in spirit before the merciful dispencer of every blessing who from season to season thro' the whole corse of my life has often shewed unmerited favors, & when I refelct on the defective returns of gratitude & improvement required at my hands I am fearful those favors will soon be at an end, without a renewed exertion to fulfill the important duties assigned in this life of tribulation & trial, with greater dedication & faithfulness of heart –

Spent the evening with my very endeared & truly precious H -The time draws nigh when we expect to close our engagements with each other, & enter into the Matrimonial State. I hope & may I not say pray that our lives may be in the line of truth & then I doubt not but we shall do well & if the cup of bitterness should be dispenced we shall then be enabled to say it is Right –

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June 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 6 M 1808 / It has been a very favor'd day the life & fresh spring of life has sweetly passed thro' my mind & therein have had some proffitable meditations - In the Afternoon was visited by the Constable James Chappel who, as he said by virtue of his warrant dated 23rd of May 1808 Issued by Jonathon Almy Justice of the Peace by order of Nathaniel Sweet capt of A company of Militia, took from me the following Articles -

*one Bellows ---\$1.50
one large Shovel - 1.29.5
five watch chain - 1.25
\$4.4. 5*

His demands against me was as follows - Fine --- \$2. - Warrant .25

Constables fees .59 \$2.84

This distraint was in consequence of my not appearing at a training as order'd by the said N Sweet. The Constable appears moderate & disposed to take as little as he could & answer his demand, but as it is a demand of a nature with which I cannot comply agreeable to my religious principals & also my religious experience, I must call it suffering tho' the sum taken was but little over \$1.20 cents more than the demand, the bellows & shovel is exactly what I pay'd for them & were as good as new, being in ware but a few Months, & used but very little, the watch chains I know not what they will cost me as they are some I had on commissions to sell but probably as much as they are marked or more - In the evening with the Directors of the African Society, at Wm Patten's on buisness relative to the school. I still feel much for the poor blacks & wish their condition was still bettered -

Called a few minutes at C R's & found them as usual

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June 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 6 M 1808 / Attended the funeral of Wm Lee, son of William Lee Junr, at the house we had a comfortable time except some unnecessary moving about by those who did not understand friends practice on those occasions. He nor his parents are not members but plain, & he was buried in the upper burial ground in friends Medowfield. Aged 22 Years - In the setting at the House O Williams had a few words to deliver to his parents expressive of his clear prospect that their Son had entered into his heavenly Fathers rest, & that they had no need to sorrow on his account -In the evening at Aunt M Gould & C R's

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June 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 19th of 6th M / Before meeting this Mornng visited R Taylor & family whose Mother deceased Yesterday morning. I could sympathize with them under their berevement, but have nor doubt nor the shadow of a doubt but their loss is her eternal gain – Both our meetings were very small owing to its being a very cold & Stormy day - silent but not the worst of times to me – It has been so cold that we have had a fire in our great room, & I have been obliged to shift cotton for worsted stockins & found them very comfortable – Spent the eveng as usual with my truly dendeared H –

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June 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 6 M / The day passed at Trade as usual, except the attendance of the funeral of Hannah Taylor, a good old woman that I have no doubt has gone to her grave in peace, the setting at the House was Silent but I thought very Solemn – My mind thro' the day has been more than usually favor'd with the precious life & hath not been lost this evening, at C R's

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June 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 6 M / At Trade as usual, the mind pretty tranquil, tho' perhaps not so guarded as might have been, particularly in a disposition to levity. No material occurrence as respects myself – Our friends Evan Thomas & John W McKimm came from [Providence](#) Yesterday & are in town today - In the eveng with my Dear H

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 June 22, Wednesday: Captain Zebulon Montgomery Pike reached his peak.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 6 M / I think I can say with safty that my mind has experienced a degree of divine favor thro' the day, Oh that I may bow (as I think I do at this time) in thankful acknowledgements to the holy Author of them - In the eveng a little while at C R's -

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 June 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23d of 6th M 1808 / After I went to bed last night my mind was brought into a solid weighty frame & I trust living desires were begotten afresh in my heart more & more to live a life devoted to Truths cause - And now again this morning the same concern is revived -

At meeting we were silent & to me it was a good instructing opportunity, having to look over things past present & to come as pertaining to my life, & can say in Sincerity that I desire to come up in the discharge of the various & important Duties that may devolve on me the remainder of my life, with faithfulness & fervancy of heart to that cause which my soul at seasons prefers to the increase of Gold or Silver, & also in family concerns, & I believe in order to a faithful discharge of the latter, the former must be strictly adheared to, for without a growth in religion, I believe family concerns cannot be rightly fulfilled, neither the choice blessings of heaven attend, but if Religion becomes our primary object, the Scripture promise will be fulfilled Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven & the Righteousness thereof & all things necessary will be added -

In the last (Preparative Meeting) I proceeded on am important concern that hath long been in agitation - to lay my Intentions of Marriage with Hannah Rodman before friends - & tho' I am more



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*accustomed to speaking in meetings than some, I did not speak so free from embarrassment in that case as many that never confronted an audience before, hence I learn that we cannot calculate on former experience, but every exercise brings a new feeling with it, & that we are wholly & soley dependant on the Lord for help -however I Spoke as as to be understood & what may be called tollerably well - [From & tho' I am more to tollerably well is crossed through] Since Meeting my mind feels peaceful & as if I had done right, which from the first commencement of the undertaking has allways afforded Satisfaction & a hope that it would terminde for our mutual Benefit -
Spent the eveng with my Beloved H ——*

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June 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 6 M 1808 / The mind evidently under divine favor thro' the day & evening, but not sufficient conformity to what it dictated. In the eveng at C R's - M B was there & walking home with her furnished an opportunity for me to communicate a concern that I have long felt towards her - Vizt that her acknowledgement would be acceptable to friends - The General Assembly in their setting this day passed an amendment of the Military law very favorable to friends Vizt that the fine for members of our Society be 3 Dollars A Year & that it be left with the Commanding Officer to ascertain who our members are & collect the fine once a Year by distraint as usual & if the propperty cannot be found they are to be exempt from imprisonment, & the warrant returnd without furhter prosecution -& friend are exempted from any further Military demand - This will make easy work for our Members, & may we so distinguish our selves by a strict adherance to our christian principals as to convince the World, & the outward Aurthority in particular, that we are Worthy of this indulgence

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June 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

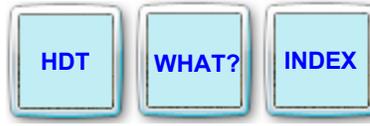
7th day 25 of 6 M / A Day of feeling at least, & I have thought a pretty good day - Wrote a letter to E R now at Lynn -

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June 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 26th of 6th M / Our Morning meeting was silent but quiet & I think to me a very good - Again silent in the Afternoon & a pretty good Meeting came - We had the company this Afternoon of



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J E who never attends except something is in the wind - I suppose he had his Son's cause to promote, but how he can expect to do it by once attendance of meeting in five or six Years is a mystery to M -Spent the evening as usual with my H -

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 June 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 6 M / A pleasant walk round the Point early in the Mornng. at labor thro' the day - in the eveng at D Ws & called at D R's to wait on my H home

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 June 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 6 M / Nothing material, except that it has been a very comfortable eveng nothing has seemed to hang heavy - In the eveng with my H -

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 June 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 6 M 1808 / If obedience had kept place with light & knowledge I should have been nearer Christian perfection than I am now - In the evening called at C R's J E's & J Green's to see cousin Anne a little while

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 June 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 6 M / Rode with my beloved H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & to publish our intentions of Marriage we both succeeded far beyond our expectations, spoke more audable & much feer from embarrassment, & now our minds feel released from an heavy burden which hath long borne hard doubts & fears pervading whether we should get along with any tolerable degree of composure - I[n] this instance of favor is an encoragement to press forward & confirms me in the belief that we frequently suffer more from the anticipation than the real experience of a difficulty - Our minds are humbly thankful & desire to ascribe thanksgiving where it is alone due - A large share of activity in the buisness fell to my lot & I trust I labor honestly, as I feel much sweetness of mind after it. I am not yet sensible of being to fast or to slow, except in one instance speaking with a little too much zeal & in another in neglecting to speak where I thought I ought to have done -



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The first meeting was silent & to me much favor'd – before meeting we stop'd at the Almy's - And after meeting was detained at the meeting house by a severe tempest of sharp lightning & heavy thunder & sometimes rain when it was over we went to P Lawtons & dined & set a little while very pleasantly with them - then had a very sweet & comfortable ride home - In the evening called at Aunt P Goulds & brought up the rear at C R's. It has been a day that I shall long remember on many accts, nor do I wish the feelings soon effaced from my memory - [an X from encouragement through neglecting to speak where]

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July 1: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 7th M 1808 / A favor'd day, my mind has experienced (I trust) the sweet extendings of divine goodness - while conversing with a brother this afternoon I enquired the reason of his absence from Moy [Monthly] Meeting. he told me that the state of his outward buisness was such that he apprehended he could not leave it, but said he was not inclin'd to be Supersticious but must confess, that he believed it would have been best for him to have gone, for he could not get along in his buisness & did not know when he had perform'd less in a day & thought he did not do three hours work in the corse of it, & said he thought he should do different at another time - in the eveng at O W's with my H -

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July 2, Saturday: French troops made another desperate attempt to take Zaragoza, and again suffered heavy losses.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) again talked religion with a [Baptist](#) minister (as he had in April, although it would appear not with the same reverend), and again (as he had in April) he considered afterward that he as a [Quaker](#) had had the better side of the conversation:

7th day 2nd of 7th M / Much as usual as to the state of my mind, in the morning fell in with a Baptist minister & had a little conversation respecting the Scriptures & particularly on the subject of their being the only rule of faith & practice - had time permitted I think I should have lost no ground & as it was I believe he found himself pinched worse than he expected - Uncle & Aunt Stanton sail'd for NYork this morning early - In the eveng at Aunt M Goulds the at R T, & waited on my H home -

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(Again one wonders whether the [Baptist](#) reverend would have been able to concur with this assessment of the encounter.)



July 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 3 M [sic] / At meeting our friend D Buffum endeavord



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to stir up the pure mind by way of remembrance in a livly communication on the young man in the Gospel who had fulfilled the law from his Youth up, but still lacked one thing Vi true Religion - my mind was in a rather dull frame, however not the worst of seasons - In the Afternoon we were silent & to my mind a more favord season than in the Morning - passed the eveng very sweetly where I usually do on this day of the week

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Our national birthday, Monday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s 4th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

In Richmond, Virginia it was resolved that only [liquor](#) that had been produced in this nation might be consumed on during this nation's birthday celebration.

[Walton Felch](#)'s son Hiram E. Felch of Boston would inform us of a family tradition, that at the age of 18 his father had delivered a Fourth of July Oration.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 7 M / For what it is called Independence day we have had a very still time the least drunkenness & noise I ever recollect at a similar time



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July 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 7th M / Last night at a very late hour there was a high quarrel between several young men by the Granary The state of mind they evinced & the bad language they used seriously affected my mind, but was truly thankful none of my kindred was among them I discovered two of them to be the descendants of Friends & one of them lately disowned & while under dealing I was one of the committee to whom his care was submitted, my mind was last night & again this Mornng humbled on his account & also on my own account on considering my very short comings up to the Christian Standard

A call from a friend this forenoon was very strengthening, while he related several occurrences at Portsomuth incident to Society of an encoraging nature, my mind seem'd more brought under the burden of concern than for sometime, & I greatly desired that my conduct might not be a stumbling to the honest hearted & that



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Zions walls might be repaired

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July 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6th of 7th M 1808 / How precious to feel the Arm of divine power underneath to support us in season of difficulty, in seasons when it may feel to the poor mind that there is no way for us to advance either in Spiritual or temporal concerns, but a Cloud over the Tabernacle & all within dismay'd - But my mind this morning while pleasantly engaged in conversation with a young man who hath already engaged on the important stage of life - was very livingly introduced into prospects which for a little time almost enraptured my Soul with desires that I might in the end obtain the prise - It was the prospect of a wellspent life advanced to old age having passed thro' the vicisitudes of time with becoming firmness, & encountered the numerous difficulties of life with christian patience & faith, how consoling, how indescribably precious with the assurance of peace, death having no sting nor the grave no victory, but enabled to say with the Apostle I have finished my core [course] I have kept the faith, henceforth there is a Crown of Glory laid up for me - this is sufficient encorgaement to endure the temporary besetments of time & to endure the Cross of youth that in the end we may obtain the Crown
In the Afternoon received a letter from E R in Salem it really pleased me to exceed any thing for some time -*

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July 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 7th M 1808 / Finished a letter that I began last even to E R & put it in the post Office - A Silent & very still meeting & according to my sense a favord one, tho' I had nothing to boast of myself as to livly sensibility in religion - In the eveng a little while at C R's -

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July 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 7th M / Red' a letter from my friends David Smith dated 7th m 4th which seem'd refreshing to my mind - In the evening with my precious H

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July 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9 of 7 M / My mind this mornng seems brought a little
under the precious influence which I desire to reatin with
thankfulness -
Alas the day does not close with that Satisfaction it began
with in the Morning -*

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10th of 7th Mo, 1st day: In Hopkinton, [Rhode Island](#), an agreement to provide care for an elderly Quaker couple was entered into, and duly recorded:

PETER DAVIS' OLD AGE

We the Committee appointed to provide for the Support of Peter Davis and wife have met on f^d Businefs and propofe the following agreement made with Peter Hoxfie for one years support of f^d Peter Davis and wife that He will keep Martha Davis for the confideration of her Anuity or income free & clear from any expence to friends, and that he will keep and support Peter Davis includeing victualling, clotheing, Doctrineing, lodgeing &c for the f^d term of one year, for the confideration of fifty dollars, twenty Seven of which is due to the f^d Peter Davis from W^m Sweet Peckham, which he agrees to Collect of him, which will leave twenty three Dollars for the Monthly meeting to pay, — Or in that Proportion if the f^d Peter should deceafe before the expiration of that time. And the f^d Peter Hoxfie agrees that they fhall be as well clothed at the years end as they are when he receives them— his year is to commence the 8th day of the 7th Mo. 1808.



All which we submit to the Mo. Meeting.

PETER HOXSIE

JOHN CONGDON

JEREMIAH BROWNING, JR.

JOSEPH COLLINS, JR.

Hopkinton the 10th of 7th Mo.

A. D. 1808.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 10 of 7 M / This Mornng a little before day break I awoke from a dream which much affected my mind - I thought I was with my friend J R in a house near the Point Bridge, which, or whose it was I dont know, but our buisness together was to take down an old Time-peace, which he had purchased much out of order - while performing the buisness my mind became grandually introduced into exercise & depression, which seem'd to increase with uncommon sensation on his acct - untill he introduced some remark on the Time-peace which terminated ina few words of religious conversation, which I do not clearly recollect, but just as the work was accomlished, it seem'd livingly to arise in my mind with such weight & awfulness as I thought I never before felt upon my spirit - to say - "If Thou doest not leave things which thou doest, & do things which thou doest not, Something will fall heavily on they Head" at the same time pressing my hand on the crown of his Hat Instantly awoke & continued under those sensations for long time, my heart being rent with desires that I might ever attend to the convictions of my own mind, & was lead in deep prostration of heart to Supplicate in tears while on my bed, that I might in all things surrender my will & volatile disposition to him who governeth all things & will do right - Our mornng meeting was to me a season of deep feeling & such a season as I have not experienced for a long time - Our friend D Buffum was very lively & authoritative in public testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness which seem'd to have an uncommon effect on my mind & I thought over the whole meeting- In the afternoon we were silent, but a pretty good time, in the eveng with my beloved H -

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July 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 7the M 1808 / perplexity, in the eveng calld on my intended or expected Land Lord & found he had alterd his mind respecting his price for the rent of the House I thought of hiring-Ah this is but the beginning of sorrows, its never worth while to be cast down at so Small a difficulty as this for it is probable many a streight of the same kind may be experienced before I go hence - Call'd a little while at C R's

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July 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 7 M 1808 / Somewhat of depression hanging about my mind Spent the eveng with my endear'd H which revived me up aboverly

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 July 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 7 M 1808 / Yesterday receiv'd a very acceptable letter from my beloved friend Wm Burling & the day before one from Rowland Greene which I forgot to insert in course - Today wrote one to my beloved fr'd Micajah Collins - In the eveng went over with Lewis Clarke to the Thos Robinsons & spent it very agreeably -

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 July 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 7 M 1808 / At Meeting my mind frequently turn'd on an occurance that may probably happen at the Meeting House on the eleventh of next M - In the eveng at D Buffums with my H

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 July 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 7 M / Nothing material. The usual rounds thro' the day

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 July 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 7 M / Our friend D Buffum was concern'd for our welfare & as usual [sic] ery lively, & untill he Spoke my mind was allmost entirely dead - In the afternoon we were silent - Between Meetings I wrote my Marriage certificate at Aunt M Goulds where I have done most of my writing of that kind, being more convenient than else where - In the eveng with my beloved H. -

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 July 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 7 M 1808 / This day Saml Gibbs called at the Shop & I entered into agrement with him for the Chambers in his house with a previledgee in the Garret & Cellar for 28 Dollars P[er] Annum which is two Dollars less than I expected, thus one difficulty is cleverly surmounted for which I desire to be thankful - received another very acceptable letter from my dear E R

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 July 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 7 M / Nothing material occurs that is of note, as to the State of my mind it is very poor, alass the backsliding which occasions so much Death & Darkness – In the eveng with my dear H –

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 July 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 7 M / Not so much back sliding as yesterday, & consequently my spiritual condition a little for the better – In the eveng walked round the Point with R Taylor, it was pleasant as to the outward & instructing in the inward, but Alass in the latter I am not in a State to improve much –

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 July 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 7 M / It was not the worst of Meetings, a little life seem'd to rise in my own mind, but I doubted whether it ran much from Vessel to Vessel – In the preparative the querys were answered in a very close way – This afternoon had a considerable conversation with J Gibson a [Baptist](#) Minister, whether such interviews are of any real Benefit to me, I am disposed to doubt – Sit in the eveng with my H whose company at every interview is increasingly endearing

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 July 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 7 M / Not very well, the air close & oppressive, towards night our friend D Buffum call'd at the shop with whom I had conversation on some important concerns – In the eveng a little while at C Rs –

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 July 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 7 M / The air again oppressive, but the mind freer than yesterday – No material occurance to insert, in the eveng where I usually spend time pleasantly –

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 July 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 7 M / Rose early & with brother Isaac & James went to the Beach & across the creek we took a bathings which gave us an appetite for our breakfast. Silent meetings & in the Afternoon quite small & to me, not a time of much Strength tho' not the worst of times, in the eveng as usual on this day of the week with my dear H —

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 July 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 25 of 7th M / Nothing material, in the eveng at Mary Barkers, My beloved H Sister R, Brother D & wife were there, yet for all, my mind was not as free as might be expected —

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 July 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th of 7th M 1808 / Not much to proffitt either spiritually or temporally today —the mind however in a reflective & somewhat feeling State — In the eveng called at C R's to see Sister E who arrived this afternoon in the Commercial line & brought a letter for me from Micajah & another jointly addressed to my H & myself from B P & her husband —

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 July 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 7 M / My much loved little friend & Sister in a two fold sense called at the shop this afternoon & gave me a very satisfactory acct of her late visit to our friends & acquaintances at Lynn & Salem & read several poetical peaces some addressed to herself & some to others, which, with her acct of her visit was very interesting to my feelings, & raised the precious life in my mind to exceed any thing for a long time, but at the same time my backslidings so stared me in the face that I dare not communicate some feelings that I wanted to - but may here say that my spirit was raised in supplication (that both she & myself may be preserved thro' the many & very fluctuating scenes of time at least in innocency of spirit) & finally when the end of the race is run we may find a Quiet Habitation — how presious it is to feel innocency of Spirit? & the right kind of innocency results in the faithful discharge of our duty in all things & this often leads us in the way of the Cross, & the Cross leads us into the furnice of refinement,



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& refinement makes innocent of holy - but there is another kind of innocency which is very precious & consists in doing no harm without experiencing much of the fiery trial, as for instance keeping out of harms way in most things - I understand what I mean myself by the above but should this out live me, I doubt whether it will convey much to an indifferent person, but as I have several before expressed, "It is not ment to benefit others, but to recur to myself on particular occasions - Spent the evening with my Beloved H, tomorrow we expect to be Set at liberty to consumate our marriage, which will not be next week as usual as the Quarterly meeting will interfere & no meetings be held in town but will probably happen the week after next, 11th of 8thM

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July 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 7th M 1808 / Monthly Meeting was held in town as usual, the first meeting was to me a precious time, my mind was early in the meeting brought into a state of feeling which Seem'd to be met by the public testimonys that were borne by our friends H Almy first succeeded by D Buffum & Anne Greene Holder was on the necessity of Dilligence & Submitting to the Lords calls in the Hearts - David endeavored to shew that the number of real christians were very few in proportion to the prefessors of it & how much more useful we might have been as a Society had we from our first being gathered as a boody kept in the power of truth & the influence thereof, as our predecessor did & of the necessity of having oil in our Lamps &c - Anne took up Ds subject of the oil & made a few very instructing remarks, but what seem'd most to impress her mind was the very low state of Society -- In the last meeting buisness labor'd & one case very trying, nevertheless there seem'd to be a weight over the meeting which I thought form'd a ballance, so that it was not the worst of times, nothing acrimonious being droped My beloved H & myself were favord again to acomplish our buisness with fortitude & I hope yea pray we may not fail in the END. I dined at father Rodmans for the first time in my life - Sarah Fish was also there then returned home & took tea & walked up to the head of Broad Street with cousin Alice Chase, & on my return stoped at D Williams & set a little while with his wife, with whom I felt a precious sweetness to cover my mind - IN the eveng again a little while at father Rodmans, R Taylor & D Austin was also there _____

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July 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 7th M 1808 / Pretty much the old course thro' the day. I don't recollect any thing particular, that has



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occured either in feeling or circumstantially – except that the eveng was passed with my beloved H in renewed feelings of affection towards each other

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July 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30th of 7 M / The business of the day seems to be Suspended. The sundown Gun has fired - & what have I to record of this day? Surely "no growth in the truth" & but very little earn'd toward an outward subsistence -In the eveng a little while at Aunt M Goulds father R'd & J Earls -

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July 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 31st of 7 M / At meeting this forenoon Anne Greene first appeared in supplication acknowledging it to be a low time among us & imploring divine help for those that are little & low in their own minds, that they may be enabled to look unto the Lord in times of trial, & that by his power the Stone be rolled from the wells mouth & those be enabled to draw water therefrom to their refreshment -- She then had a few words in testimony illustrating the necessity of attending to little things even Jesus loved little thing, even little children he blessed, & exhorted us to due attention that when the Solemn change should come ever so Suddenly we might be ready to meet it - then Hannah Dennis repeted a passage of scripture
Then D Buffum rose & said he thought it would be right for him just to inform us his feelings in that meeting which he apprehended has been in some degree excited by the accounts of the decease of a beloved brother which he had this mornng received, he very feelingly exhorted us to do our days work in the day time that when the Awful final change should come we might experience the Sting of death removed, &c there was more preaching & I thought more of the circulation of life in our meeting this morning than had been for some time, but alass but little of it flowed into my Vessel - In the Afternoon we were silent, & to me it was a time of digging, & made out to get a little lower than at some times - Took tea at A Carpenters & passed the eveng with my beloved H*

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August 1, Monday: British troops landed near the mouth of the Mondego River in support of the Iberian rebels.

Surprised by the Spanish victory at Bailén, King José I withdrew north from Madrid into Old Castile.

The Emperor Napoléon named Grand Duke Joachim Murat of Berg and Cleves as King of Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 1st of 8 m 1808 / Rather a depression hath seemed to hang about my mind today, not from any particular cause, more than common, but so it is now & then the mind get in the glooms & when thus assailed how precious to feel the protecting hand & arm of Almighty Power underneath to support & sustain the poor drooping mind while thus led into exercise – but alass, how little of this Support do I deserve, Yet much more of it is mercifully vouchsafed than I have any claim too, which is cause of humbling thankfulness & ought to stimulate to renewed dedication of heart – Spent the eveng at C R's

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August 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 8th M / I hardly know what to insert, however, by way of keeping "a note of time" in one sense, may just say nothing has been added to my stock, yet kept out of some mixtures more than at sometimes – In the eveng with my beloved H – John Casey came from Greenwich to attend the Qy Meeting, I was sincerely glad to see him, he is a friend I love very much –

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August 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 8 M / This Afternoon fell into argument with a young Man who is Deistically inclined. The argument was to no proffit on either side but on the contrary my mind was the most clouded that I have felt it in a long time it seemed as if the very power of darkness itself had assailed me, which I thought was as much owing to the State of his mind as my own – It has become allmost useless to mention where my evengs are spent of late Spring & Mary Streets generally bring me up

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August 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4 of 8 M / This morn I rode with my beloved H to Portsmouth to attend the Quarterly meeting there held, when we got to P Lawtons for mercy sake unharnessed the horse & let him eat a little before meeting the weather being very warm & the horse wet with sweat while at Ps we were joined by John Casey whose company & conversation was peculiarly interesting & tended to prepare my mind for the meeting – At meeting soon after I took my seat I found it was like to prove a season of refreshment to me, feeling the precious influence to arise in my mind; James Green as usual opened the meeting in a few words which I thought were very sound & I believe no one had authority to find fault with him. then John Casey delivered as authoritative a testimony



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as I ever heard he highly recommended the reading of the writings of friends in old times, & recited many of their sufferings in vast stinking Dungeons, & exorted us to a firm appearance to our religious and testimony - & not lightly to pass over the sufferings of those who bled for the testimony & laid the foundation of our Society - & concluded in a very affectionate address to the Aged & Middleaged, & the Youth in particular - In the last meeting we had a rather trying time several Money matters came before us which allways brings labor & difficulty -- After meeting we return'd to P L's dine & staid till the heat of the day was over then had a pleasant ride home. I dont remember when I have been less fatigued after so long a meeting -In the eveng met with Wm Jenkins an acquaintance in [Providence](#) who had a mind to walk out to D Buffums I went with him & pass a little time very agreeably, then walked home in a pleasant Moon shine & agreeable conversation - so ended the day & I believe I am in degree thankful for the favor experienced -

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August 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 8 M 1808 / My friends J Casey Thos Anthony & Wm Jenkins called at the shop this forenoon - with Thomas I had a good time he is an old acquaintance whom I love & I have no doubt has a good degree of religious experience. In the forepart of the eveng at C R, Sylvester Weeks was there & was sociable - latter part at J Earls

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August 6, Saturday: Samuel Swan died in Charlestown.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 8 M / [an X is drawn through this entry] Nothing material as to religious sensibility, towards night eveng to my intended habitation in Church Street to see in what order it was to receive our goods & found it sweet clean but not yet garnished, however all things looked convenient and as if we might live tollerably comfortable with Sufficient means & contented minds, both I wish but the latter most of all - Spent the eveng in social converse at D R; my H & Sister R being there

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August 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 8 M / Before meeting this mornng read the acct which G Fox gives in his Journal of his imprisonment & assize tirials at Lancaster - at meeting we were Silent & to me a roving season Somewhat owing to my being uncomfortable in boody, between



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*meetings read G.F. again Silent again at meeting but rather
better to me than in the mornng - In the eveng with my beloved H
as usual*

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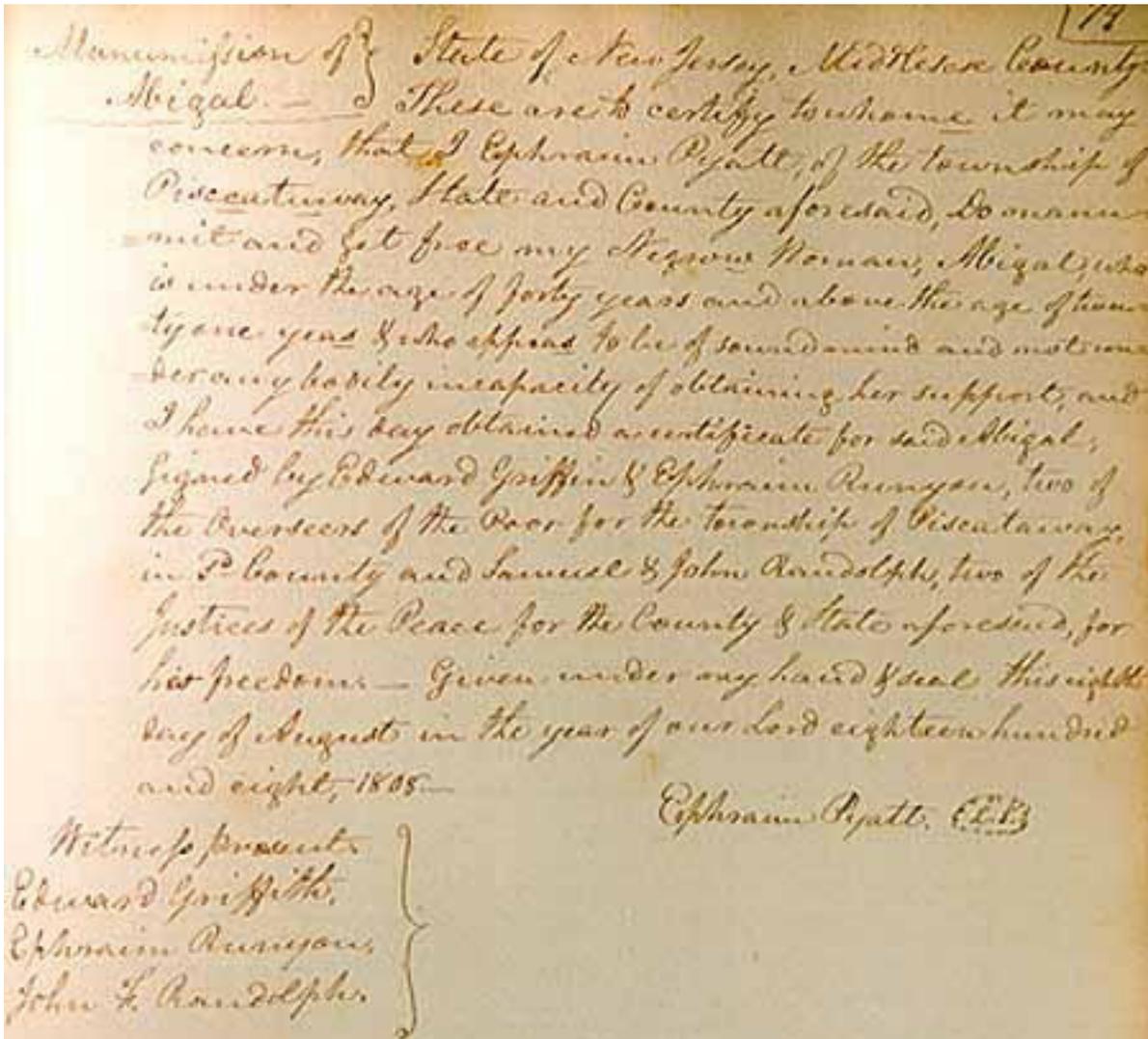
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 August 8, Monday: Manumission of Abigail } State of New Jersey, Middlesex County. These are to certify to whom it may concern, that I Ephraim Pyatt, of the township of Piscataway, State and County aforesaid, Do manumit and set free my Negrow Woman, Abigail, who is under the age of forty years and above the age of twenty one years & who appears to be of sound mind and not under any bodily incapacity of obtaining her support, and I have this day obtained a certificate for said Abigail, signed by Edward Griffin & Ephraim Runyan, two of the Overseers of the Poor for the township of Piscataway, in sd [said] County and Samuel & John Randolph, two of the Justices of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid, for her freedom. Given under my hand & seal this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eight, 1808—

Ephraim Pyatt {L.S.}

Witness present.
Edward Griffith,
Ephraim Runyan,
John F. Randolph: }





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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 8 M 1808 / Clouds of depression seem'd to hang around this Afternoon, but in the company of my H & Sisters this eveng they seem'd much dispelled

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August 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 8 M 1808 / Ups & downs, & I can say there has been rather an uncommon variety in my feeling this day, at times I have felt a sweet current of religious sensations, at others a manifest striving of satan to overset me & throw me into doubtings, however now at the close of the eveng I feel that I have been in good measure preserved from his bates Oh that henceforth & forever more with me & by me he may be put to flight [the rest of entry has an X] Set the eveng with my beloved H, from our window of retirement we for the first time in our lives saw a large number of Sky Rockets thrown into the Air, which was very amusing to me & raised a life that had better have known a crucifixion, however, the mind seemd to feel a quiet & I thought an innocency

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August 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10 of 8 M / Much engaged this fornoon in making preparations for Housekeeping, purchased some wood & painted the Kitchen floor sink &c [an X through the rest of this paragraph] I find it all takes Money however I am not at all disappointed, I expected it would I that it will take all I have & perhaps more to get comfortably under way. It is not my intention to buy a single article that will not be necessary, for my circumstances will not admit of it nor will my Religious principals; : them I have no disposition at present to violate, but earnestly desire (tho fall far short) to fulfill to the tittle - Yesterday while ruminating on the cumbers & cares of life my mind was brought as it were into the deeps & there Satan was fain to make me distrust the good hand of kind Providence, but he was not successful according to his wishes for even while he was trying the hardest, I was favor'd to feel a power above him, which kept me up, & at last he disappeared. Oh that I may keep near the fountain of life & be enabled to Stand firm in the Truth - In the eveng again with my beloved H - this according to present appearances will be the last of our company keeping, expecting health permitting to Join hands in Marriage tomorrow.

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August 11, Thursday: As part of the “prize day” ceremonies at the Liceo Musicale, Bologna, Gioachino Rossini’s cantata *Il pianto d’Armonia sulla morte d’Orfeo* to words of Ruggia was performed for the initial time (Rossini himself was medalist in counterpoint).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Friend Hannah Rodman entered the condition of marital bliss:

5th day 11th of 8 M 1808 / This day commences a new & All important Era of my life. I was married to my beloved friend Hannah Rodman Daughter of Clarke & Abigail Rodman of this Town -In the morning under the full weight of the matter I went up to her fathers & weighted on her to meeting, & had not learnt untill I saw him come into meeting that our Valued friend John Casey had taken the pains to come from [Greenwich](#) partly to attend our marriage -but more particularly to relieve his mind of a concern he has felt to pay a visit to the Inhabitatance of this his native place, as he Said where he first drew the breath of life naturally & spiritually - - Soon after I took my seat I was favord to feel the precious arising of divine life in my mind & anticipated a favord meeting, feeling a precious Solemnity spread over the gathering, & was not [the next six lines have an X through them] disappointed for the solemnity continued & Dear J Casey was very livingly engaged in public testimony - reciting in a very feeling manner the visitations of his youth & his allmost unpresedented obstinacy, & finally his preservation from the jaws of destruction, & exhorted all present to close in with the calls of divine providence, while they were favord with them, & told us had he been faithful from the first of his visitations it might have renderd him much more useful in the church, & have brought up far greater peace in his own mind, avoiding many bitter days & exercising nights which he hath passed thro’ to attain what spiritual strength he has he endeavord to comfort those that had begun the work for Truth & to arouse those that continued in their sins rejecting those precious visitations - & concluded in a very feeling address to the offspring of Friends in this place that we endeavor to support with dignity the several christian testimonys which we as a Society bear to the world - After the testimony & a Suitable pause ensuing, the overseer (O W) who set next me gave me a whisper to proceed (which is a practice I like better than for one of them to get up & speak to the young couples) We stood up according to order & both spoke handsomely & I believe were heard to the remotest part of the house, we being inhabitants & having a large circle of acquaintances & at present blessed with friends - The meeting was very large, however that was a circumstance which was much less embarrassing than I expected - At dinner we had the following guests, the men Overseers were Obadiah Williams & Rouse Taylor & the women Elizabeth Hosier & Mary Williams - My father & Mother & Aunt Mary Wanton - & brother Isaac - John Casey. Lewis L Clarke, Peter Lawton, Brother David Rodman & Wife who formd an agreeable circle - J Casey left us at 3 OClock intending to be at Wickford by night. In the corse of the Afternoon we had much interesting conversation both on Civil & religious subjects, & I know not when I have ever heard



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the subject of Friends voting in town Meetings more interestingly & usefully discussed Our friends O Williams & R Taylor disoraged the practice & O display'd much eloquence & ingenuity also Solidity on the Subject & I believe has compleatly convinced some that were present of the justness of his remarks -At tea we had the Same company as at dinner with the exception of Brother Isaac & the Addition of David Williams who came after dinner & spent the afternoon - After tea the company retired except Rouse Taylor who spent the eveng - Sarah Earle also came in the evening - Thus ended the day of all the most important that has yet taken place in my life, & I can say it has been a pleasant one both inwardly & outwardly, for in the outward from the rising of the Sun to the setting of the same I could not find a cloud in the Sky & the eveng equally serene & clear except rather more heat than was pleasant - And Oh! Saith my Soul may the day be an emblem of the day of our lives, may calmness & serenity mark our footsteps & may our lives be devoted to the Honors of him who created us for a purpose of his own Glory. I feel (while penning this) my mind humbled within me under a sense of my human frailty & very great incapacity of myself to discharge the dutys that will or have devolved upon me I desire I pray that I may be a good husband to my dear Wife, feeling fully confident that she will be to me a very usefull helpMeet, & desires are no less begotten on her behalf that she may be supported to bear with christian patience & fotitude the trials & besetments that may assail us in passing thro' time to that state where they all cease, & the weary traveller finds a permanent rest - I allso feel thankfulness of heart that we were favord to speak in the several meetings particularly the last with so much propriety & strength & that my dear H was supported under it considering her weak state of health -

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August 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 8 M 1808 / According to what I suppose is customary with young or newly married men, I have been wished an abundance of Joy, & shuck hands with an abundance of people. & in return for their good wishes I have generally told them I was obliged to them, took breakfast with my dear wife at her fathers dined at home, & in the Afternoon (company being there S P Earl) took tea at father Rodmans

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August 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 8th M / Took breakfast at Father R's - We have today a second part of fifth days tune at my fathers, the guests consist of all the brothers and sisters on both sides that are at home & Lewis Clarke. In the afternoon Lewis related a



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circumstance which for what reason I cannot tell nor why such a story should have such a place in my mind I cannot tell, in the course of conversation which lead to it, he mentioned a circumstance that happened formerly, a man by the name of Hull an honest well concern'd friend who lived near the ferry house on Connanicut had a son that was something inclined to lightness & his care was greatly toward his son that he be preserved from frequenting the ferry house which at that time was a very pernicious place abounding with examples of drunkenness & other vices, at length this son was inclined to make an instrument of Music called the Longspell which gave his honest father still greater concern, which after he had made, manifested uncommon skill at playing & used it mostly in the garret alone which employed most of his lesure time, his father consulted several judicious friends what he had better do, being unwilling to have Music played in the house - which after being maturely deliberated upon was thought best, considering the proximity of the ferry house to indulge the lad in his inclination fearing that if he was crossed therein he would resort among bad people at the ferry house. The lad accordingly was left, but after a while left his music, & became a pillar of in the Church & lived to a good old age, - I have not inserted this believing it is always safe to leave youth to their own persuits but, the Wisdom of the friend & his Councillors was what particularly struck me believing that such judicious men are much wanting in this day - This day was spent to a good degree of satisfaction, Fatherly, Motherly, Sisterly & Brotherly love seem'd to flow among us (ie) if I was capable of entering into the feeling of the company, at least I can speak for myself & say it did in mine, & peculiarly towards my new brothers & Sisters, insomuch that my heart was moved in mental supplications for our mutual advancement in, & faithfulness too that Pure principal within which will draw the minds of all who will adhere to it into usefulness in the Church, to our Selves, and acceptance to our Maker, I can say that this hath been the renewed concern of my soul this day & Oh! that it may be a season of renewed, & lasting covenant with my God, & my life from this time forward to the day when the "Silver cord shall be loosened" may be marked with renew'd acts of sincere devotion to the precious cause of Truth. - Among other things which hath occupied my feelings this day is that the pure principal may so operate in the minds of some that they may be more faithful in the Support of the testimonys of society - I do love to hear members of our Society use freely & openly the plain language, I when I see it other ways it more or less allways gives me pain, but I say this not with any severity, very far from it, but with the most tender sensations of love -

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August 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 8 M 1808 / In the forenoon my dear wife & I



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attended Meeting but before it concluded an heavy rain commenced which rendered it difficult to get home. R Mitchells Carriages was kindly offered & accepted to carry her & Sister R home, but notwithstanding they were wet a little I hope neither will take cold. in the afternoon the gathering was small owing to the continuation of the rain, my wife did not venture out - we sat in both in Silence & to me were seasons of not much animation - In the eveng called at Aunt M Goulds, & returned to father R's where I breakfasted dinner'd & supper'd _____

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 August 15, Monday: A Mass in D by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 8th M / After breakfast with my Wife Sister Ruth Father R, & Brother David went to our hired House, it seemed perfectly satisfactory to them all which was a very pleasant circumstance to me, & thankfulness was begotten in my heart, Oh! that all I do may be equally satisfactory & that Brotherly love may continue to abound reciprocally in our hearts - In the eveng at O W's together

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 August 16, Tuesday: Spanish defenders of Gerona attacked out of the city and routed the besieging French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 8 M / In the mornng occupied a little while in preparing for housekeeping, the rest of the day at the Shop as usual. breakfasted at Father R's & dine'd & tea'd at home - My mind has felt a pleasantness thro' the day, in the Afternoon got engaged a little in conversation on religious concerns with John Coats a Presbiterian who presented me with the Sum of Religion by Matthew Hale & a printed scrap of Poetry entitled The excellency of the Female form -

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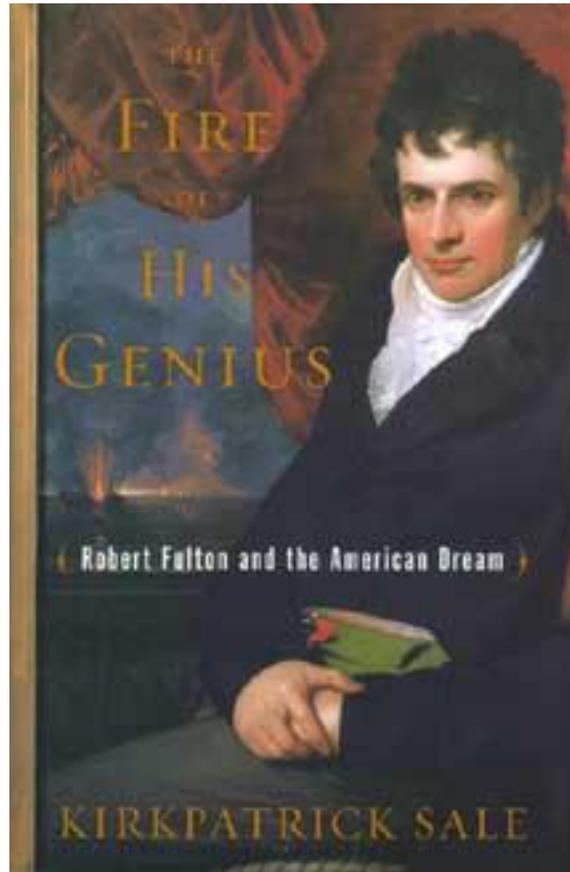


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August 17, Wednesday: A well-dressed crowd gathered on the Hudson River side of Lower Manhattan Island on this hot afternoon of August 17, 1808 to view the new steamboat of Robert Fulton, which he had named the *North River* (this was the riverboat that is now referred to as the *Clermont*).



Construction was beginning in this year, of five D-shaped sandstone forts in defense of New-York harbor: Fort Wood on Bedloes Island, Fort Gibson on Ellis Island, three-tiered Castle William on Governors Island replacing or supplementing Fort Columbus, and, at the edge of the city itself, the North Battery and the “South-West Battery.” The north battery would be constructed at the foot of Hubert Street and the south-west battery, which would have 28 ports for its bronze cannon, would be constructed on a small island off the beach at the tip of Manhattan and its garrison would be linked to the shore only by way of a 200-foot causeway equipped with a drawbridge.¹⁰⁰ These defensive fortifications would be completed in 1811.

The Battle of Rolica, during the Peninsular Campaign: The British forces under Wellington had landed in Portugal and moved south to Obidos, and had observed that the French forces under General Delaborde had taken up defensive positions four miles to the south, in front of the village of Rolica, which lay in the center of a horseshoe of steep hills a mile wide and two miles long. Wellington had spent the night of August 16th in

100. In 1815 this little fortress would be renamed [Castle Clinton](#).



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the small square palace in Obidos. The British had attacked opposite the French positions, simultaneously engaging a pincer mover to the west. The French had withdrawn to avoid the trap. As Wellington repeatedly attacked the French then carefully withdrew behind a strong cavalry screen. Wellington pressed south to Vimiero. When we now visit the beautiful Moorish town of Obidos, we can view from the northern ramparts of the town wall the scene of the skirmish action that preceded this battle. Then from the southern ramparts of this town wall we can view the scene of the French positions before Rolica three miles to the south as Wellington had on this day. We can visit the crest of the ridge along which the French had taken their initial positions, then the crest of the second ridge, south of Rolica, on which the French had taken their subsequent positions. We can visit, on the high ground north of Serranos, a monument that marks the spot where Colonel Lake and four companies of the 1/29th met their deaths. Here is an account by Rifleman Harris:

The Rifles, indeed, fought well this day, and we lost many men. They seemed in high spirits, and delighted at having driven the enemy before them. Joseph Cochan was by my side, loading and firing very industriously, about this period of the day. Thirsting with heat and action, he lifted his canteen to his mouth. 'Here's to you, old boy,' he said as he took a pull of its contents. As he did so a bullet went through the canteen, and perforating his brain killed him in a moment. Another man fell close to him almost immediately, struck by a ball in the thigh. Indeed, we caught it severely just here, and the old iron was also playing its part amongst our poor fellows very merrily. I saw a man named Symmonds struck full in the face by a round shot, and he came to the ground a headless trunk. Meanwhile, many large balls bounded along the ground amongst us so deliberately that we could occasionally evade them without difficulty. I could relate many more of the casualties I witnessed on this day, but the above will suffice. When the roll was called after the battle, the females who missed their husbands came along the front of the line to inquire of the survivors whether they knew anything about them. Amongst other names I heard that of Cochan called, in a female voice, without being replied to. The name struck me, and I observed the poor woman who had called it, as she stood sobbing before us and apparently afraid to make further inquiries about her husband. No man had answered to his name, or had any account to give of his fate. I myself had observed him fall (as related before) whilst drinking from his canteen, but as I looked at the poor sobbing creature before me I felt unable to tell her of his death. At length Captain Leech observed her, and called out to the company, 'Does any man here know what has happened to Cochan? If so, let him speak out at once.' Upon this order I immediately related what I had seen, and told the manner of his death. After a while Mrs Cochan appeared anxious to see the spot where her husband fell, and in the hope of still finding him alive asked me to accompany her over the field. She trusted, notwithstanding what I had told her, to find him yet alive. 'Do you think you could find it?' said Captain Leech, upon being referred to. I told him I was sure I could, as I had remarked several objects whilst looking for cover during the skirmishing. 'Go, then,' said the captain, 'and show the poor woman the spot, as she seems so desirous of finding the body.' I accordingly took my way over the ground we had fought upon, she following and sobbing after

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me; and quickly reaching the spot where her husband's body lay, I pointed it out to her. She now soon discovered all her hopes were in vain. She embraced the stiffened corpse, and after rising and contemplating his disfigured face for some minutes, with hands clasped and tears streaming down her cheeks, she took a prayer book from her pocket, and kneeling down repeated the service for the dead over the body. When she had finished she appeared a good deal comforted; and I took the opportunity of beckoning to a pioneer I saw near with some other men, and together we dug a hole and quickly buried the body. Mrs Cochan then returned with me to the company to which her husband had been attached, and laid herself down upon the hearth near us. The company to which Cochan had belonged (bereaved as she was) was now her home; and she marched and took equal fortune with us to Vimiera. She hovered about us during that battle, and then went with us to Lisbon, where she succeeded in procuring a passage to England.



Margaretta Wedderburn's "The Sky, or a Description of a fine Evening: August 17. 1808":

With rapture and delight I oft admire
 Jehovah's works that come within my view,
 Himself exceeding admiration's ken,
 Or ought that I could fancy that is great,
 Is good, is glorious, without compare.
 The season this, when Autumn richly pours
 Prolific bounty o'er this fav'rite isle.
 Here universal peace and plenty reigns,
 While beasts, and birds, and insects feed around.
 And when their thirst is quenched at limpid stream,
 In sportive gambols spend the live-long day.
 Till sober eve invites to rural walk,
 By humble hedge-row, deck'd with foliage green,
 To smell the fragrance of the scented briar.
 Now ev'ry scene looks gay, it yields delight,
 And fits the mind to wonder and adore.
 Among the branches, feather'd choristers
 Have sung their ev'ning lay, and are retir'd
 To rest their downy wings, till morning dawn.
 All but sweet philomel, her notes prolong'd
 Swell with the breeze, in charming symphony,
 To sooth the lover's woe, that wanders forth,
 (When absent from the maid his heart holds dear,)
 Alone to vent his plaint. Pensive and sad
 He seeks the shade, and shuns each vulgar joy.
 Thy song, sweet bird, hath lull'd his griefs to rest,
 While pleasing hope restores his fancied bliss.
 And now retard my wond'ring eyes this eve,
 With divers hues, and beauties manifold.
 The sky in azure clad, serene and clear,
 By sun's decline, just tinged with florid gold;
 And not the most elaborate assay
 Of skilful artist, when his pencil's dip'd
 In ev'ry varied tint he hath prepar'd,
 A form so lovely ever could produce

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To gazer's eye, as that I now behold.
 But as I upwards look again, how chang'd!
 The clouds seem hov'ring round, with moisture fill'd,
 From vapours gather'd and laid up for use,
 (By sov'reign will of him who all commands,
 And liberal sends on earth their copious show'rs,
 The water ev'ry flow'ret, tree, and plant,
 That else would languish, wither, and decay,
 If long withheld from vegetation's store,
 The liquid juice that makes all nature bloom.
 But while my thoughts o'er various prospects rove,
 Or fix'd intent on some peculiar space,
 Behold the day's most splendid visitant,
 His pow'rful beams withdrawn to other climes,
 And cheering warmth hath left our hemisphere.
 But in his absence not without solace,
 The moon appears with milder radiance,
 Her influence benign and fainter glow,
 With each revolving planet as it rolls,
 Performs her destin'd circuit through the sky,
 Tho' not like sparkling emanation,
 Of dazz'ling, grand, majestic god of day,
 When he shines forth in full meridian blaze;
 Or when his rising beauties streak the east,
 And brightness gilds the lofty mountain's brow;
 Yet peaceful and serene, she sheds her light
 Around the globe, diffusing happiness,
 With less obtrusive unoffending lustre.
 Also those twinkling stars re-animate,
 With their resplendant rays, the dusky night.
 Throughout the vast expanse, those gems appear,
 (Beneficent that Power that plac'd them there,
 When they withdraw, darkness reigns absolute,
 And throws around a joyless total gloom.
 One lucid orb, more glitt'ring than the rest,
 'Tis called the star of eve, and strikes the eye,
 Amidst the num'rous throng, with circled sphere,
 Surpassing, and more refulgent brightness.

Annexed to the Sky, a Paraphrase.—August 18, 1808.

But shone superior in degree,
 That Morning Star so bright,
 Which rising on our darken'd world,
 Dispell'd the gloom of night.
 Transcendently illustrious,
 Appear his rays divine;
 The mist of error to disperse,
 And make each virtue shine.
 Hard sayings to elucidate,
 Each myst'ry to unfold,
 Which handed down, from age to age,
 By prophets were foretold.
 Till then the mind of man was held,
 In ignorance obscure,
 With superstitious rites profan'd,
 His intellectual power.
 Idolatrous impiety,
 Completely envelop'd;
 Freed from its baneful influence,
 He scarcely could have hop'd.
 Until that beauteous Star arose,
 The Gentiles to enlight,
 And of his people Israel,
 The glory, strength, and might.
 To whom ever be ascrib'd,
 All praise in earth and heaven,



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But whose exalted name is far.
Above all blessing given.

John Jacob Astor's ship *Beaver* sailed from New-York harbor, bound for [China](#).

At the Battle of Roliça, British troops compelled the French to retreat from the heights between Caldas and Obidos north of Lisbon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 17 of 8 M / We are now as the saying is laying upon our Oars, but expect to commence housekeeping next week - How we shall get along is very uncertain, but I trust if our dependence is rightly placed, & our own exercions continued, we shall be enabled to get forward, at least with a comfortable degree of peace, & I can honestly say I ask no more than peace of mind with a comfortable subsistance, & a little for emergencies, believing beyond all doubt that Riches, adding house to House & field to field, is nothing short of a corrosive sublimate to that peace which is pure & springs from within, then how necessary is a double watch - And Oh how is it to be longed for, & prayed for, that the Mind is all things & on all occasions be kept from the hurtful mixtures of the World, & preserved in that which will enable us to perfor Jerusalem as the chiefest Joy, then shall we be enabled to meet with christian patience, fortitude & resignation the, the vicisitudes & cross occurrences incident to us in passing thro' this (which may indeed be called) a Vail of tribulation & tears -I dont know that it will be assuming too high language to Say, that my mind while writing, is bowed under a sense of them, & that a prayer is raised, that I may stand firm, & fast in that which will enable us to endure to the END -
My beloved H spent the Afternoon & part of the eveng at my fathers the connection being new & she naturally diffident I felt much sympathy for her -*

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August 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 Of 8 M 1808 / I have felt renew'd aspirations in my mind this Morning to the Father of Mercys after faithfulness, My spirit hath felt humbled at my past omissions & commissions, & Oh saith my soul as I am just commencing a new & important carreir of life, may I be favor'd to renew an important Covenant with my God which shall not (as many formally) be blown away with the first gale of temptation, but be lasting even to the latest period of my existance - Notwithstanding before meeting I had a favor'd season yet when there my mind was more roving & unsettled than I expected, this week many other like circumstances tend to confirm me that "Times & seasons are in the Lords hand" - My evengs are now spent with my dear H - the last we were at her fathers —

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 August 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 8th M 1808 / Before breakfast deposited a few things convenient in house Keeping at our intended dwelling, as usual since Married took breakfast at Father R's, nothing matiral thro' the day as respecting the State of my Mind. Elizabeth Hadwen, Dorcas Earle, Eunice Clark & Phebe Earl Sent took tea & spent the Afternoon at My fathers. I drank tea with them & dont know when I have been in company with a more goodly company

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 August 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 8 M 1808 / As usually engaged, the mind variously occupied with the cares of house keeping –

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 August 21, Sunday: The Battle of Vimeiro, during the Peninsular Campaign: the British forces under General Wellington faced the onslaught of the French forces under Marshal Junot from defensive positions along Vimiero Hill and in the village. Junot ordered over six frontal assaults up the ridge and each time his soldiers were repulsed by infantry fire. By the end of the day the French had lost over 1,000, and had lost 14 guns, while the British had suffered only 720 casualties, which meant of course that they could celebrate a great victory as the French withdrew to the south. On August 30th, the Convention of Cintra would be signed in which the French would be allowed to evacuate Portugal.

France annexed the city of Wesel.

British ships managed to take 9,000 of the 14,000 Spanish troops sent to Denmark to help the Emperor Napoléon off the island of Langeland, to transport them to Santander to aid in the Peninsular War.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 8th M / Our Mornng Meeting was middlingly large, & our friend D Buffum was very lively in testimony from the Scripture "Why is Man less durable than the works of his hands for this plain reason, that this is not the place of his rest" he feelingly touched on the afflictions of the righteous & by way of consolation rehersed the Scripture "Blessed are you when men persecute you & revile you &c for great is your reward in heaven" & said he had been renewedly confirm'd that "they that will follow after our Blessed Lord & saviour Jesus Christ shall have persecution in the flesh"

In the Afternoon we were small in Number but a pretty good time – [Following lines to end of entry for this day have an X through them] After tea My dear Wife & myself with Sister Ruth & Daniel Austin went to out intended habitation, intending to commence housekeeping, father Rodman & Sister



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Elizabeth came after us also brother David we Spent the eveng very sweetly together in brotherly & sisterly affection, & when our company left us, I was thankful the my dear H was very chearful & pleasant & not at all inclined (to appearance) to a downcast feeling, common in any change & particularly in that which is for life. Oh! that I may be thankful humbly thankful for every favor, & learn to be content in whatever situation may be my lot; rendering unto God thanksgiving, & from a devoted life to the cause of truth. Praise redound to the honor of his Great Name which is worthy Forever More –

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August 22, Monday: On page 432 of Volume 30 of the Record of Deeds for [Providence, Rhode Island](#) there is a record of the [manumission](#) of a certain negro [enslaved](#) boy Robert on this date — a boy who had been promised three years earlier that, should he faithfully serve and obey his master Jabez Bowen, Jr. for those three years, he would then be entitled to his liberty and to be manumitted and forever thereafter to be made free. Robert having well and faithfully served his Providence slavemaster Bowen for the agreed three years, on this day was indeed fully and entirely manumitted and set free, and entirely released from every future claim of personal service or other whatsoever, and declared free. (In the document, the words “and doth hereby” appear twice in sequence, and are lined out in the first occurrence with a double line as shown below.) Although there is no reference in the document itself to any such person as “N. Brown,” we note that in the directory to this volume of deeds and mortgages the perpetrators of this freeing of “Robert, (Negro Boy)” have been indexed at the time as being indeed not only Jabez Bowen Jr. but also N. Brown! –There’s something of a story here, that maybe isn’t going to get told!

Whereas by an Obligation of the sixteenth of August one thousand and eight hundred and five the subscriber on condition a certain negro Boy Robert the slave of the subscriber should faithfully serve and obey the subscriber for three year [sic] from the said period, he the said Robert should be entitled to his liberty and to be manumitted and forever thereafter to be made free. Now the said Robert having well and faithfully served the subscriber for the agreed space of time the said subscriber in fulfilment of said contract on his part doth fully and entirely manumit and set free forever the said Robert, and entirely release him from every future claim of personal service or other whatsoever ~~and doth hereby~~ and doth hereby declare the said Negro Boy Robert free

Witness my hand and seal this 22^d Day of August 1808

Jabez Bowen Jun.^r (L.S.)

Witness Nathan W. Jackson

T. Elk



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 22nd of 8th M / On waking up this Morning we found ourselves "in our own hired House" as the Apostle says, & not an unpleasant habitation neither [The remainder of this entry has an X over it] we found our breakfast relished well & were by the bounty of our friends & what we were able to provide ourselves,



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favord with a plenty of Coffee, crackers, & flour & Indian Bread, this was our first Meal & if this be a presage of the succeeding Meals of our lives we may calculate on a pleasant Passage But Alass I dare not calculate on pleasant things, but wish to keep in remembrance the Wormwood & Gall that when its draughts are administered we may not be unacquainted with its effect, of which I fully expect my full share & pray for resolution to Support –

Brother John Dined with us. our repast was a peace of Boiled Bass &c - before we finished we had some roast veal sent from father R's which was acceptable tho' not at this time necessary, that however ought not to lessen the obligation on our part. So we get along from season to season, & time alone can determine the issue

Sister Elizabeth took a dish of tea with us, & dear Aunt Patty & Hannah set in the evening

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August 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 8th M 1808 / We again this mornng find ourselves at home – When I went home to breakfast & while waiting for my dear H to Set it on the table I took a Seat a few moments at the east window to view the pleasant prospect over the Gardens & fields, my mind was feelingly struck with the Scripture declaration [An X from here to end of paragraph] "This is not the place of thy Rest" which renewedly convey'd to my understanding, that however beautiful things in the outward may be around us we are not to gratify that part of the Mind which takes a life in them, beyond what the Truth will allow, & not only at this time but many time thro' the course of my life have I sensibly felt, that the pleasant pictures must be spoiled & the Cross, yea, the Cross of Christ be daily borne ere we can be renewed in the spirit of our minds & be made partakers of that heavenly zest of love of peace which is the lot & portion of all the faithful followers.

It has been a precious day. this forenoon I have particularly had my life & inward Strength renewe'd – When going to the fountain to draw a glass of water, finding the Stream refused to run, my mind was instructingly lead to draw the analogy between a fountain of outward water & the fountain of living waters; Observation & experience shews that a fountain of Material Water is by long derth at length rendered dry, or at least the water in the fountain low & hard to be drawn out, so we also find it in our experience of the inward fountain, the mind is at times suffer'd to fall into a dry hard state, hence the waters of life are hard to be attained & requires double exercions both of faith patience & strength to get down to the spring from whence ariseth the refreshing streams of life into the Soul of Man & from my experience I am fully in the belief that those low seasons, seasons when the mind experiences a great dearth & all is stiff & hard, are for our benefit, & if patiently abode under, uniting our exercions with the help of



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Divine Wisdom, we shall be enabled to renew our Strength from the Waters, which flow in such profusions into the hearts of the faithful, & because the toil is long & hard & this painful state long awaits us there is no cause to give out, it is the Hand of the Lord, & his Arm is not Shortened that it cannot in due time afford all necessary & timely help -

In the eveng we had a number of Visitors some staid all the eveng & some part of it Brother Isaac, Brother David & wife, Sister R & E R Hosier & Mary Barker, Polly Sherman, Brother Caleb, were the company & the eveng paased socially, but I could not assimilate as at some times, the mind feeling somewhat of a depression, which I strove to suppress

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August 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24th of 8th M / We have been favord with comfortable victuals today which has been tnakfully remembered --
In the eveng Neighbor Saml Venson & his wife set with us also
Sister Ruth -*

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August 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 8th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting & a very hot ride it was, we stopt at Uncle Peters before Meeting to leave some boxes to be filled with articles for house keeping - At Meeting Our friend Abigail Robinsons appear'd in testimony for the first time in many Months. She appear'd to be under wieghty concern on acct of the low state of Society &c -In the part for discipline several thing was considerably debated upon, but the love subsisted, nothing harsh manifested only simple expression of prospects, Mary Sisson was received under care -P & J Easton was disowned - After meeting we stopt at Uncle Peter's for our boxes - & dined at cousin Z Chases -After dinner My Wife, Aunt Patty Gould & I went into the Gulley & had a most delightsome ramble, it was the first time my dear H was ever there, she appear'd to enjoy the zest with more than common pleasure & I'm sure it was more than commonly pleasing to me not having visited the place where in youthful days I have enjoyed allmost extatic pleasures, for a very long time - After tea we rode home pleasantly --
In the eveng Brother D, Sister J & Sister E called to see us a little while --*

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August 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 26th of 8th M / A day of considerable seriousness, yesterdays proceedings at meeting has occupied my mind, but find but little that I Said or did that feels unpleasant - My wife & I dind & spent the Afternoon at My Fathers Rouse Taylor & Sister E spent the evening very acceptably with us -

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 August 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day, 27 of 8 M 1808 / Nothing material to insert as respects my feelings - Neighbor Gibbs & Billins set the afternoon with us, the latter took tea but the former went home towards night unwell

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 August 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 8 M / In the mornig at meetg D Buffum preached acceptably, but to me rather an unsettled time - In the Afternoon we were Silent - between meetings brother Isaac called, also Sister Elizabeth - brother Isaac took tea with us & our frined O Williams set most of the eveng

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 August 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 8 M / Much perplexed with several persons about politicks & Voating - my friend Philip Dunham called at the shop his visit was as usual refreshing - We have had a number of calls at the House but not more than was very pleasant - In the Afternoon Aunt A Carpenter & Sister Ruth took tea with us & J Bringhurst called an half an hour - In the eveng Mother, Aunt Patty Gould, Brother David & Sister Elizabeth with D Austin were our guests, Sister R Staid the eveng - Since we have been housekeepers we have had abundant proofs of the regard of our friends, they have been very kind in giving us frequent calls which testify that they hold us in remembrance, & is very comforting to us -

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August 30, Tuesday: At the Battle of Vimeiro, during the Peninsular Campaign, the British forces had inflicted somewhat more attrition on the French than the French had succeeded in inflicting upon the English. Marshal Junot had ordered more than six frontal assaults up the ridge against withering infantry fire with each time his soldiers being repulsed. "Your commanding officer is trying to kill you." In result, on this day a Convention was signed at Cintra by which leave was obtained to safely evacuate the surviving French out of Portugal.

By the Convention of Sintra the British repatriated 26,000 French troops in return for their evacuation of Portugal. For this unusual leniency, the commanders on the scene will be recalled to Britain to make an accounting of their actions.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 8 M 1808 / The potsherds of the Earth have been mightily clashing together this day - Town Meeting is held & a great stir Among the people. I put in my voat I think without feeling the spirit of party, yet the mind has been more in the Mixture than is best - Sister Mary spent the day with us & Sister Elizabeth the evening. Father R & Br[?] Caleb gave short calls -

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August 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 8 M 1808 / My spiritual condition, I am very sensible is weakened from yesterdays conduct, tho' I feel at present nothing material to accuse myself of except feeling and giving way to an anxious disposition respecting the concerns of Town Meeting. I believe it a fixed Truth, that mingling with the Spirit of the world in any respect is hurtful to a religious growth & none more so than the leaven of politicks which tends to Sour & in many instances to embitter the Mind of individuals toward one another - but as yet I do not see why a Friend may not peaceably put in a voat on either side the question, provided he does it not in a bitter or earnest spirit, but moderately & Modestly to hand it in, without feeling aught against his neighbor because he acts a contrary sentiment, I dont wish to lay this down as what I see in the light of Truth but my apprehensions on the Subject, probably I may in time See different - Molly Rogers spent the Afternoon, & this is the first eveng we have spent alone since we were Housekeeps

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September 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 9th M 1808 / Our meeting was silent & if none felt more of the life than myself it certainly was a very dead & dry season I dined at my fathers & my wife at her fathers which is the first time she hath been there since we were married (ie) on a visit, & the first time I have ate at my fathers except when we both spent the day together last sixth day



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We took tea at father R's & spent the eveng, when we went home our Neighbor Gibbs told us that Neighbour Towle had called to spend the eveng with us but found us absent which was a circumstance I regretted they being people that I am very free to associate with -6th day 2 of 9 M / Several calls from friends nothing material to insert / rote to B Purinton _____

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 September 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 9 M / In the Afternoon met with the School committee Benjm Mott took tea with us Eliza Burling & Sarah Earl also After tea Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Benj on buisness & staid at cousin Z Chases -

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 September 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day went to meeting with Shadrack in the Cart - we had a Silent meeting but I thought the ownings of Truth was felt - Dined at cousin Z C's & in the Afternoon walked homeward stopt at C H on buisness & then called at cousin A Gould, had a pleasnt visit & took tea - then called a little at Uncle S Thurstons & home, found my dear H well & at our dwelling -Yesterday (seventh day) I was much beset with an evil disposition which I was obliged to summons all the religion I Possessed to keep in subjection - And this day at [Portsmouth](#) my mind has been in a feeling state -

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 September 5, Monday: [John Home](#) died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 9 M 1808 / Last 6th day I wrote to B Purinton, my H having made an addition I put it in the Post Office this Mornng directed to Saml F Hussey for her in Portland - Gave one to D Austin for his Parents & Sisters

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 September 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 9th M / Wrote Joseph Austin by R Hosier, in the evening called at J Earl's to see E Burling. The mind in a barran condition

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September 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 9 M / Each day consists (at present) of a sameness of occurrences, from the House to the Shop, & from the shop to the House, as our Meals occur in rotation. We have had more or less calls from our friends in some part of every day since We have commenced Housekeeping which shews that our friends are Mindful of us & have An interest in our wellfare, some testimonies of that kind has been cause of humility & thankfulness in my heart – We have now enterd pretty fully on the stage of action, & great is the care & circumspection that is requisite, that we walk consistent in every respect, but more particular is the necessity that we strive so to dwell under the influence of the spirit of truth as to maintain & keep alive, the Life of truth in the mind, for this leads to care & circumspection, both in things inward & outward. Oh that there may be in my heart an increasing dedication to the will of him that created me, & a daily renewal of the Immmortal Seed. I desire, I long, to be Substancially religious, & not in the form of it, but really possessing the reality – Aunt Molly Gould, Sister Ruth & Brother Caleb took tea with us. Brother D & father R also called & Set a little while –

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September 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 9 M 1808 / A Silent Meeting, but not the very worst of times, some sweet reflections –

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September 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 9th M / My H haveing gone to Middletown to read the Epistles among the infirm. I dined & took tea at Fathers

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September 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 9 M / "How beautiful are thy tents O Jacob & thy dwelling places O Israel" upon feeling my mind a little introduced this morning into the precious sensations of love & life, arising & spreading it's self over the system, the beauty thereof very strongly impressed its self on my Mind, & breathing desire arose that they may continue & an everlasting dwelling place be established therein, for Oh how precious to feel the light of the heavenly Fathers countenance lifted up upon us after a season of hardness & as it were obduracy to every tender



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emotion – Brother David Sister Joanna & Sister Ruth took tea with us, D Buffum Junr & his Sister Margaret joined them & spent the eveng –

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 September 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 9th M / Attended meetings both which were seasons of searching with me. Our friend Peter Hoxie was with us who with our friend D Buffum in the forenoon bore lively testimonys – In the Afternoon Peter was engaged in supplication particularly for the "Dear youth of our Society" that we might be preserved from the Allurements of the World -- Susanna Bateman a friend from [Greenwich](#) also spoke a few words, which, if they did no hurt I thought the good would not be very extensive –
We eat our meals at home & in the eveng had several of our acquaintance call to see us –*

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 September 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 9 m / I'm weak & poor in the life of the mind Oh! that it was better with me but wishing without trying to obtain the object will never fetch it –

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 September 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 9 M / Masons being at work on the top of our chimney we could not make a fire, so Wife went to her fathers & me to my fathers to dinner, & took tea together at Brother Davids & spent the eveng. Sister R was with us –

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 September 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 9 M 1808 / P Sherman & cousin H Gardiner Junr took tea with us & Sister Elizabeth Spent the day & evening. Mother & Aunt Molly Wanton gave us a call in the forenoon, the latter for the first time since we were housekeepers

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 September 15, Thursday: [George Back](#), eleven years of age, sailed aboard frigate HMS *Arethusa* as a “first class volunteer.” The vessel would soon be taking part in naval engagements off Cherbourg and along the north coast of Spain.

By the terms of August 30th, the French army in Portugal was allowed to depart by sea from Lisbon. A new 5-man council of regency took power in the name of King João.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 9th M / A Silent Meeting, & a mixture in my mind. the forepart of it was pretty much favord with the arisings of life, but before the conclusion, a jostling took place & all manner of trash enterd my brains, with a Seeming impossibility to keep it out. Mary Williams Junr took tea with us this Afternoon & spent part of the evening

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 September 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 9th M / We had this Afternoon some Elderly Ladies to sit & take tea with us Eunice Clark, Aunt Phebe Earl & My Mother

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 September 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 9 M / The mind not much a live to religion, however not as dead as at sometimes – Sister Mary spent the day with us Sister Elizabeth the eveng & My father gave us a good long call –

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 September 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 9 M / Our meetings again silent, in the forenoon a time of wrestling & but little overcoming, in the Afternoon much the same, if any thing more of the life predominating we ate our Meals at home & spent the eveng also- Brother David called in the forepart, & after him Rouse Taylor set the remainder with us –

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 September 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 9 M / This morning at our usual pause at Breakfast table my mind was more than commonly dipt into breathings after the bread of life, even life forevermore, something like this



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run thro' my mind very sweetly –

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 September 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 9 M / I omitted to mention that Yesterday Afternoon We spent at D Williams's. Brother David & wife A R & N[?]R was also there & Evan Thomas Junr son of our friend Evan Thomas that was here at our Last Meeting time from Baltimore I wish his manners & deportment was as exemplary as his fathers I believe that my H Brother D & Wife was heartily sick of the worlds politeness or accomplishments, & renewedly made satisfied with our little way of living – We spent this day at my fathers as to life perhaps not quite as void as at some times

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 September 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 9 M 1808 / This eveng the mind rather depressed, the times are dull in the outward, & Allmost dead in the inward Sister Mary spent part of the day with us – & kind calls from Father R & Brother D - Sister E set the eveng – In the eveng I met a little while at Wm Pattens with the African Benevolent Society Directors —

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 September 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 9 M / At Meeting cold & shivery – under such circumstances the mind is in some considerable degree disquallified from the exercise of worship, especially when at the best of times I am so barran of good -- however on returning from meeting & setting down quietly at home a good degree of life & tenderness sprung up which seem'd encoraging, tho' things of the outward are at present gloomy - This afternoon I had a visit of some length at the Shop from Our friend Richard Mitchell which was very comfortable his conversation was on subjects that were instructing we compared our feelings at meeting & found they were very similar, both had a poor time –Brother Caleb took tea & father R called to see us in the eveng –

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 September 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 9 M / My H spent the Afternoon with Our dear Aunts M & H Gould, Aunt M was absent – I took tea with them & remember'd



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old times – We spent the eveng At father R's

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 September 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 9 M / The Company of F Green & Green at tea, Sister E set the eveng with us on our part very agreeably - I want to feel more alive to the Truth & engagement in its cause but Alass how poor weak & frail I am –

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 September 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 9 M / At meeting this forenoon I had a Serious time many things occupied the mind which lead to it – but Oh the Life (if I may be allowed the expression) Seemd closely confind in Prison - In the Afternoon a little more free - both meetings Silent - We dined & took tea at father R's & set the eveng at home reading the works of I Pennington

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 September 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 26 of 9 M / My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at Neighbor Towles & took tea with them & set the latter part of the eveng The forepart of the eveng I was engagd to meet at Wm Pattens with the Directors of the African benevolent Society - So my lot was cast in company with four Ministers of Different persuasions -Patten, Tenny Green & Towle The latter I believe to be the Most Christian Man –

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 September 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 9th M 1808 / This afternoon Met with C J Tenny at Arthur Flaggs on buisness of the African School & with him (CJT) visited the Work & Alms house. The poor objects that presented to our view in my mind (& I have no doubt did also in his) excite pity & a degree of concern for their wellfare in a future state – Some of them Attempted to speak of religion but the way seemd so shut up from the depravedness of their mind that on my own part I could say but little to them – neither did he - but I have thought & really have to believe that the reason why I am so disquallified from entering into the condition of others, is my want of dedication Oh that my heart was more devoted & that while my hands are at my labor the mind could be



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more in meditation on things celestial -

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September 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 9 M / Tho' I believe a degree of the life has been felt this day yet it does seem as if the very jaws of Death was yawning over me. Oh such cold Stonny hearted feelings as are my experience is indeed hard to bear & cause to fear that the good spirit is allmost ceased to Strive, if I read a religious book or the bible they raise no life in the mind nor does my feelings enter into the Spirit of what I read - Abby Anthony an Old Scholar of My H at [Portsmouth](#) last Summer Spent the day with us & Cousin Anne Greene & Ruth Greene Spent the Afternoon cousin A expressed much Satisfaction at being with us which seems to be a little encoraging, as one so pure as I think she is, should feel Satisfaction under our roof - With my H spent the eveng at Neighbor Vensons to suppo[rt?] good Neighborhood -

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September 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 29 of 9 M / Our first meeting was silent but to me a more than commonly favor'd time, because I was able to feel & meditate on religious Subjects with more ease than common, not tried with that roving unsettled State I so often am In the last buisness went on pretty well, but not without some hitches. Oh that more of the life & power could be felt in our Assemblies - Uncle Peter Lawton Dined with us & was The Only friend we could get to go with us & this is the first Monthly Meeting that has occur'd Since we were house keepers in Town - Sister E set the eveng with us I was a little while ar Father R's -

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September 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 9 M 1808 / Sister Ruth took tea & Spent the evening with us, & in the eveng receiv'd a Letter from Our much beloved friend Micajah Collins which was very comfortable

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 October: The state governments of New England were not themselves all that eager to cooperate in the freeing of the [enslaved](#). For instance, on August 13, 1804 the owner of a [Rhode Island](#) slave named Patience had applied to the state court for permission to set her free — and such permission had not been forthcoming, until this point in time!

 October 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 1 of 10th M / My Mind hath this day been brought under the hammer & into the fire, & Oh saith My soul may it continue untill the fire hath purified & renderd sufficient by ductill to be wrought into the form which may be requisite to fit me for the service of the Lord —
Brother John Dined with us — We spent the eveng at Brother Davids
— Aunt Molly Wanton spent the afternoon & took tea with us*

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 October 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 10th M / A home all day except early in the morning came down to the shop on an errand - The reason of my being at home was indisposition & a Portion Physic - which considerably reduced my frame - I understood by my H who was at meeting all day that D B was concernd in testimony in the forenoon - In the Afternoon Silence prevailed
Brother Isaac called between meeting to see us, & after him
Father R Brother D & C —*

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 October 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 3rd of 10th M / This Afternoon the committee from the Directors of the Affrican Benevolent Society met & agree'd to open a School under the Tuition of Arthur Flagg Junr - Our neighbor Venson & wife spent the Afternoon & took tea with us

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 October 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 10 M / A prospect of some afflictions that may await me has been very heavy on my mind & a portion of the wormwood already felt by participation — My dear H seems to have her cough returning & today has an hard headach —

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 October 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 10 M / I think a little of the precious life has been experienced, particularly at our pauses at Meal times. Oh that I could dwell more & more abundantly in that which is saving to its nature Viz the spirit of truth – Father & Mother Rodman Set the eveng with us – My Mother has for several days been much unwell which gives me much uneasiness

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 October 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 10 M / We had a Silent meeting, but to me a good time, for which (I trust) my heart was, & is very thankful. Sister E set the eveng with us & brother D called

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 October 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 10 M / My H spent the day at my fathers consequently I was there at meals. at home in the eveng Alone –

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 October 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 10 M 1808 / Tho I have at seasons been uncommonly destitute & allmost ready to famish for the bread of life in the corse of this day, yet there has been several intervals, especially this eveng when the Sweet influence has risen into dominion & my soul desires to bow in humble thankful feeling for all the mercies vouchsafed to me, Oh Father help me –

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 October 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 10 M / James Green of [Greenwich](#) was at meeting & preached to us forenoon & Afternoone, in the Afternoon his communication was peculiarly solemn – In both meetings my mind seemed to be in contest between the Master & the World but I may acknowledge the right thing seemed to get the upper most & on the whole it has been a preciously favord day Oh that I may yet find the Old man with his deeds put off & have to sing of mercy & deliverance from Sin

We dind at Fatheer R's, took tea at Brother D.s & spent the eveng at home. My H wrote to S Barker, & Micijah Collins & Wife to



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which I added a little

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 October 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 10 M / This hath indeed been a day of combat & conflict, the mind hath had to suffer & go down deep This is a Proffitable dispensation & if suffering will tend to purify I hope I shall be favord with patience to endure all that may be my portion untill All offensive propensity & inclinations shall be thouroughly done away

Wrote a letter to Jemima Austin under more sensible feelings of life than I have written one in some time -

Cousin Z [L?] Clarke took tea with is. Also Sister Mary -Polly Sherman set the evening -

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 October 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 10 M / This day my mind hath been severly beset with Satan, but have found a Stronger than he Striving against him & if satan prevails the fault will be my own

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 October 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 10 M / I have again found that satan hath renewed his attack, he hath stirred up Anger that worst of Passions, so that I have still the thorn in the flesh

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 October 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 13th 10th M / A pretty leaver [clever?] day, a pretty good Meeting, & if I was capable of judging there was the most life in it generally that I have been sensible of for some time -Neighbor Towle & wife with sister R spent the Afternoon with us & O Williams & wife Also joined us in the evening

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 October 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 10 M 1808 / I dined at my fathers & my H at her fathers where she spent the Day & in the afternoon I took tea



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with her then came to shop & did a little work & return to wat my wife home – My mind while at father R's was very powerfully [a number of words scratched out, among the affected] with several things – Oh that faith & patience perseverance & resignation may be granted us -

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October 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 10 M 1808 / Nothing material, it hath been rather a pleasant day, a small brook of life hath seemed to run along by the way which tho' it hath not risen to much heighth has been very comforting at least – Brother John dined with us -

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October 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 10 M / It hath been a comfortable & pleasant day excepting once the Devil put his paw upon me to Stir up an old spirit that is very hurtful, he was soon repelled & kept his distance afterwards – In the Mornng meeting Our friend D Buffum was very lively in testimony & in a very feeling manner addressed the Youth for whom he said his mind was uncommonly affected, & repeated the words of Solomon "Go Young man walk in the ways of thy Heart &c but know thou for all these things God will bring thee to Judgement", – In the Afternoon we were silent - Sister R took tea with us & spent the eveng S Earl also came in the evening -

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October 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 17 of 10 M / Nothing material to insert - In the eveng set with my dear H at home being stormy was unwilling to go out -I wrote to Mary Collins but whether it will do to sent it I dont know -

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October 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 10 M / My Dear H & Sister R spent the Day at Johnathon Dennises - it not being convenient to join them my board of corse was at father's expence - Set the eveng at home alone with my H, her company remains as interesting as ever -

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 October 19, Wednesday: Death of Phoebe Lockwood Brown, born 1748, wife of [Moses Brown](#). Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his diary:

4th day 19 of 10 M / At home in the eveng with my H – Aunt Patty Gould & Aunt Hannah Gould spent the Afternoon with my H -- otherway nothing material, or at least more than common - a dry lifeless mind as to the life of religion —

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 October 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 10 M / At meeting L Dennis offer'd a few words by way of testimony to my mind a roving time tho' I thought a little help was extended. My H Sister R & E spent the Afternoon & evening at Aunt Nancy Carpenters - As I was walking from tea thro' the entry into the shop my mind at looking out & observing that night drew nigh, was struck with these words tho' nothing material seeme'd at first to accompany them - "The Shadows of the evening are stretched out" which as I went back into Aunt A's again seemd deeper & deeper impressed & occasioned a deep seriousness to pervade my feelings & I thought occasioned a more favord season than I had experenced for some times - After I had set there a while returned to the shop & was informed of the Decease of Phebe Brown wife of our friend [Moses Brown](#) of [Providence](#) - she died Yesterday Morning -

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 October 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 10 M 1808 / A day of some feeling. How sweet & precious to feel the arisings of life – Sister R spent the day with us, whose company is very cordial I love her dearly as a Sister

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 October 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 10 M / The day hath passed pretty much as usual It was our intention to have spent the Afternoon & eveng at Rouse Taylors but were prevented by the weather -

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 October 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 10 M / Our Meetings were silent, the mornng was a



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roving time to me, but in the Afternoon a good favor'd meeting, better than I have had for sometime & thought & found my sense corresponded with some others, that it was generally a time of favor, it seem'd as if there was a solid covering over the whole gathering – Sister E took tea & set the evening with us –

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October 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 10 M / I have given way to Anger more than was becoming with a black man with whom I had some concerns – I believe there was grounds of provocation but no grounds for me to give way to it in the least – In the eveng at home with my H. I recording & she writing to B Purinton –

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October 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 25th of 10 M / A good deal out of sorts this mornng but hope before the day ends to attain a better state of mind – Mt hopes in the morning were pretty well realized for as usual one extream begits another, so an humbling season ensued – Wait & Margaret Buffum spent the Afternoon & eveng Sister R also jointd us in the evening 4th day 26 of 10 M 1808 / What shall I say? perhaps that I believe a little of the araisings of life hath been witnessed perticularly after tea at Rouse Taylors where my H, Sister Ruth & Joanna spent the Afternoon & Sister Elizabeth the evening – But Alass Alass my spiritual condition, how weak & low

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October 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 10 M / Mt dear H & Myself are just about setting out to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetg – Is there any prospect that from my present barran situation of mind that I shall be of any help to the Meeting or the Meeting any benefit to me? Sure the prospect is very small –Help o Lord from which thou seest meet from the wine press or threshing floor – & if a continuation of Poverty be in thy wisdom, do thou help me but if the result (which no doubt to me it is) of my unwillingness to be exercised in thy cause & daily forgetfulness of thee I pray that my infirmity may be helped with a little help – By the time we had rode to the head of the Town we discovered the Axle Tree of our Chaise was broken I got out & left my H at D Ws while I procured another. we then safely proceeded on & stoped at our friend H Almys & took a little refreshment – & went up stairs to see poor old Hannah Minturn who is but a



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breathing corpse & a shocking spectacle to look at - We Also went into the room where our dear friends James & Ruth Bringhurst were, James seems to be about winding up his course & is in a very sweet frame of mind. we found him very feeble with an hard cough & other complaints --At meeting my mind was in a good comfortable frame & enjoyed a good share of life --Towards the close Abigail Sherman lifted the latch with the Scripture "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth liberally & upbraideth Not" Our friend friend D Buffum soon followed her with the same passage & improved in a very lively manner, & I thought the Meeting ended well - In the last we had but little business, none from either of the preparative Meetings & no refers consequently nothing much but the answers to the queries &c - After Meeting we stoped at Uncle Peters a few Minutes to see Aunt Wait & her fine Son & then went to Anne Anthony's to Dine & had a pleasant Visit, then rode home - In the eveng & called at father R's a little whhile & spent the remainder at home being much fatigued

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 October 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 10 M 1808 / I am afraid My ugly temper will prove my ruin yet. Oh! how fretful I was this evening, all about nothing, if there had been any good experienced in the course of the day it was all lost in this disposition, but as usual I have already felt the reproofs of concience - Sister E spent the day & eveng with my H her company as ever is very pleasant

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 October 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 Of 10 M 1808 / My mind this morning living in Cypress Sister E again spent the day with, having buisness with my H - her company all ways is acceptable

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 October 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 30th of 10 M ?? In the forenoon we had a silent Meeting & thro' a want of care to dig deep It was but an unsettled time to me.
In the Afternoon O Williams after nearly or quite twelve Months silence, stood up & said "his mind had been deeply impressed with a belief that it was right for him to break the silence in a Call on this wise "Come let us give our Souls unto God" &c with a few other words which seem'd to come from a right place & I thought helped in a little measure to disipate the cloud*



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which hath for a long time hung over our meetings – After Meeting I went to Jonathan Dennises took tea & spent the eveng & I am sure I have not made a visit that hath been so cordial to my feelings in a long time – In my way home called at Father R's for my H (where she took tea) & went home

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October 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 10 M / I am weary of myself, I am weary of my unfaithfulness in every respect - How long shall this be surely untill a greater dedication of heart; & more firm devotion to the precious cause is attained too -- There is nothing (it seems to me at this moment) wherein I am faithful in - - After dinner I heard of the very sudden departure out of Time of William Tew [Few?], a man much used in public buisness as Town Council Man &c - As he was on the wharf about going to [Providence](#) was taken in a fit & died in a few hours the same day he was taken - Thus in another instance we see the uncertainty of time & has reminded me of the public Testimony of our friend D Buffum in our meeting last first day Afternoon when he feelingly told us it had "ran thro' his mind again & again "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knows not what a day may bring forth" &c exhorted us to a right improvement of our time - My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at O Williams & of course took tea & spent part of the eveng there. J Earl Jun & wife & D & Wait Buffum was also there-

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November 1, Tuesday: The Electorate of Hesse-Cassel was annexed to Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 11 M 1808 / Here beginneth the first day of the Month, perhaps I have felt a little stirring of the right Seed in my mind, but the enemy hath been near with his temptation My H spent the day at my fathers

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November 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 11 M / My mind hath been buffeted by satan this day but I have endeavor'd to overcome him in some degree & hope finally to oust him -- Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us this Afternoon, also brother Caleb, this is the first time father & Mother have broken bread with us since we have been



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housekeepers, but father hath made frequent calls

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 November 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 3 of 11 M / Pretty free from a certain trial of Yesterday
At meeting the mind rather dry but it has not been the worst of
days – Meeting was small & silent, many that usually attend have
gone to SWansey to attend the Quarterly Meeting held there today
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 November 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 4 of 11 M / What shall I say? the day hath passed away
& Alass I can but wish that I was better & I trust I have laberd
in the cours of it to be better, there is eminent need of it.
In the evening took a watch home & cleaned her there to enjoy
the sweet company of my dear H ———*

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 November 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 5 of 11 M / My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at her
fathers I took tea with her & after writing a letter to my friend
Joseph Austin in which my mind was much favord, I set the
remainder of the eveng there*

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 November 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 6th of 11th M / Last evening Died Hannah Minturn at the
House of our friend Holder Almy at [Portsmouth](#), from the intimacy
which subsists between the Minturn family & my Mother I was much
engaged in procuring Carriages for the accommodation of the
funeral which is today circumstances being such that the Corpse
could not be kept longer of course I could not attend our morning
meeting & was so fatigued & overcome with walking being
previously much unwell with a cold that I was also unfit in the
Afternoon, so dined & staid the Afternoon at my fathers - My H
thinking I was at the funeral was at her father's - when the
funeral came to town I joined it at the Parade - then went home
& found my dear H with a good fire & comfortable dish of tea
prepared. little J Williams spent the eveng*

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 November 7, Monday: The French forces in Spain, personally directed by the Emperor Napoléon, began a campaign to find and destroy all Spanish and British armies on the peninsula.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th of 11 M 1808 / My H spent the Afternoon at Neighbor Vinsons, I took tea & spent the eveng also - The visit was as agreeable as could be expected. We discoursed on Some doctrinal Points on which we did not agree but in the love - I was suprised to find how ignorant they were of friends & their principals

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 November 8, Tuesday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 8th Annual Message.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th of 11 M 1808 / James & Matthew Barker with their wifes Spent the Afternoon with us, in the course of the eveng my mind was Sweetly Saluted with the remembrance of some things that are past & particularly touched with tender feelings towards Dear Matthew who tho' perhaps not far advanced in religion, hath been brought to take a Serious view of it & seen the eminent beauty thereof - May he, may all, with mine own self become more & more devoted to the precious cause

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 November 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 11 M / Rec'd a letter from our friend B Purinton which was very cordial to our heart - stating that our excellent friend J Casey was with them at Salem & had good service at their Quarterly Meeting & hath gone to Sandwich accompanied by our friend John Baley - Aunt M Wanton received another from Lydia Brown Mentioning that he was at Hanover & had been at a place about five miles off & had meetings among some that were newly convinced & had requested the care of friends Brother D & wife with brother Caleb took tea with us, & in the eveng brother Isaac called a little while -

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 November 10, Thursday: French forces routed the Spanish at Gamonal northeast of Burgos and proceeded to ransack that city. Meanwhile French attackers against the Spanish at Espinosa de los Monteros to the southwest of Bilbao were being destroyed with heavy losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 11 M / We had a Silent Meeting & to me not the worst of times - My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at her Fathers



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I took tea & set a while in the evening –

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 November 11, Friday: The French returned to the attack at Espinosa de los Monteros, breaking and scattering the Spanish resistance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 11th M / My H being at Uncle Saml Thurstons I dined & took tea at my fathers in the evening went out to Uncle Thurstons & lodged

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 November 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 11 M / Arose early & walked home & took breakfast at my fathers – My H will be at home this forenoon
Mary Williams Junr & sister Mary spent the Afternoon & evening with us –*

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 November 13, Sunday: British forces reached Salamanca.

In the afternoon, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made a record of the distinctly unusual and apparently disturbing experience of taking tea with a person who was not white:

*1 day 13th of 11 M / Silent meetings & if satan had not have attacked me in the Afternoon it would not have been a pretty good day
In the Afternoon I had [Paul Cuff](#) to take tea me he is a black man that has lately Joined Society in [Westport](#)
In the eveng wrote to David Smith*

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 November 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14th of 11 M / It is remarkable that there are four Middle Aged Men that lay Dead in town – James Carpenter, John C Scott, John Bours Junr & Peleg Taber – Taber & Scott have left large familys of children
This Afternoon Attended the funeral of James Carpenter My mind was much affected at seeing the poor widdow – & tho' I was accommodated with no better seat than the Stoop there seem'd to be a solid covering over my mind while there –*

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 November 15: John Jacob Astor's ship *Enterprise* departed from New-York to prepare the natives of the Vancouver area to engage in the trading in furs — and, secretly, to assess the Russian presence in the west of Canada.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 11 M / Nothing material to insert – in the eveng took a Watch home & clean'd her, found Sister E there whose company was as at other times very pleasant

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 November 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 11 M / As usual occupied at trade, when I went home to tea I set down by the fire & found my mind raised in aspirations to the God of Mercy for preservation & advancement in the Great work of regeneration, clean'd another watch at home
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 November 17, Thursday: King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia established a system of municipal self-government, providing for popular participation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made a record of the presence in Quaker meeting of a person who was not white:

5th day 17 of 11 M / A labor on my part to keep near the fountain & a little help experienced, but Alass not a sufficient care to dwell within mine own Tent –I acknowledge this with shame, Oh that I may yet do better -- At meeting but poor. [Paul Cuff](#) was at meeting & I believe was the first black man that ever Set in a preparative or any other Meeting of buisness in [Newport](#) – In the Afternoon we had Cousin Silas Casey. Harriss Greene, Freelove Greene, Sarah Greene & Sister Mary at Tea - all of whom spent the eveng except Cousin Casey. bother David also gave us a kind call –After company had gone I wrote a letter to cousin Abigail Casey

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Note that Friend Stephen is not saying that this was the first time that a person of color had attended a Quaker meeting, but that it was the first time that a person of color had attended the meeting for business. It was actually a rather common thing, for a servant of color to attend Quaker worship with his or her white master or mistress, and the Negro Gallery of the Friends meetinghouse in Saylesville, Rhode Island can still be inspected today (although nobody ever sits up there anymore and it is likely that no Friend in that meetinghouse today would be aware that when they cast their eyes upward during worship, what they are gazing at originated as a racially segregated seating arrangement).



 November 18, Friday: Boatswain, Lord Byron's dog, died of rabies and was buried at Newstead Abbey.

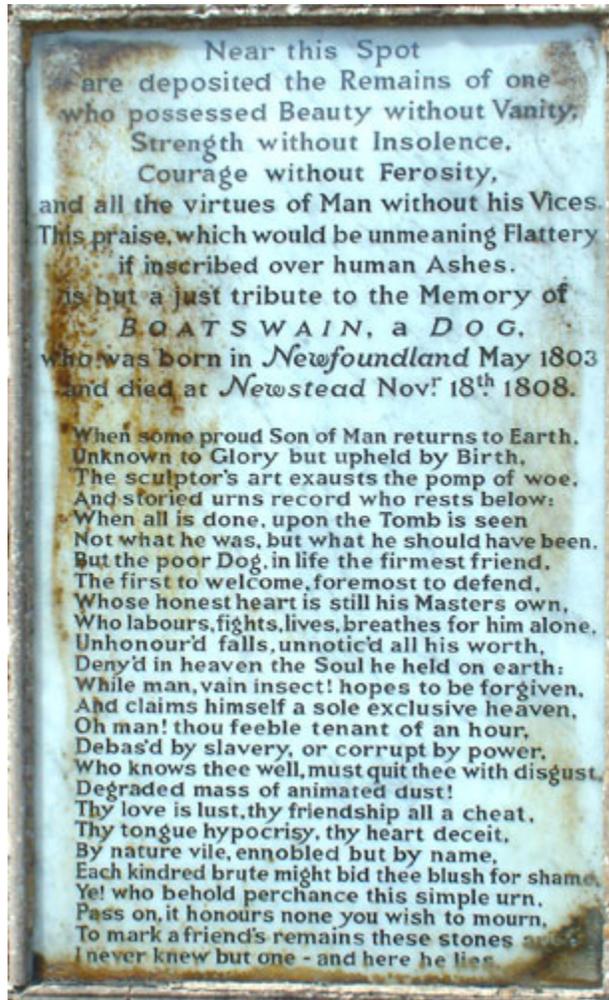


GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

**Near this Spot
Are deposited the Remains
of one
Who possessed Beauty
Without Vanity,
Strength without Insolence,
Courage without Ferosity,
And all the Virtues of Man
without his Vices.
This Praise, which would be unmeaning flattery
If inscribed over Human Ashes,
Is but a just tribute to the Memory of
“Boatswain,” a Dog
Who was born at Newfoundland,
May, 1803,**

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**And died at Newstead Abbey
Nov. 18, 1808.**



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 11 M / Heard of the decease of Asa Russel & dont know when my mind has been more seriously affected with the consideration of Death - he was a young man in good esteem among friends & had for some years born an acceptable public testimony & some Years since Married Hetty Earl of this Town. how Soon the Young & stout [sturdy] man may be called to the silent grave is uncertain but that we must all ere long die is certain & my mind is bowed within me that I may live in readiness for the Awful summons, that when it comes I may not fear the Issere [?], but Alass how poor & how barran hath my mind been for a long time, Oh Lord Arise for my help, shut mine Eye & Ear more & more to the serferthing things of the world, & in lieu of darkness which at present pervaid's my heart, introduce fresh rays of thy



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*celestial light, that once more I may lift up my head in hope
that thy visiting Arm of love is yet extended. –
Dined & tea'd at father R's my H being there to spend the day*

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November 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 19th of 11 M 1808 / Nothing matirial to insert I remain
good fornothering [sic], but can acknowledge with a degree of
thankfulness, that divine help hath been near, & my mind is a
rather more livly frame than at Some times –
Set at home in the eveng at work*

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November 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20 Of 11 M / A Very good day to me, & Oh that the Spirit
felt to arise may continue many days. Our forenoon meeting was
silent, but in the Afternoon Our friend Ruth Davis who is here
on a visit had a short but very encoraging testimony to some
that She apprehended were low in mind & ready to adopt a language
like this "I have lost my beloved & where shall I find him" –
Being stormy My Dear H did not venture out to meetings –*

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November 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 21st of 11 M / I hardly know what to Say, perhaps not
the worst of days tho' nothing particularly lively in the Mind,
Father & Mother took tea & spent part of the eveng – Neighbor
Towle Also spent part of the evening with us –*

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November 22, Tuesday: [Thomas Cook](#) was born. (He would pioneer in techniques for getting people to move about in groups without chaining them together at the neck.)

A committee of the US federal Congress reported that the Embargo of 1807 had had the opposite effect of what had been intended — although the American economy had been badly damaged, no European nation had been induced to change its policy.

Two movements of the Messe de Chimay by Luigi Cherubini for three solo voices, solo flute, five winds, and strings were performed for the initial time, in the village church of Chimay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 22 of 11 M / As to myself the usual rounds from the Shop
to the house, & from the house to the shop again – Sister E Spent*



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the evening with us

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 November 23, Wednesday: French troops decimated Spanish positions near Tudela on the River Ebro northwest of Zaragoza.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 11th M / The mind in pretty much of an hurry as to outward buisness, yet a little of the arisings of Truth have been experienced, for which I desire to be thankful for it is a great sweetner when the Mind is outwardly occupied & will keep a ballance against those hurtful things that may occur to retard our progress in the right Path - & now while my pen is on paper my mind is touched with desires that I may be favord tomorrow to have my strength renew'd & my mind as it were touched with a live Coal, that my spirit may be of use to the meeting if my tongue is silent in the Affairs of the Church

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 November 24, Thursday: Karl Friedrich Ferdinand Alexander, Count von Dohna-Schlobitten replaced Heinrich Friedrich Karl, Baron vom und zum Stein as Minister of State of Prussia.

When Johann Friedrich Reichardt, on the eve of his 56th birthday, arrived in Vienna, he had been Directeur général des théâtres et de son orchestre to Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia since 1807. Upon his arrival he was startled by news that [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had been offered his job.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 11th M / Our first Meeting was large & I thought favor'd Our friend H Almy & Ann Smith from Wickford were concern'd in testimony the latter is a Solemn preacher & calculated to impress the hearers with a sense of what she utters, I well remember the effect her testimony had on my mind some Years since when at her Own Meeting - The last for discipline was attended with some laborious debates as respecting G Robinsons Certificate & fencing the Coddington burying place in the former My Mind was unpleasantly Affected & perhaps not enough guarded, tho' I dont remember to have said any thing unsavory, but still think my spirit was not quite on the right ground - Uncle Peter took dinner with us & towards night My H went to T Robinsons to spend the evening about the middle of it I joined her & the time past pleasantly -

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 November 25, Friday: [Heman Doane](#) was born to [Heman Doane](#) and [Mehitable Doane](#) in a family of Eastham, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 11 M / My H at her fathers, I dined at my fathers & took tea with her at hers - D Buffum & S Fish called at the Shop & tho' much engaged in buisness & thought their company was sweet - This eveng my mind seems clothed with a degree of sweetness

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 November 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 26 of 11 M / Ate dinner at fathers My H at home, I being so engaged that I could not well leave the shop to partake with her - In the eveng at Home -

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 November 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 11 M 1808 / In the forenoon attended Meeting which was silent, after meeting feeling as I apprehended a freedom & inclination went to Middletown to visit my relations there -Dined & spent part of the Afternoon at Cousin Mary Goulds, where my mind was feelingly touched with desires & even intercessions for the wellfare of her & her Dear children - Then to cousin Alices & took tea where I felt much sweetness & really thought what I then enjoyed was worth going for, not having felt that precious covering which I love to feel so eminently for a long time - in the edge of the eveng walked homeward & stopt at Uncle Saml & spent the evening then came to town stopt at Brother Davids & found my endeared H there on our way to our habitation stoped at Father Rs found Caleb more unwell

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 November 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 11 M / Buisy at trade - I trust the Mind hath felt a little degree of thankfulness & praise for the Many favors bestow'd on me a poor unworthy creature

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 November 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 11 M / I often feel (particularly of late) & I



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know of no better time to express any thing than when the weight of the subject the Most is most before us, I say I often feel thanksgiving to arise in my heart to the God of Mercy & favor for his many blessings vouchsafed to me a very unworthy object I have now been Married upwards of three Months & when I first enter'd the field of Matrimony my prospect was very dubious - but thro' divine blessing I have been able to answer every necessary family call, so as to live comfortable & have also been favor'd with health & that of my dear Wifes improved - & now at a time when a general embargo pervails the Nation & the sheets of commerce are furled I am favor'd with a sufficiency of buisness whereby I can comfortably subsist while others are pinched with want I desire I feel a prayer arise in my heart that I may duly & humbly prize the blessing, & by renewed devotion to the Cause of truth merit a continuance of those unmerited favors - Oh that my heart may be kept alive to every blessing & most of all those which are of a spiritual nature - I desire that the seed sown in my younger days may not be suffer'd to die without yealding far greater fruits of righteousness & holiness than it has ever done - Oh Lord renew a right spirit within me & keep my heart tender that it may not grow hard & insensible so as not to know from whence good cometh

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November 30, Wednesday: Spanish forces trying to stop the French advance on Madrid were defeated at the Somosierra Pass.

[Maria Pease](#) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 11 M / My H at her fathers, I dined at mine & took tea with her, buisily occupied at Trade thro' the day - Attended the funeral of John Bull a relation of my Mothers -

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December 1, Thursday: French forces reached the outskirts of Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 12 M 1808 / Here beginneth the first day of Winter. The mind perhaps in a state similar to former seasons, but trust a little degree of the pure life hath been experienced My Dear friend and brother Philip Dunham was over & Spent a little time very sweetly in the Shop - his countenance bespeaks humility & a mind under a right exercise, & oh may he be preserved & may I labor to be more deep in the right thing

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 December 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 12th M / Called upon by James Chappel the Constable for the exaction of the Military Law which according to a late act of the Assembly is to be three Dollars, he went away without executing his warrant. I suppose he will call again Soon -- In the eveng had a little conversation with a Man by the name of Austin in S D's shop on relious subjects in which my mind was more than commonly Stirred finding him to be a seeker & no biggot tho' a member among the [Baptists](#) - My H spent the Afternoon at Capt Earles -

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 December 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 12 M 1808 / The day has passed as usual, in the eveng at home enjoying the company of my endeared H - Oh it is sweet & trully precious to have the company of an Affectionate Wife which I am really blessed with -

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 December 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 12 M / The weather being windy & unsuitable My dear H omitted meeting to be with he brother Caleb - I was favord with a good comfortable Meeting, having to reflect on many things of a serious nature.- Dined at father Rs my H being there - found brother C more unwell - At meeting not so lively as in the Mornng - Took tea at Aunt M Goulds - Spent the eveng at Rouse Taylors - My H at her fathers called at 9 OClock & took her home -

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 December 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 12 M / Brother Caleb fails very fast & is much worse today than he has been Yet - My Dear H visited him this Afternoon & on her return was quite overcome -

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 December 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 12 M / Not much brought to pass in any sense Nancy & Abbe Robinson & M Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & in the eveng joined by my old Master D Williams - Wrote a short letter



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 December 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th of 12 M / Pretty buisily engaged at TRade. My H Spent the day at brother D Rs I dine at My fathers & took tea with brother D - This eveng the mind is brought to take a serious view of Severall important things particularly that of my shor comings & haltings in religion - Oh that I had more life

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 December 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 12 M A Silent meeting, to me a roving time - Oh painful My H Dined at my fathers & I with her, also spent the even

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 December 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 12 M 1808 / Perhaps a little more feeling of the right thing than yesterday - I have been enable to lift my heart in breathing desires for help

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 December 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 12 M / Not very well in health, the mind in consequence rather low, indeed this eveng it is quite low - Well I hope thereit may keep untill all that is of an high [worldly, ambitious] nature is thougherly brought down to its propper place - Wait thou on the Lord Oh My soul

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 December 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 11 of 12 M / In the morning our Dear friend H Dennis deliver'd a Short but very impressive testimony - In the Afternoon we were Silent & the Meeting Smeall - we Dined & took tea at Father Rs Caleb ebing failing fast my H wishes to be there as much as she can - Received a kind letter from Micajah Collins which proved quite refreshing - Lodged at father R's - it rained & My H could not



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December 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 12 M / My mind is this mornng diped into a sensibility which I love to feel, but sometimes what we live is accompanied with things painful - for I am reflecting on the instability of the human mind, unassisted by divine grace, & the deplorable conditions of those who have known the opperation & twinings of the holy Hand upon their minds, & in some good degree conformed to its pointings & leadings, but thro' a want of attention to the saving principal became cool & indifferent to those things which they have once seen & felt the beauty of. The desire of my heart is at this time that there may be a renewed fervant engagement in my heart to press forward in those things which will insure peace & tranquility in a day of trial that is hastening on all flesh, when boody & soul must part - my feelings have been much affected in observing some instances of this kind that have taken place in some, of whom better things were to be expected a few Months past. Oh that what I have seen may be a Solemn warning to keep on the watch that every motion of life in the mind may be cherished, whereby we may be preserved from the Stratigems of Satan

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December 13, Tuesday: Santo Domingo returned from French to Spanish rule.

Thousands of Spanish dignitaries, as well as ordinary citizens of Madrid, were forced to assemble in churches throughout the capital and swear allegiance to their new King José I (Joseph Bonaparte).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 12 M 1808 / Dilligently at trade. The mind Dull in things of a more important nature

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December 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 12 M / A little stirring of life in the mind this eveng - tho' much occupied in the course of the day in the concerns of this life

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December 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 12 M / A Silent meeting, but A little favor



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experienced. my H spent the day at her fathers, I for convenience dined & took tea at my fathers being handy to the shop

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 December 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 12 M / My mind this eveng rather remarkably opened in religious matters, consequently a degree of favor

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 December 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 12 M / The mind about as common – Called at S Whitfields to answer my appointment as one of the funeral committee – This evening Salted My Pork the first I ever owned -or laid in for store, it may be the last

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 December 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 12 M / At meeting in the mornng a dull lifeless time & by conversation with a friend found his sense of the meeting was correspondent with mine In the Afternoon a little better time – My H confin'd with an afflicting cough & could not get to meetings we Set the eveng at home alone – I repairing an age worn Record & she recording up her Minutes & wrote a letter to Our Mutually beloved B Purinton of Salem

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 December 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 12 M / Attended the funeral of Benjn Whitfield a poor lunatic removed from mortality, such a change cannot be lamented, no comfort to himself nor connections & an expense to Society – My dearly affectionate Wife is quite unwell I feel anxious & alarmed about the event –

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 December 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 12 M 1808 / What shall I say? I have nothing to say of my spiritual growth, save that I am not in a thriving condition & have to fear my steps are retrograde, but thro' divine mercy & kindness there seems to be a little seed in me



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that remains alive & at seasons is refreshed by the waters of life which arise, but Oh the spring is low & drawing is hard I long, yea pray that the times may alter, but there is no way for them to alter, but by diging deeper in the mind watching more constant & fasting more often - this I know & Oh Lord help, for without thee we are indeed as worms of the dust & wholly unable to help our selves - I am sensible that I have many favors & trust that a thankful disposition of heart is often felt, but come far short of returning due praise to the Giver of all good gifts for his many fold blessings - & it is my wish at this time to write down that I may keep more fully in remembrance my thankfulness according to my measure for my outward benefits. I have now kept house about four Months in which time I have been enabled to provide comfortable food, fuel & necessary rament, so that without some unforeseen event takes place - My self & dearly affectionate wife are likely to be comfortable the ensuing winter, paid what rent hath become due & have not found myself more involved that when we were first married - But have paid off some debts & have more than sufficient Cash on hand to answer all demands that can be justly brought against me -& what is still further cause of greatful sensations is that notwithstanding the streight of the Nation & difficulty people generally are brought into I am favord with buisness sufficient to support me daily while others, or many others are much tried for want of necessary support for themselves & families

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December 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 12 M 1808 / The day hath passed with nearly the usual rounds. My Dearest H seems some better of her cough

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December 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 12 M / It was a good meeting to me tho' in the fore part of it the mind ran upon a circumstance which stired up a zeal of a burning kind but after a time all seem'd to get quiet & a season ensued in which I felt better than for some time - I also was in a more livly frame in the preparative Meeting than common for me - Brother Caleb is very low his disolution I think may be daily expected

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December 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 12 M / My Hannah at her fathers I wrote a letter this eveng to my beloved friend Susanna Barker in which my mind



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*was more favord that common feeling the current of communication
to open in a way it hath not for some time*

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December 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 24 of 12 M / Pretty much engaged at Trade - but the mind
hath been in a comfortable state - a freer access to the fountain
of life Oh that the favor may be duly prized -*

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December 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 12 M / My dearly affectionate H this morning had
a Vain opened which occasioned my omitting meetings - We sat
together most of the day & eveng, when she was able to attend I
read that valuable work of our friend Tho Ellwood, the History
of the bible & followed the children of Israel thro' many of
their revoltings & distrust of almighty power in the Wilderness
into the Promised land, by which our minds were mutually edified
& instructed --*

*We understood by those that were at meeting that D Buffum & H
Dennis were in the forenoon favord in public testimony
Brother Caleb is very low today & his final conclusion to all
transitory things may be daily expected, but I trust he will
escape a world of trouble to one of happiness eternal -*

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December 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 26 of 12 M 1808 / It is now about two Years since I first
had a conference with my Dear Wife on the Acct of Matrimony, &
looking over the time past & occurrences which have taken place
in the time my mind is humbled & can say of a truth the Lord
hath helped me hitherto tho' very unworthy, but if God was as
unmerciful to his creature man & [as] Man is to man, what should
we be, or what would become of us - But my soul is at this time
enabled to say Blessed be his everlasting name his mercy is over
all his works & his long suffering is extended to the workmanship
of his hand, that he doth not suddenly cut off those that are
disobedient, but labors with us from season to season continuing
his visits of heavenly love even untill his locks are wet with
the dew of the night, & Oh saith my soul may I yet magnify his
holy name, & yet be raised above the low estate I am now in -
YET thanks be to his name I am comfortable with respect to
outward food, but it is the heavenly food, the manna from heaven
that I long more to be made partaker of*

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December 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 27 of 12 M / This day about six minutes before ten O'clock in the forenoon Departed this life in the twentieth Year of his age brother Caleb Rodman as I came down to Open my shop I called to see how it was with him, & found him low I immediately got a chaise & took my dear H down, before I could attend to what little buisness that was necessary for me to do he had nearly breathed his last I got to him just before the final change, indeed I dont know that he breathed after I went into the room, as we stood around the bed my mind was cover'd with the most solemnity that I ever felt, that I remember of, never being in the room with a person that had so soon expired, while I was standing my mind was moved in sweet supplication that it might be a solemn warning to me to be up & doing my days work while the day lasts before the solemn night cometh wherein no work can be done - I assisted in laying him out with T A who is an uncommonly useful hand in such cases After it was over I went into the other room & sat down with the Afflicted family & was favor'd with a beautiful sweet & calm frame as I ever experienced - Oh that to me it may be a time not soon lost but the savor long remain
At night my dearly affectionate wife return'd to our home & I believe the dear creature did not sleep an hour the whole night not that she sorrowed for the loss of her dear brother but his death made such impressions on her mind as were to her a solemn warning, a lesson of deep instruction -*

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December 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 12th M 1808 / Shop shut, & necessarily engaged in making arrangement for the funeral which is to be next sixth day nothing appearing to prevent the corpse being kept till then.

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December 29, Thursday: Andrew Johnson, who would be the 17th US President from 1865 to 1869, was born.

French advance troops crossed the River Esla near Benavente south of León and engaged the British. They were at first successful but then a British counterattack was devastating.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 12th M / Things being as comfortable as could be expected & my H encouraging it I went with R Taylor to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting the first was silent & to me a poor dry time which all most induced me to fear



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I had better staid at home but in the last life arose in my mind & I was not only glad but thankful I was there – We dined at Our friend R Mitchells & then came home & found things as well as I left them

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 December 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30th of 12 M / This day make me 27 Years of age it has not passed without my notice & reflection - Dear Brother Caleb C Rodman was decently interd in the upper burial ground in friends medow field, the funeral was large attended by many of the inhabtance of the town & some from [Portsmouth](#) by whom he was much beloved & respected
The setting at the house was rather short in consequence of the weather being very stormy, there was no preaching except our friend D Buffum stood up at the close & addressed a few words to the occasion which was feeling & well accepted
I feel for my dear parents brothers sisters & dear wife in the berevement of a beloved & very affectionate brother We have staid at father R's since Caleb's Death except one night & shall probably continue there till the Middle of next week it being doubly lonesome to be separated at such a time as this -*

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 December 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 31 of 12 M 1808 / Here endeth the Old Year nothing remarkable hath taken place in my own particular perhaps the life of religion hath been more than ordinarily freshened for which I desire to be thankful
I heard toward night that a poor old black man fell down dead in the Street this Afternoon - a solemn warning to those that survive to be prepared as we know not at what hour the Son of Man cometh whether at midnight or Cockcrowing -*

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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1809. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

 A new [Quaker](#) meetinghouse was erected in [Cumberland, Rhode Island](#):

The Friends Meeting House [of Cumberland, Rhode Island]. This house of worship was built in 1809, principally through the





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liberality of Samuel Hill. It is a two-story building, about thirty feet square. This is probably the largest society of Friends in the State. This house is used by the society of Friends regularly on their days of worship. The history of this society commences with the settlement of this place in early times, and the descendants of these early pioneers still [1878] hold to this grand old faith. This house is located on the west side of the Lanesville Road, about half a mile south of East Cumberland village, upon the brow of a sharp hill, south of which is a series of burial-grounds. An interesting feature in this repository of the dead, is the fact that there are monuments without an inscription, and are yet, even with the ground, telling the simple story of loved ones at rest.



January 1, Sunday: The brig HMS *Magnet*, an 18-gun Cruiser-class warship of 182 tons built in 1807, was wrecked in heavy weather while acting as a British convoy escort.

In Spain, the British army had been advancing against the French army, but on this day and the three following days, Sir John Moore would be retreating to Corunna with fatigued and demoralized troops, under an onslaught directed by the French general Soult. Here is an account by Robert Blakeney of the action at Benevente, with Moore having successfully withdrawn across the Esla River and destroyed the bridge behind him:

Bembibre exhibited all the appearance of a place lately stormed and pillaged. Every door and window was broken, every lock and fastening forced. Rivers of wine ran through the houses and into the streets, where lay fantastic groups of soldiers (many of them with their firelocks broken), women, children, runaway Spaniards and muleteers, all apparently inanimate, except where here and there a leg or arm was seen to move, while the wine oozing from their lips and nostrils seemed the effect of gunshot wounds. Every floor contained the worshippers of Bacchus in all their different stages of devotion; some lay senseless, others staggered; there were those who prepared the libation by boring holes with their bayonets into the large wine vats, regardless of the quantity which flowed through the cellars and was consequently destroyed. The music was perfectly in character: savage roars announcing present hilarity were mingled with groans issuing from fevered lips disgorging the wine of yesterday; obscenity was a public sport. But these scenes are too disgusting to be dwelled upon. We were employed the greatest part of the day [January 1, 1809] in turning or dragging the drunken stragglers out of the houses into the streets and sending as many forward as could be moved. Our occupation next morning was the same; yet little could be effected with men incapable of standing, much less of marching forward. At length the cavalry reporting the near approach of the enemy, and Sir John Moore dreading lest Napoleon's columns should intersect our line of march by pushing along the Foncevadon road, which joined our road not many miles in front of us, the reserve were ordered forward, preceded by the cavalry, and the stragglers were left to their fate. Here I must say that our division, imbibing a good deal of the bad example and of the wine left behind by the



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preceding columns, did not march out of Bembibre so strong as when they entered it. We had proceeded but a short distance when the enemy's horsemen nearly approached the place; and then it was that the apparently lifeless stragglers, whom no exertion of ours was sufficient to rouse from their torpor, startled at the immediate approach of danger, found the partial use of their limbs. The road instantly became thronged by them; they reeled, staggered, and screaming threw down their arms. Frantic women held forth their babies, suing for mercy by the cries of defenseless innocence; but all to no purpose. The dragoons of the polite and civilized nation advanced, and cut right and left, regardless of intoxication, age or sex. Drunkards, women and children were indiscriminately hewn down -- a dastardly revenge for their defeat at Benevente.... During this day's march [January 4, 1809] the misery and suffering attendant on wanton disorders and reckless debauchery among the men were awfully manifested; some were lying dead along the road, and many apparently fast approaching a similar state. Cavalry horses too were continually being shot. One circumstance I shall mention which roused every feeling both of humanity and indignation. About seven or eight miles from Herrerias, seeing a group of soldiers lying in the snow, I immediately went forward to rouse them up and send them on to join their regiments. The group lay close to the roadside. On my coming up, a sad spectacle presented itself. Through exhaustion, depravity, or a mixture of both, three men, a woman and a child all lay dead, forming a kind of circle, their heads inwards. In the centre were still the remains of a pool of rum, made by the breaking of a cask of that spirit. The unfortunate people must have sucked more of the liquor than their constitutions could support. Intoxication was followed by sleep, from which they awoke no more; they were frozen to death.

On this day Robert Fulton applied for his steamboat patent:

Fulton had all along had in view a much wider field of enterprise than the Hudson River. No doubt it was with a view to securing to himself a monopoly over the whole of the United States territory that he now applied for his first patent. Possibly, too, he had some idea that it might be a "second string to his bow" in case his monopoly of the Hudson broke down, the gathering of a storm for that purpose being already apparent, as we shall see later. His application, which is for "Improvements in Steamboats," is dated January 1, 1809, and the patent was granted February 11th the same year. Fulton's patent is not to be found in the archives of the U.S. Patent Office. It must have perished with many other records in the disastrous fire which occurred there in 1831. The author, however, has been fortunate enough to meet with two MS copies of the specification one in the Patent Office Library, and the other in the Boulton and Watt MSS, which is of such interest as to be worthy of reproduction in full on another page. There are thirteen sheets of tables and drawings attached to it which appear to be based on actual practice. A definite reference is made to the *Clermont*, which is selected as an example, and there can be little doubt that



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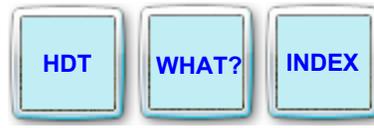
we have now actual drawings of the engine arrangements of that boat if not of the *Paragon* and *Car of Neptune* as well. One of the sheets of drawings gives a "table of the resistance of bodies moved through water taken from experiments made in England by a Society for Improving Naval Architecture between the years 1793 and 1798." Incidentally this refutes one charge of plagiarism directed against Fulton. The charge need never have been made, for the information was common property, having been published by the Society in 1798. Practically the whole claim in this patent is for the right proportioning of the engine to the boat and for the combination of the parts. Indeed no other valid claim was possible, as none of the parts in themselves were novel. To elucidate these points, we find a great deal of the text taken up by calculations showing how to obtain the proportions of a boat and of the engine suitable for it to go at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 miles an hour with a given load. Fulton finds the total resistance of the boat to be the sum of

- i. The immersed cross section of the boat in square feet multiplied by the "plus and minus pressure" the co-efficient for which he obtains from a table, based on the aforementioned experiments, for each of the speeds named.
- ii. The friction of the sum of the areas of the bow and stern together multiplied by a corresponding coefficient.
- iii. The friction of the sides and bottom of the boat similarly calculated.

To this total he adds a like power for the paddle-wheels. As these are always to go at twice the speed of the boat, and as he assumes the piston speed to be constant, he is able to decide the necessary ratio of gearing and a convenient diameter for a cylinder to give the power required. Following upon his calculations for a boat to run at 6 miles per hour he remarks:

"As to 6 miles an hour, were it attempted and to succeed, I should consider it more a work of curiosity than utility, as I do not believe it possible to build a steamboat with any engine which is now known to run 6 miles an hour in still water, and carry either passengers or cargo to pay the expenses."

He retained the same opinion even as late as 1811, for, writing on January 9 to Dr. S. Thornton, superintendent of the American Patent Office, he says: "If you succeed to run 6 miles an hour in still water with one hundred tons of merchandise I will contract to reimburse the cost of the boat and give you one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for your patent, or if you can convince me of the success by drawings or demonstrations I will join you in the expenses and profits." Such an attitude of mind in a man like Fulton seems hardly credible, especially seeing that in 1802 he had anticipated a speed of 16 miles per hour; with the steady advance that he was making, it was not more than a year or two later before one of his own boats was doing what he now considered impossible. On October 2, 1810, Fulton applied for another patent for "constructing boats or



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vessels which are to be navigated by the power of the steam-engine"; it was granted on February 9, 1811. It is supplementary to the first, and in it he claims, among other things, the coupling boxes, wheel guards, fender strakes, covering over the paddle wheels, placing the steering wheel forward, and hogging frames. Many of these details, while no doubt originating with him, had been public property for some years, so that the patent could hardly have been worth anything, and had the claims been successfully maintained it would have done more to retard than advance the progress of steam navigation. The patent is interesting chiefly for the drawings which illustrate some advance in engine construction. One of the drawings foreshadows very clearly the side lever engine which remained for forty years the accepted type for steam navigation. We have already alluded at some length to the monopoly of the waters of New York State enjoyed by Fulton and Livingston, and it is now necessary to explain why it was that it conferred such enormous powers and privileges, and why such a protracted and bitter legal fight was instituted to compass its overthrow. The basis upon which the monopoly rested was that the State of New York claimed jurisdiction over all the waters of the Bay and of the Hudson River up to low water mark on the mainland or Jersey shore. As it was for the navigation of these waters that the State of New York had granted a monopoly to Livingston and Fulton, and as no steamboat could approach New York and enjoy trade with the City without traversing this stretch of water, we can see how it was that these two monopolists were able to keep out all such men as Colonel John Stevens with his steamer the *Phoenix*. This claim on the part of the State of New York was founded neither on reason nor on common sense. A river or lake suggests itself naturally as a boundary between adjacent territories, and, when it is accepted as such, common law assumes that the boundary is in midchannel or in the deepest part. Now the State of New Jersey had always repudiated the claim of the State of New York; indeed in 1806 New York had consented to the appointment of a joint commission to try and come to an agreement but without result. It seems to us that it would have been an obvious course for New Jersey to have appealed to the United States Supreme Court for a settlement of this dispute, but possibly the temper of the people was too independent for such a course. Now that steam navigation had been introduced and the financial considerations involved were considerable, the question assumed very great importance. Livingston and Fulton's monopoly is so inextricably bound up with it that one can hardly be discussed without the other. The first attack upon their vested interest appears to have been made in 1810 or at the beginning of 1811, when a company was formed at Albany to run in opposition to the Fulton line. Their first boat, the *Hope*,— Captain Bunker, was launched March 19, 1811, and their second, the *Perseverance*, Captain Sherman, somewhat later. Soon after they were placed on the station. The rivalry between them and the Fulton line culminated in a steamboat race the first in history and the forerunner of a kind of sport much indulged in subsequently. Both boats left Albany at 9 o'clock on the morning of July 27, the *Hope* leading.



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This position was maintained until the boats were within two miles of Hudson, when the *Clermont* by reason of her lighter draught took advantage of the shallows and tried to pass the *Hope*, which perforce kept to the channel. A collision resulted which, while not injuring either boat, put a stop to the race. Captain Bartholomew of the *Clermont* at once challenged the doughty Bunker to compete for a stake of 2000 dollars aside over any distance, but the latter declined. In order to counteract the designs of the opposition steamboat company Fulton and Livingston sought the advice of Thomas Addis Emmet, brother of Robert Emmet the Irish patriot and a famous advocate, who gave a long opinion, dated January 19, 1811, in which he first recites the essential substance of the grants and the acts upon which their monopoly was based, substantially as has been given already. He then sets out the questions to be answered as being:

“1st. What is the effect and validity of the State Laws in conferring any and what exclusive right on Messrs. Livingston and Fulton.

2nd. By what process can they carry into effect their right under the State Laws to the boat and to the Penalty.”

After discussing the powers that the several States delegated to the Federal Constitution when the latter was formed, particularly with reference to useful inventions, he gives it as his opinion that:

“After the adoption of the Federal Constitution no State Legislature had any authority to grant an exclusive right of making, constructing, or employing any machine or invention.”

This opinion of course covered both questions, but assuming the State law to be valid, he gives it as his further opinion that the forfeiture of the boat, &c., could be enforced, and also that Livingston and Fulton might: “take and hold possession of the forfeited property without any preceding process of law, if they can accomplish that object without a breach of the Peace.” There are marginal notes on the document signifying disagreement with the opinion expressed which cannot have been otherwise than unpalatable. There was, however, no need to let the opinion be known, and Fulton and Livingston evidently decided to rely still on their original Act of Legislature. That Emmet’s opinion was a true one the decisions of the courts subsequently showed. The danger that threatened them only deepened when on January 25, 1811, the Legislature of New Jersey passed an Act declaring that: “the citizens of New Jersey have a full and equal right to navigate and have and use vessels and boats upon all the waters lying between the States of New Jersey and New York, in all cases whatever not prohibited by the constitution, or any law of the United States.” The Act further provided that any person whose boat might be seized under the law of New York should have a right to retaliate upon any steamboat belonging to citizens of that State which might come into New Jersey waters. The provisions of this Act were much less defensible than were the claims of New York. It carried matters from bad to worse, and was in fact a direct encouragement to piracy. The



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New York Legislature quickly responded in April 1811 by a law authorizing Livingston and his associates to seize any steamboat infringing their monopoly, but providing that such steamboat should be held till the settlement of the case. The only course now open was to attack the opposition steamboat company in the law courts. Fulton must have felt shaky about the validity of Livingston's original Act if submitted to searching attack in the courts, and he seems to have thought it best to prepare evidence by affidavit or deposition as to his actual priority in successful steam navigation. For this purpose he wrote to all his friends to secure their interest. One letter to Earl Stanhope is so interesting that we give it in full:

NEW YORK, April 10, 1811.

"MY LORD, In my former letters I gave you an account of the success of my steam boats, which has been so great that, like every other useful and profitable invention, attempts are now making to evade my patent rights, and deprive me of my mental property. I am therefore under the necessity of collecting all possible evidence of the originality and priority of my invention, in which water wheels of right proportions and velocities are of first importance portage. Your Lordship will recollect that, while was in Devonshire in 1793, I wrote you a letter on using perpendicular oars or wheels to propell steam Vessels, of which the inclosed is an exact Copy; it was accompanied with other mechanical speculation which you may yet find among your papers; if so or your Lordship can distinctly recollect it, it will be of infinite service to me, and my cause, and I shall esteem it a particular favour if you will certify on the inclosed letter and drawing before the American consul or a notary public that the inclosed is a true copy of a letter written to you by me on steamships in 1793: such testimony will be important on the tryal which will commence in September next, in this City, and on which I have at least 7000 pounds sterling a year at stake. No one feels more sensibly than your Lordship the sacred right of mental property, no one knows better the difficulties which interposed to rendering steam Boats useful, and my clear right to my specific combinations; which have rendered them useful, In which the wheel in my opinion is indispensable. Your Lordship will therefore in so important a suit not hesitate to give evidence for an old friend and have the goodness to certify on the inclosed letter the time you received the original from met after which certificate have the goodness to deliver it to the American Consul general in London, who will forward it to me. I will also thank your Lordship to let me know if there be any steam boat in operation in England or Ireland, if so, when built, by whom and how is she constructed; this information will be esteemed a favour in a private letter. I have seen the specification of your Lordship's Stanhope Weatherers with a plan for defending them against torpedoes, the ship is Very ingenious, but the Torpedoes are now so far improved that any plan I have yet seen cannot defend a ship against a Vigorous attack with them. Our friend Barlow is going Ambassador to St. Cloud at which place I hope his talents



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will be of use to our country, which is rapidly improving and every day gaining strength although our exterior commerce is much embarrassed. The Edict of Nantz gave manufactures to England which she never lost but improved and multiplied to the sapping of the resources of France, the British orders in Council, the Berlin decrees, the war in Spain and Portugal, which has sent 8000 Mireno Sheep to this country in which they thrive and Improve, has given to us manufacture in Cotton, in Wood and Iron for which we now have the raw material in abundance, which manufactures we shall never loose but improve and multiply and which must tend to diminish or at least to produce the effect of not increasing in so rapid a degree the resources of England and France.

Have the goodness to remember me kindly to Mrs. Falkner; may success attend your Lordship's useful pursuits and happiness be your companion, is the sincere wish of

Your most obedient

ROBT. FULTON

THE RIGHT HONBLE. THE EARL OF STANHOPE.

P.S. When I left London in 1806 there was no such thing as a steam boat anywhere in use in Europe; if any thing of the kind has since been established in England or Ireland, I will thank your Lordship for the particulars of her size and Velocity, to what purposes applied; by whom made and at what time and how propelled?

In a letter to Barlow, dated June 28, 1811, he gives further details with reference to this opposition steamboat company:

"My time is now occupied in building North River and Steam ferry boats, and in an interesting lawsuit to crush 22 Pirates who have clubbed their purses and copied my boats and have actually started my own Inventions in opposition to me by running one trip to Albany: her machinery however gave way in the first voyage and she is now repairing, which will detain her I presume until we obtain an Injunction to stop her. A more infamous and outrageous attack upon mental property has not disgraced America. Thornton has been one of the great causes of it. In this interesting suit which places a great fortune at stake I want you to go or send Lee to Thornton's office and demand a certified copy of my transfer of one half of my United States patents to Robert R. Livingston and let the certificate state that such transfer is legally registered in the patent office."

The transfer of one half of Fulton's interest in his patents to Livingston was in accordance with their original agreement. Fulton also sends with the letter a deposition as to what his achievements in steam navigation had been; this he asks Barlow to persuade Thornton to sign, as if it were his own production. Thornton did not do so, by the way, but the deposition, giving as it does Fulton's side of the case, may be taken as correct where it gives credit to another than himself, as he does in one sentence:

"John Stevens Esq. of Broadway, in the City of New York, is the first ... who has communicated the power from the piston rod to



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the water wheels by means of crank wheels and shackle bars which work on each side of the Cylinder."

This was the return connecting-rod or steeple engine. The lawsuit dragged on wearily, as only lawsuits can; and Fulton, evidently thinking he must get further evidence, wrote to Boulton, Watt & Co., asking for an affidavit from the great James Watt himself. As Watt had retired from business twelve years before, it is unlikely that he would want to be worried with such a matter; the firm may have sent a reply; if so, we have no record of it. Fulton's letter is as follows:

NEW YORK, January 4th, 1812

MESSRS BOULTON & WATT
GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the non-intercourse and the impossibility of getting the original to this country at present I have delayed for a long time to answer your letter, But you will please to finish the engine in the usual way with perpendicular Valves, as the wheels must have the power of turning Backwards and forwards and I will remit you the remainder of the Cost. In a conversation with Mr. Watt Senior in Paris I think in 1803 or 2 I believe he gave it to me as his opinion that it was impracticable to make a useful steamboat or Vessel, I have however succeeded to make a Vessel 176 feet long 23 feet beam drawing 2 feet 6 inches of Water run 6 miles an hour in Still water, which Useful invention like your useful steam engine is already copied without my consent and my patent right Violated I am involved in a very expensive and important lawsuit, the Enemy cannot deny that they have copied, But they hope to succeed in proving that I am not the Inventor, for which purpose all abortive projects to navigate boats or Vessels by steam wheels [that] have been made within the last 30 years will be collected, in evidence against me, some of which however bear the least resemblance to the combinations or principles of my boats: But as such high authority as Mr. Watt would be of great importance to me on the tryal, I should esteem it as a great favour if he would State whether there was to the best of his knowledge a steam boat of any kind or what kind anywhere in permanent and efficient operation anywhere in the three kingdoms in 1803 or to the best of his knowledge anywhere in Europe. And what was his opinion and appeared to him to be the prevailly [sic] opinion of the practicability of making good steam boats, such for example as should run 5 miles an hour in still water and carry 100 tons; was it his opinion in 93 that such a project was practicable or was the mode of effecting it know[n] to him at that time or, to the best of his knowledge known to any other person, A Certificate of these facts as they appeared to him in 93 And affirmed to before the mayor of Birmingham And in presence of any American who may be at Birmingham and witnessed by by [sic] him, and particularly if he should be a person resident in New York, Boston or Phila would be exceedingly useful to me. Or should any respectable gentleman of Birmingham see Mr. Watt affirm to the certificate and such person be going to London



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could swear before Mr. Jonathan Russel American Charge des affairs that he knew it to be Mr. Watts handwriting. It would render the evidence on the science of steam boats in 93 Legal in our courts and Mr. Russet would transmit the certificate sealed with his official seal to me; Gentlemen, you have known so much of the unblushing piracy of your own Inventions and the importance of evidance to defend such rights, That I shall hope for this most respectable and friendly evidence on the opinion and state of the science of steamboats in 93 which is the year I built my first boat, on the Seine near Paris and established all the powers proportions and velocities of parts which have given complete success to all the boats since built on these principles. hoping for an answer to this letter as soon as possible

believe me gentlemen with the greatest esteem and respect your most obedient

ROBT. FULTON.

The conversation that he mentions as having had with Watt in Paris in 1802 or 1803 cannot have taken place, as Watt was not there in those years. Besides, from the tone of Watt's reference to Fulton in a letter to a third party about this time, it would appear that they had never met. The case was tried at Trenton, N.J. Fulton's party was represented by their friend Thomas A. Emmet; lawyers of equal eminence being on the other side. Great stress was laid on the letter written from Torquay to Lord Stanhope in 1793, and capital was made out of the fact that the letter put in by Fulton was a recent copy of it. No one seems to have thought of Fulton's book on Canals, where this correspondence is referred to; that would surely have substantiated his statement. In the end, an injunction against the opposition steamboat company was obtained, and their boats, of which two had been built, were confiscated and destroyed. Hardly had this case been disposed of than opposition arose in another quarter. It appears that Colonel Aaron Ogden, an eminent citizen of New Jersey, in conjunction with Daniel Dod, a well-known engine-builder, had constructed a steamboat called the Sea Horse, with which they intended to establish a ferry service between Elizabethtown, N.J., and New York. The engine of this vessel, by the way, was the first of the walking-beam type, which afterwards became so common, and Dod is usually credited with its introduction. Finding that the Fulton monopoly prevented him carrying out his plan, Colonel Ogden petitioned the New York Legislature to rescind the monopoly. The resolution, to effect this, was lost by one vote only. However, Colonel Ogden, who had been chosen by the Legislature of New Jersey on 29th October 1812 to succeed Joseph Bloomfield, as Governor, managed to get a law passed by that body on November 3, 1813, granting to himself and Dod the exclusive right to run steamboats on the waters of New Jersey. The Livingston party were at once up in arms, and appealed to the next Legislature in 1814, to repeal the Act. Again the Livingston party were represented by Thomas A. Emmet; while the other party had two equally famous lawyers. The result was that the New Jersey grant was repealed on February



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4, 1815. Unfortunately, while this struggle was going on, Chancellor Livingston had died at *Clermont*, on February 26, 1813, at the age of sixty-seven; and just in the hour of victory Fulton contracted the chill which cut short his career. We must, however, briefly pursue the vicissitudes of the steamboat monopoly. The matter was settled for a time by Colonel Ogden buying from the executors of Livingston and of Fulton the exclusive right to run ferry-boats for ten years on the route between Elizabethtown and New York. He did not enjoy the privilege long before another storm began to gather on the horizon. Thomas Gibbons, a wealthy Southerner, who passed the summers at Elizabethtown, saw the desirability of running steamboats, and started an opposition line with the *Bellona* and the *Stouddinger*. By a strange vicissitude of fortune, it was the turn of Colonel Ogden, who had been the bitterest opponent of the steamboat monopoly, now to defend it against Gibbons. The latter was a lawyer and a man of means; as neither party would give way, the suit dragged on till it reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which in 1821 dismissed Gibbons case on technical grounds. Beaten, but not crushed, he instituted a fresh trial. He engaged as his counsel Daniel Webster, the famous jurist, who argued that the monopoly infringed the prerogative of the Federal Government to regulate commerce, and that therefore it was unconstitutional. The result of it was that in March 1825 the United States Court of Errors, sitting at Albany, decided by a majority of 22 to 9 that no State could grant a monopoly of navigation. The Senate Chamber and gallery were crowded with people anxious to hear the decision of the Court on this momentous case. Thus ended a most oppressive monopoly, at the cost of ruining one at least of the parties. The Boundary dispute, however, still flourished, and it is interesting to note the sequel. In 1829 at the instance of the State of New Jersey, the Supreme Court appointed a Commission, with representatives drawn from both States, to settle the question. They arrived at an agreement whereby New York so far abandoned their previous claims as to fix as the boundary the middle of the Hudson River, of New York Bay, and of the waters between Staten Island and New Jersey, subject to certain claims of jurisdiction over the Bay and the Hudson south of Spuyten Duyvel Creek. This agreement was ratified by both States in 1834. As the meaning of the term "middle" was not clearly defined, it was not long before renewed controversy arose. This was brought to an acute stage when about 1870 the Central Railroad reclaimed land from the Hudson at Communipaw, by filling in. Under their agreement of 1834, New York State claimed jurisdiction over the reclaimed land. The case was taken to the New York Court of Appeal, who decided that the jurisdiction given to New York under that agreement was only for sanitary and police purposes. Finally, in 1888, Commissioners from the two States exactly located the boundary-line in the middle of the channel of the river and bay. Thus was settled a controversy which had lasted for over a hundred years. We must now cast our minds back a little way to the year 1810 which may perhaps be said to have been the heyday of Fulton's mental and commercial activities;



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for besides the large number of steamboats built or projected for various parts of the Union, Fulton meditated nothing less than the introduction of steam navigation throughout the civilized world, so great was his belief in its commercial future. To this end he enlisted in his interest, for exploiting English territory, the services of Mr. J.C. Dyer, a man already favorably known as an inventor. Many years later, after he had settled down to end his days in this country, he, when an octogenarian, told the story of his voyages on the *Clermont*, and his connection with this enterprise: "I undertook, in 1811, the task of inducing some of the leading engineers and capitalists of London to engage in the construction of steamboats, on Fulton's plan, to run on the Thames and other waters in this country. I had obtained from Mr. Fulton (through a mutual friend) a full description, and the drawings of his inventions and discoveries relating to steam navigation with the result of his labours in America. But I found it impossible to convince any of them that steamboats could be made to run with safety and profit in the English waters...." "...Many of my personal friends urged me strongly not to waste my time and money on so hopeless a task as that of introducing steam navigation into England. Even the great and scientific engineer, John Rennie (father of the present eminent Sir John Rennie), urged me, with parental kindness, to drop all thoughts of bringing these boats into use and this after having Fulton's plans before him, and fully admitting their success in America." In the spring of 1814 Mr. Peter Ewart expressed to Dyer the opinion that "it did not appear likely that they (i.e. steamboats) could ever come into general use in the waters of England," and this in spite of the fact that he knew of Bell's success on the Clyde in 1812. Dyer goes on to say: "In that year (i.e. 1814) I lent Mr. Ewart Fulton's specifications and drawings, which were sent by him to Boulton and Watt, and returned to me about six months after. I have reason to believe that that eminent house was led thereby to make further and more exact inquiries concerning the progress of steam navigation in America; for they, as well as several other engineers, commenced building steamboats in 1815 and 1816. Even Bell's success with his vessel the *Comet*, the centenary of which has just been celebrated, must be attributed in some measure to Fulton. Bell's account of their intercourse is given in a letter he wrote in 1824. He came at different times to this country, and stopped with me for some time. He published, soon afterwards, a *Treatise on Canal Declining Railways*. I have this Book at hand, but you may obtain it by applying to Mr. Taylor, bookseller, London, price 21s. Mr. Fulton published this work in England in 1804 and on his way to France called on me; and also when he returned. He was employed by the American Government to come to England, to take drawings of our cotton and other machinery, which quickened his desires after all the engineering branches; these he took up very quickly. He was also a good painter, and excelled in miniature likenesses. When I wrote to the American Government on the great importance of steam navigation they appointed Mr. Fulton to correspond with me.... "Although, from what has gone before, we know that this



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is a garbled account, yet it is just what one might expect from a comparatively uneducated man like Bell. We shall not be far wrong in gathering from it that he and Fulton first met in 1804 because that date is corroborated by another account given by Bell in 1816. If so, it must have been at the time that Fulton went to see Symington's Charlotte Dundas. It was a letter of Fulton's, written after he had achieved success with the *Clermont*, that stirred up Bell. He says:

"This letter led me to think of the absurdity of writing my opinion to other countries and not putting it in practice in my own country; and from these considerations I was roused to set on foot a steamboat for which I made a number of different models before I was satisfied."

The story of the difficulties and trials that beset his path is a long one; suffice it to say that five years, almost to a day, elapsed before he succeeded, although on a much smaller scale, in repeating Fulton's achievement. James Watt, Junior, in 1816 engined an experimental boat, and tried her across the German Ocean and up the Rhine. Thereafter his firm engaged very extensively in the marine engine business. It was not very many years later to be exact, in 1819 that Mr. Rennie had quite changed his mind, and he constantly thereafter urged upon the Admiralty the value of steam-tugs in towing men-of-war. Thus were the tables completely turned. It will not be difficult for the engineering reader with the aid of the drawings attached to Fulton's patents to trace the evolution of the side-lever engine from his first engine of 1804; and we can, therefore, with every confidence, attribute the germ of this design to him, and thus give the credit where it is deserved. After England, Russia appears to have had an attraction for Fulton as a field for enterprise. He wrote, in November 1811 to John Quincy Adams, then American Ambassador in Russia, to ask him to obtain an exclusive right for twenty years for a steamboat-service between St. Petersburg and Cronstadt, to be established in three years after obtaining the grant. A Russian gentleman, Chevalier Swinine, wrote to Fulton a very significant letter, offering his services. How he had got wind of the affair does not appear, but an extract from his letter will be of interest:

"Doubtless, Sir, it is known to you that for several months past I have been taken up with your admirable invention of the steam boat, dedicating all my knowledge for its introduction in Russia. As you have received the Imperial permission for this introduction, I offer you, Sir, my services which I flatter myself may be of great utility. Certainly it will be necessary for you to have the plan of the River Neva and of the channel from St. Petersburg to Cronstadt to have the clearest information of the value of materials necessary for the construction of the steamboat, the description of other communications by water in Russia."

His conditions were that he should have the title "Superintendent of the Steamboats of Russia"; and, of course, that he should have an annual salary. The principal point to



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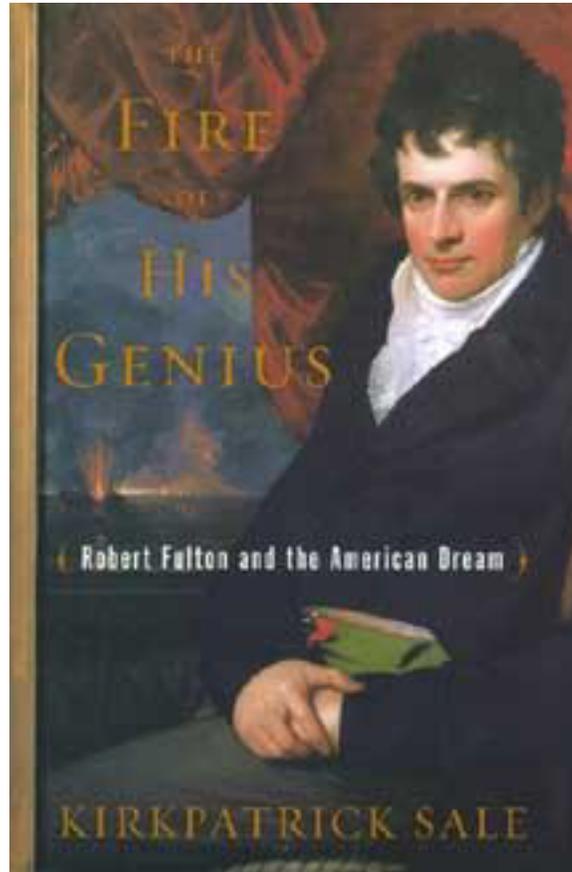
observe is that Fulton had received the Imperial permission to introduce steamboats. Naturally he wanted a good deal more than this, and on April 12 1812 he wrote to the Chevalier, saying, that he must wait for Mr. Adams's answer, for until then he could not decide what to do. We know that a steamboat, the Emperor of Russia, was on the stocks at the time of Fulton's death, and it has been suggested that it was built for the service under consideration, but as there were no means of getting it to Russia, this could not have been the case; the name must have been given merely as a compliment, but it goes to show that there was something below the surface. As a matter of fact, the first experiments on the Neva were made in November 1815 by Charles Baird, Superintendent of the Mines, with a barge which had been rebuilt for the purpose, and fitted with an engine of the side-lever type and an externally fired boiler having a brick chimney. These experiments were successful, and in 1817 Baird built a vessel 60 feet long especially for steam propulsion and with her established a passenger service between St. Petersburg and Cronstadt. This engine was almost identical with that shown on Sheet 2 of Fulton's second specification and if the design was not obtained from him then all that can be said is that the coincidence is very remarkable. The boiler, too, was just the kind that Fulton was in the habit of fitting. Some day the true relation to one another of these significant facts will be made plain. We do know that Baird had a monopoly of steam navigation on the Neva for twenty years and thereout drew no small return. Then again India seems to have had a fascination for Fulton, attracted no doubt by the size of her rivers and the teeming population on their banks. He entered into an agreement with a certain Thomas Law to introduce steamboats on the Ganges. In a letter to him dated April 16, 1812 Fulton says: "I agree to make the Ganges enterprise a joint concern. You will please to send me a plan how you mean to proceed to secure a grant for 20 years and find funds to establish the first boat. This work is so honorable and important. It is so grand an Idea that Americans should establish steam vessels to work in India that it requires vigor, activity, exertion, industry, attention, and that no time should be lost. My Paragon beats everything on the globe for made as you and I are, we cannot tell what is in the moon; this Day she came in from Albany 160 miles in 26 hours, wind ahead." The letter finished with the words "Keep the Ganges Secret." Here again, sad to relate, some hitch occurred, whether due to Fulton's death or not we do not know, and no steamboat was seen in India till eight years later when it was introduced from



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England.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day of the week, 1st of the Mo & 1st of the Year 1809 / Our meetings were silent & to me seasons of remembrance, having had to reflect on things that have been brought near home – Took tea with my dearly beloved Aunt Martha Gould, my H at her fathers



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the wether being damp she was not at meeting this Afternoon¹⁰¹



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 January 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 2 of 1 M 1809 / This morning put a letter in the Post Office to Micajah Collins written at different time since the day before Yesterday giving him an Acct of Brother Calebs Death & burial – Also written one to Uncle Stanton in NewYork - My mind hath been this day distressed on some acct which I had rather keep to myself than here insert

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 January 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 1 M 1809 / Occupied much as usual thro' the day Some unwell with a cold –

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 January 4, Wednesday: Louis Braille, blind educator, inventor of Braille alphabet, was born in Coupvray, France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 1 M / Again occupied as usual thro' the day. In the eveng met with the African Benevolent Society, & was pleased with the order that appeard among them

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101. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 9 for July 24, 1807-April 30, 1809 and Box 7 Folder 10: May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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 January 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 1st M / Tho' at meeting I had much pass thro' my mind that did not pertain to Worship yet it was a good time as that which was unprofitable was more easily subdued than at some times & there seem'd something underneath that was as a brook by the way May I be duly thankful - Occupied as usual thro' the day -

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 January 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 1 M / Another day gone & what shall I say? it hath been a Day of feeling, & some exercise but whether it is of the right kind I leave for the present -

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 January 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th of the week, M & year 1809 / We took tea at our own hired house having again commenced house keepers - Since brother Calebs decease My H hath been at her fathers, but this afternoon returned home, & home looks pleasant to us tho' the occasion that hath for a few day kept us from it, been painful

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 January 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 1 M / To me good comfortable meetings, in the forenoon D Buffum was concernd in a livly testimony - We din'd at my fathers - Took tea at home T Hornsby gave us a kind call, & after him Our neighbors Saml Vinson & wife set the remainder of the evening with us

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 January 9, Monday: The electric telegraph was invented by Sömmering in München.

Considering the evaluation delivered in the report delivered November 22d, the US government resolved to more vigorously enforce its Embargo of 1807. The result of course would be further economic damage.

According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), Jacob Hosmer of Groton and Catharine Wellington of Concord were married by the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 9th of 1 M / Sister Elizabeth spent the day with us whose company was very acceptable, on her acct I set the eveng at home writing -

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 January 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 10 of 1 M / Nothing material to insert, again set the eveng at home with My very dear Wife at writing -

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 January 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 1 M / Just now at seeing a little playful & innocent Dog my mind was forcibly struck with his innocency, & I said in my heart with fervancy "Oh! that I was as innocent as that Dog" -

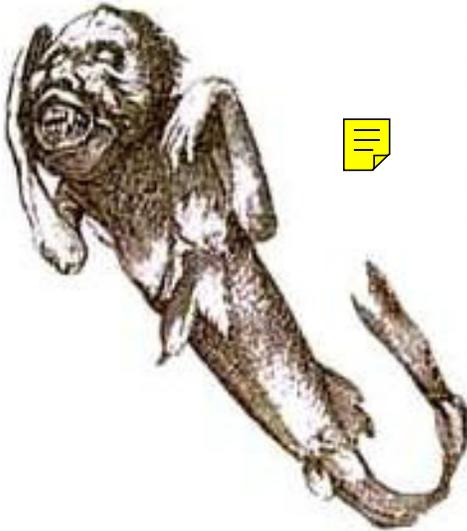
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January 12, Thursday: Two persons standing upon the remote beach at Sandside, Caithness, Scotland, saw a face “round and plump and of a bright pink hue” in the sea. Observing more closely, they saw what appeared to be well-formed human breasts. Upon occasion this creature lifted what appeared to be a long white arm above the waves and tossed back what appeared to be its long green hair. When this was reported in the local newspapers, a schoolteacher responded that some 12 years earlier he also had seen such a being on a local beach, which “remained on the rock three or four minutes after I observed it, and was exercised during that period in combing its hair, which was long and thick, and of which it appeared proud; and then dropped into the sea, from whence it did not reappear to me.”



In French Guiana, which was being held by Portuguese forces from Brazil, British forces captured Cayenne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 1st M / At meeting all silent, but to me a time of feeling, yea exercise on my own acct - My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at brother Davids -

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January 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13th of 1 M 1809 / My H spent the day at Aunt A Carpenter's I of corse was with her - Sisters Ruth & Joanna there in the Afternoon

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 January 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 1 M / The day has passed as usual Neighbor Towle & Wife spent the eveng with us & father R took tea

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 January 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 1 M / Silent Meetings - owing the increase of the S[t]orm of snow but few women gathered, in the Afternoon. Set the eveng at home with my H -

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 January 16, Monday, noon to 7PM: During the Peninsular War, in a battle in Spain's province of Corunna that is bounded on the north and west by the Atlantic (centered on the port of La Coruña), the British commander, General Sir John Moore, was mortally wounded and command passed to Baird and in due course to Sir John Hope. The battle was a delaying tactic while the British destroyed their stores and extricated themselves by embarking before they could be fully engaged by superior French pursuing forces under General Soult, and is considered by the British despite 2,300 casualties as a victory — because they did indeed succeed in extricating themselves.

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[Henry Thoreau](#) would not be much impressed by this sort of military obedience unto death:

“RESISTANCE TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT”: Visit the Navy Yard, and behold a marine, such a man as an American government can make, or such as it can make a man with its black arts — a mere shadow and reminiscence of humanity, a man laid out alive and standing, and already, as one may say, buried under arms with funeral accompaniments, though it may be

“Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note,
As his corse to the rampart we hurried;
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O'er the grave where our hero we buried.”

The mass of men serve the state thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies. They are the standing army, and the militia, jailers, constables, posse comitatus, etc. In most cases there is no free exercise whatever of the judgment or of the moral sense; but they put themselves on a level with wood and earth and stones; and wooden men can perhaps be manufactured that will serve the purpose as well. Such command no more respect than men of straw or a lump of dirt. They have the same sort of worth only as horses and dogs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 16th of 1 M / Owing to the badness of the walking occasioned by Yesterdays fall of Snow I left my dearest H to dine alone & took dinner at my fathers - found her at tea as Sweet & pleasant as ever, we sat the eveng together reciprocally enjoying each others company in reading & conversing. Brother Davis gave us a kind call

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 January 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 17th of 1 M / Had a long discourse with a man on the subject of mixed Marriages, both our labors were useless as neither was convinced, being directly opposite each other in Sentiment
Recd a verry acceptable letter from Our friend Micajah Collins & answered it in the eveng setting at home enjoying the company of my H*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 18, Wednesday: The British ended this phase of their “peninsular war” by completing their evacuation from La Coruña.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18th of 1st M / Sister Ruth spent the day with us very acceptably & neighbors Gibbs & Billings took tea & spent the eveng -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 1 M / Meeting small but about 8 women being very stormy - no buisness at the preparative Meeting except the queries

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

The Bath Chronicle announced that Samuel Wesley was in town and was awaiting an invitation to give an organ concert.

British forces landed on Martinique.

ROGUE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND

[Edgar Poe](#) was born at 62 Carver Street in [Boston](#) (Carver St., by the way, is now known as Edgar Allan Poe Way despite the fact that the Poes departed from this address before their infant was a month old). This one-month Bostonian would write sometimes under the sobriquet “The Bostonian” but was also heard to refer to the city of his birth as “Fropondium”:



I am heartily ashamed to have been born in Boston.



RHODE ISLAND

ROGUE ISLAND



January 20, Friday: James Geddes recommended to the New York State legislature that they dig a canal along the Hudson-Erie route.

ERIE CANAL

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 1 M / Nothing material to insert the times are dull & streightening as to the outward, the inward is no better but with respect to the outward I believe it is my duty to confess that I am wonderfully helped from day to day being favord with a little incoming tho' small but sufficient to answer our present needs due thanks be given to him who helpeth

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

January 21, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 1 M / Again nothing Material the day has passed as usual

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

January 22, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) celebrated his majority at Newstead.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 1 M / Silent meeting roving seasons tho' something seem'd to be working underneath of that nature which seemd to be a little stay We dind and took tea at father R's & went home in the eveng received a letter from Aunt M Stanton which was pleasant.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

January 23, Monday: When the Emperor Napoléon returned to Paris he established his headquarters not in the Tuileries but in the Elysée Palace.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 1 M 1809 / The day again has passed much as usual - Sister Mary spent the day & staid with us all night. She is the first we have been able to accomodate with a lodging since we were housekeepers, never till yesterday having a spair bed

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

January 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



RHODE ISLAND

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3rd day 24th of 1st M / I think it best to note days as they pass, but nothing for some time hath occurd remarkable - The mind mostly in a cold frame as to religious impressions, however a sense of thankfulness is often felt for my present favors, in being preserved from want in these times that are so very pinching to the inhabitation of this nation when there are hundreds, & thousands who are reduced to beggary for the want of such employment in buisness as they are capable of performing & I have a little from day to day which thro' mercy keeps me above that State.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 1, Wednesday: Kanatate zum Geburtstag von Amalia Beer by Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 1 of 2nd M 1809 / Again what shall I say - Another day nearly gone & I like the door on its hinge, none the better & if no worse of any consequence a little more time is worn away, precious time worn away without a right improvement
Set this evening at Home Sister Eliza was there very acceptably & staid all night*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 2nd M 1809 / A Considerable gathering at Meeting considering the walking & how many are absent at the Quartely Meeting at [Providence](#) which is held this day - My mind was frequently with them while at meeting but believed I was not far from my propper place in being where I was - My H spent the Afternoon at P William's I took tea with them & spent part of the eveng

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 3, Friday: Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (who is known to us as [Felix Mendelssohn](#)) was born in Hamburg, 2d of four children born to Abraham Mendelssohn, a banker, himself the son of the enlightenment philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, and Lea Solomon, daughter of the Prussian court jeweler and granddaughter of Daniel Itzig, a financial advisor to King Friedrich II of Prussia and one of the most affluent citizens of Berlin.

Johann Friedrich Reichardt's Bradamante to words of von Collin was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 2nd M / This forenoon recd a letter from our friend & correspondent B Burinton [Purinton?] which was very acceptable, it gave an acct of the decease of Abner Rogers a



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*young man, friend & pevot [?], who has left an affectionate wife & several small childrem in a very destitute & helpless situation which closely affected my mind, in consideration of my own state, never till now could I form any adequate Idea of the excruciating pangs attendant on such a separation
Sister Ruth spent the Afternoon & staid all night with us -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 2nd M / A Cold heart is a very uncomfortable thing, when we are sensible that it is cold. I think I am fully sensible that mine has been so today

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 2 M / Silent meetings & very small but one female in the forenoon & none in the Afternoon - No doubt but many of our dear Sisters would have been glad to have met with us but the Storm was so great it was really unfit for them to expose their delacate bodies - It has been a very precious day to me, very tender in spirit & mind I trust proffitably exercised, indeed I know not the time when I had so sweet a day, it hath seemd as if a calous scale was lifted from my heart & the tender part sufferd again to feel. I desire to be thankful

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 2 M / Sister Ruth hath been very acceptably with us since last sixth day Afternoon, & has gone home this morning My H - N Almy (our border) With myself spent the evening at Neighbor Vinson's

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 7, Tuesday: The widowed Abigail [DeWolf](#) died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7th of 2 M 1809 / This eveng I was called to Watch with our friend Edward Sisson I got to his house soon after Sunset & found him nearly about to close this scene of trouble & I firmly believe enter another & far better - he was past speaking but by signs & Motions appeard very Sensible - he departed about half past 9 OClock in the eveng - Assisted by our friends R Mitchell & Jon & Dennis we laid him out & I set up the remainder



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of the Night with John Chase – I was with him when he breathed his last which was very easy & quiet after a very distressing day, indeed his whole illness tho' but ten days was very distressing – When I first entr'd the room I was much struck with the Awfulness of the Scene & was glad I was there believing some feelings I had were of a nature that would be lastingly beneficial

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 2nd M / This day is the commencement of trouble in our family Brother James has gone to NYork & it appears he has left P Sluman [Sherman?] in a State of Pregnancy

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 2 M / The Mind at meeting not in a State to enjoy much of the end for which we assembled – We dined at Father R's my H spent the Afternoon & eveng there & I took tea At my Fathers

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 10th of 2nd M / The funeral for E Sission I understand was attended by many friends & that O Williams spoke by way of testimony at the house – but being unwell myself was unwilling to use the exertion to get there, the Air this Afternoon being cold & damp
Sister E kindly spent the eveng & brother D Called*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 2 M / The day has passed as usual –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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February 12, Sunday: Abraham Lincoln was born in a rustic cabin on Nolan Creek near Hodgenville, Kentucky and [Charles Darwin](#) was born on a country estate near Shrewsbury in Shropshire.



The child named Abraham would go on to become revered first as the bravest of frontier Indian-slayers and then as the author of an “[emancipation](#)” order in which he purported to have set free all persons whom he had no power to set free while keeping in slavery all persons whom he had the power to keep in slavery — surely one of the most cynical political documents ever produced by the powers of the human mind. The child named Charles would go on to author one of the most inspiring scientific treatises ever produced by the powers of the human mind, on the origin of species, and to be condemned as the creator of a new pseudo-scientific legitimization for the black [slavery](#) that as a young man he had seen in brutal practice along the coast of South America — a slavery which, for the remainder of his life in his comfortable home in Down, England, would be giving him recurrent nightmares and attacks of panic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 2 M / Rather small meetings & no preachings - Sister E dined with us - In the Afternoon I went to Saml Thurstons & took tea & spent the eveng & my H at brother Davids

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



February 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 2 M / Again nothing worthy of note, or if worthy little engagement to insert it, being very void of life in the Mind

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



February 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 2nd M / I have but little to say else than the day has passd & Oh! that I could insert that it had passed with improvement

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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 February 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 2nd M / I have felt today as I fear I am a poor cast away & depression has particularly hung over my mind this evening -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 2nd M / In the first meeting my mind was Somewhat roving but towards the last of it life seem'd to spring up & I was enabled to put up a little petition in secret for the continuance of divine favor - In the last (preparative) complaints were enterd against two Young men for keeping company on account of marriage with young women not of our Society - One and own & the other a brother in law which however exercising to part with them as brothers in the Church I thought it best they should be thus reported & their Case forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 2 M / Our dear Sister E spent the day & eveng, & will stay all night with us. I love the dear girl & more so at this time because she seems to be in a sweet & tender frame of mind -tho' I have been in a dead unfeeling state most of the day, yet at setting down with her this eveng & particularly toward the close at her reading a few chapters in the Bible - my mind seemd so reached with a precious tenderness that my heart was made thankful for the favor & I believe every mind present in measure partook of the sweetness that then seemd to be vouchsafed - My dear H & N Almy composed our circle

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 2 M / It hath been a day wherein my feelings have been quickened, & I enabled to put up a little petition for divine help I am ready to hope the Lord will yet again make bare his holy Arm for my deliverance from the body of Sin & Death with which & have so long been burdened -

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 February 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 2nd M / The traveling being perilous Our meetings were small particularly on our Sisters Side of the House, & tho' not much of the fullness was experienced in meetings, it has been to pretty good day, a good degree of tenderness in the mind, accompaniend with a degree of exercise that I hope (at least) will be proffitable. Sister E hath been with us all day, from the walking unable to get to Meeting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 20, Monday: Fulton left Washington for New-York.

The starving Spanish survivors in Zaragoza surrendered (approximately 54,000 soldiers and civilians had died within the walls during the two months of the siege).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 2 M / Nothing material as to any thing in my own mind – It is a very Icy & slippery time, & as in the inward so in the outward A man or woman have need to "take heed to their STEPS"

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 2 M / Verry barran as to life, a little however felt at times – F S called at the shop & read several peaces of writing that I hope may be useful –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 2 M / Another day gone & with respect to myself much as yesterday –

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 February 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 2 M / Rode in a Sleigh with R Taylor to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] meeting – Being a cold Snow Storm my H thought prudent to omit her attendance tho' unwilling – Our first meeting was Silent & to me a dull time as was our last the wheels of discipline moved hard – three young men were complained of & committees appointed to treat with them. JG, TG. & T L were those alluded too – I dined at J Mitchells – R T & Sister E (who rode home with us) at R Mitchells – I am sorry to



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add that it hath been a day of but little sensible improvement or favor - several occurrences took place at meeting & one in particular that was unpleasant -

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February 24, Friday: [Asa Fitch](#), America's first fulltime [entomologist](#), was born in Salem, New York, to doctor and judge Asa Fitch and Abigail Martin Fitch. (The Fitches were descended from the Brewsters of Plymouth — which is neither here nor there.) First and second report on the noxious, beneficial and other insects of the State of New York: made to the state agricultural society, pursuant to an appropriation for this purpose from the legislature of the state (C. Van Benthuyzen)

Richard Brinsley Sheridan sat with a glass at a nearby London coffee house as his new Drury Lane Theatre burned to the ground: "A man may surely be allowed to take a glass of wine by his own fireside."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 24 of 2 M / A friend (R M) called to see me to converse on some occurrences that took place at meeting yesterday our views were correspondent & I hope the matter well be helped, love & unity is a very desirable object but there are two friends among us that are wide from it - Set the eveng at home & read The History of the Abolition of the Slave Trade by T Clarkson, he is a wonderful man & worthy of praise for his able & zealous activity in promoting the object

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February 25, Saturday: French forces defeated the Spanish northwest of Valls in Catalonia.

The Spanish junta ruled that any money or property taken from the French would belong to those who took them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 2 M / Met with the School committee & afterwards with the Trustees committee - my H at her fathers

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QUAKER EDUCATION



February 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 2nd M / Mt H & myself attended meetings which were Silent & I guess to her they were Seasons of trouble. Oh! that I was better than I am, then would it be better with me -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



February 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2 day 27 of 2 M / Alass I am a poor thing yet; with respect to every thing & particularly in a religious life, Barraness & dullness is my frequent & nearly constant portion, when shall it be better? when I am more faithful & watchful -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 28 of 2 M / Here endeth the 2nd Month, & I would that more of the right thing had been acquired in the course of it -Sister E spent the Afternoon & evening with us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 1, Wednesday: After learning that [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had accepted an offer in Kassel, three young Viennese aristocrats, Prince Joseph Lobkowitz, Prince Ferdinand Johann Nepomuk Kinsky, and Archduke Rudolph, agreed to pay the composer an annuity for life if he would promise to remain in Vienna.

Three days before he left office, US President Thomas Jefferson signed the Non-Intercourse Act limiting the embargo to trade with Great Britain and France and repealing the Embargo Acts of 1807 and 1808 (which hadn't been working).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st of 3rd M 1809 4th day of the week / A Day of but little life, yet something of it has been experienced -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 of 3 M 5th day / Silent meetings - Sister E spent the evening with us - received a long & very acceptable letter from my dear friend Susanna Barker which in the evening I reply too, by her request -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 3 M 3 / The mind under a little degree of life this eveng A friend called at the Shop this afteernoon who agrees with me that there is but little life in our meeting of late & that there is a cause for it of a serious nature - In the eveng at Aunt M Goulds & brother D R's

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 March 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 3 M / We were favor'd with good meetings the life seem'd to circulate a little more than common in both. Our friend D. Buffum in the forenoon was uncommonly lively & authoratative in his gift - he told us that in order to finish a worl it must be begun & persevered in or we should not have the Answer of Well done in the end he pointed out the Wiles & Stratagemes of the enemy in obstructing our progress in the works of religion & recommended watchfulness &c in the Afternoon we were silent in the evening I finished the first volume of Clarksons History of the Abolition of the Slave TRade - I love Clarkson, he is a wonderful man & appears to me to be specially raised for the work in which he has devoted his whole life, as much a G Fox was to gather the Society of [Quakers](#) into a body

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 3 M / The usual rounds thro' the day - in the eveng Brother David gave us a kind call -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 3 M / The mind this eveng on a low key discouragement seems to present its self on every hand Oh that I could be centerd in that which is immovable

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 8, Wednesday: [Samuel H. Hammond](#) was born in Bath, New York, a son of Lazarus Hammond, founder of the nearby village of Hammondport. He would be educated at Franklin Academy in Plattsburgh, New York.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 8 of 3 M / My dear frd P Dunham was over & took dinner with us - Sam Vinson & wife spent the Afternoonn & eveng I was obliged to leave them in the eveng to meet at B Hadwens with the Directors of the African Society

 March 9, Thursday: In ENGLISH BARDS AND SCOTCH REVIEWERS, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) ridiculed [William Hayley](#)'s TRIUMPHS OF TEMPER and TRIUMPHS OF MUSIC.

French troops crossed from Spain into Portugal, but somewhat behind schedule.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*5 day 9th of 3rd M 1809 / Silent meeting & a dull time, towards the close my mind became aroused a little but no great food was dispenced – The mind this eveng in a thoughtful mood –
Father & Mother R took tea with us –*

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March 10, Friday: The ice went out of the Hudson River for the year. At some point during this month Fulton's *Steamboat* would be able to go back into Hudson River service.

Samuel Wesley began a series of lectures on a variety of musical subjects at the Royal Institution, London.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 10 of 3 M Nothing worth inseerting the mind in a lean poor State –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 11, Saturday: Charles Hastings Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 3 M / The mind still lean & barran insomuch that I scarsly dare mintion its religious State

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 12, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 3 M / Our Morning meeting was silent & I believe the flood gate of life was a little opened & flowed over the meeting generally & for myself I can say that I was favor'd with a small draught from it – In the Afternoon Our friend H Almy came to town with a concern to be at our meeting or as he said to eat this Passover with us he was livly in testimony & supplication & I believe his testimony was well adapted to the state of some present – In the eveng brother D R called to see us, after he retired we spent the remainder in reading the second Col of Clarksons History of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

THOMAS CLARKSON



March 13, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) took his seat at the House of Lords.

King Gustaf IV Adolf of Sweden was forced from power by his nobles and liberal army officers because he had been pressing toward a war against Russia. He was succeeded by an uncle as Carl XIII.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 3 M / Much occupied at Trade, in the eveng called at the widdow Birds to see Aunt M Wanton who is here on a visit



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& is in a low distressed state of mind [this entry Xed]

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March 14, Tuesday: Benjamin Thompson invented a portable drip coffeepot¹⁰² and wrote a treatise “Of the Excellent Qualities of Coffee and the Art of Making It in the Highest Perfection.” In about this time frame he also introduced the potato as a staple food and wrote an article “Of Food, and Particularly of Feeding the Poor.”¹⁰³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 14 of 3 M I think that a little of the love of religion has been with me, tho' at times very dry & barren -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 15 of 3 M / A good degree of life has been moving on my mind I am desirous to be thankful to the Lord who is able to raise from the very lowest to the highest state of favor. I can say, tho under a sense of my unworthiness that I have been helped this day & enable to breath in supplication a still further renewell of life & light - My dear P Dunham called to see me who seldom fails of doing me good, "As iron sharpens Iron so doth the countenance of a man his friend". My mind is affected & I hope before the silver cord is loosened I may experience more of the fullness of the Spirit

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 16, Thursday: Robert Fulton leased a house at 75 Chambers Street in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 3rd M 1809 / We had a pretty good meeting, but my mind was roving, yet a little life experienced. This

102. Benjamin Thompson would invent, also, a kitchen range, a double boiler, the convertible sofa and the photometer, and improve the Argand lamp. See “On the Management of Light in Illumination.” He was the most eloquent advocate of efficiency, of wider wheels on carriages and of double glazing on window panes. He believed in inducing the poor to occupy their time in the spinning of wool.

103. The French began to use the expression *à la Rumford* in the manner in which we now say we are going to dine “at the Golden Arches.” AS THE RUMFORD COMPLETE COOK BOOK issued by the Rumford Chemical Works of Rhode Island had it,



He was the first to study diet; to invent an effective oven, and roaster, and tea kettle, and boiler; to advocate drip coffee; to suggest holes in the handles of pots and pans so they can be hung up; to analyze fuels and the management of heat; to devise the modern airtight stove; to lay out efficient kitchens; to reason about the construction of oven doors and thereby open up the great field of insulation.



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Afternoon more Sweetness. An agreeable opportunity in conversation with a Youth who seems to be under a divine visitation. I crave that his mind may be rightly directed - Sister E Spent the Afternoon & eveng with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 3 M / variously occupied in the Afternoon went with C J Tenney to several women to procure a mistress for the African School, we found one willing to undertake -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 3rd M / Pretty much engaged at trade, yet a good degree of life seem'd to pervaid the mind - wrote a letter to my dear Cousin Elizabeth Chace which hath been on my mind for some time

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 3rd M / Being wet walking my dear H thought best not to attend Meeting In the course of the day I made several calls particularly at Aunt M Gould, R Taylors &c At meetings the mind was in a dull mood as to life & I thought the Afternoon meeting was little or none favor'd - George Engs took tea with us & father R called - spent the remainder of the eveng with my H at home I reading Clarksons History of the Abolition of the Slave trade & she a late collection of London Epistles -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 3 M / Nothing but the same round as every day -In the eveng called at brother D R's & J Earls -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 3 M / Occupied as usual, at Trade - This eveng heard of the sudden departure from this Life of our friend Nathan Green of Greewich - having been hospitably entertained at his



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house at the Quarterly Meeting time, the information affected my mind with serious reflections -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 22nd of 3rd M 1809 / The mind perhaps in a little better State than at sometimes - Sister E & neighbor Towle & wife set the eveng with us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 3 M / At meeting a low time, but was a little helped by the sweet offering of Dear H Dennis. she reminded us of the dry bones we had read of in scripture which united joint to joint was covered with sinues & when the breath of life was breathed on then became a great Army, & of the famine in Israel how plenty was sent in a short time, tho' it was thought unless the window of heaven were opened it could not come to pass, thus she believed if we abode in the faith & patience an Army would be raised us as it were if the dry bones & food be sent from a quarter we knew not - In the preparative meeting S Bowen requested care of friends for her Son George - This Afternoon & eveng we had the company of our Dear abovementioned [sic] friend H Dennis, her husband partook tea with us. Father & Mother Rodman Also - She is a friend I dearly love & on whose company this eveng my mind hath been made to rejoice with an hope that the life of religion is not yet extinguished, but that there is a little of it yet remaining -

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 March 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 24 of 3 M / Aunt Molly Wanton is still in her old way. I have been to see her this mornng it is hard to know what line of converse to pursue with her all is turned against herself - Sister E spent the day with us -

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 March 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 3 M / This Afternoon my dear friend Hannah Dennis came to see me a little while at the shop, her sweet spirit comforted me & Oh how I craved that I might so partake thereof as to be lasting - She related several things of her own exercise



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*which were lessons of deep instruction & one in particular
allmost made me humble, at least I felt it go deep & home to my
feelings -*

Met with the School committee in the Afternoon -

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 March 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 26 of 3d M / Our meeting was large & I have no doubt was
more than commonly favor'd, our friend D Buffum was large in the
exercise of his Gift on the necessity of a religious life & at
a second standing inicated to impress on our minds the
necessity of preparing for Death*

*In the Afternoon I had a Still better meeting tho' silence
reigned it did seem as if the door of hope was opening that the
times would be better ere long. I really was comforted &
refreshed - After meeting visited the Alms House & set the
evening at home with m dear Hannah -*

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 March 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 27 of 3 M 1809 / My dear H is not very well, I allways
feel anxious when that is the case, in the eveng at home with
her Sister R was there also -*

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 March 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28 of 3 M / Since dinner the mind has been brought into
an exercise or impression which has given rise to feelings which
I have not felt for some time - I have remembered the Words of
our Saviour to Peter when he tells him "that Satan had desired
to have him, to sift him as wheat" but that he had prayed for
him that his faith fail not How comfortable must this have been
to poor Peter to have been assured of the intercession of his
dear Lord & Master, & could my dear Aunt Molly Wanton but feel
this how should I rejoice for her, but the dear old woman cannot
see nor be made to believe that Christ is still before his
fathers throne, making intercessions for her & all the World
besides, her distress is truly painful tho' there is nothing in
her case but that which existed in the mind without any real
foundation & I have no doubt but that her dear redeemer is
mindful of her & will keep her as in the hollow of his holy hand
as her faith is kept in him & will not suffer an hair of her
head to fall to the ground without his notice — Our friend E
Thornton [educator?] came to town this Morning, & this evening
I called at O Williams's to see him, found him in a very free*



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state of mind & his conversation truly instructing & edifying, he is here on a religious account & hath travelled thro' Narragansett & on first day had two meetings there on first day & on first day visited the Aged & infirm on the Island -

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 March 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 3 M / Our friend E thornton expected to Visit the Aged & infirm today in Middletown but was prevented by indisposition

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 March 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th 3rd M / Our first meeting was large & favord with a well authorized testimony & supplication from our friend Elisha Thornton - in the last we had much buisness &c some of it lïabor'd, but on the whole we got through pretty well all except in one instance which was attended with circumstances very unpleasant -

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 March 31, Friday: In the Cossack village of Sorochyntsi in Russia's Ukraine, Nikolai Gogol was born, and in Suffolk, England near Woodbridge, [Edward J. Fitzgerald](#) was born.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 3 M 1809 / Our friend E Thornton appointed a meeting at the 4th hour this Afternoon for the inhabitance of the Town, from which I have just return'd & may say that it was a time of rejoicing to me finding the current of Gospel communication to flow thro' him copiously to the people & with good Authority

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 April 1, Saturday: In Vienna, Franz Joseph Haydn sold his piano.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 4th M 1809 / I think I may acknowledge that the Mt has come in pretty well for a very precious current of life has attended me most of the day, but especially this evening for which my soul is thankful & desires to bow in humble acknowlegdments -- Brother David & Joanna, & sister Ruth took tea & spent the eveng with us - In the course of the day finished a litter to my dear friend S Barker



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 April 2, Easter Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2nd of 4 M / Silent meetings but tollerabley good, after tea took a pleasant walk 'round the town with our border N Almy -between meetings wrote a ltter to Aunt Patty Stanton

 April 3, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 3 of 4 M / Our friend E Thornton was at [Tiverton](#) meeting yesterday & at [Portsmouth](#) today, at [Portsmouth](#) I understood he was much favord & D Buffum --
This eveng I went among the black People to give information of a Meeting which Our Above mentioned friend has appointed for them tomorrow at our Meeting House at the 4th hour in the Afternoon*

 April 4, Tuesday: [Benjamin Peirce](#) was born in Salem, Massachusetts. He would begin his education as a protégé of Salem's Nathaniel Bowditch.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 4 of 4 M / Several have called at the shop this mornng with whom or among whom considerable religious conversation has passed -experienced something of the life of religion under a sense whereof I feel in a good degree thankful & humbled, knowing & feeling my great unworthiness. Oh Lord help me! help mine infirmities --Attended the meeting this Afternoon appointed for the People of colour by our friend E Thornton. Though it was a meeting in which I believe he experienced deep waiding yet in the [] was crowned & his testimony owned by the divine light & presence of ministers of this place Patten, Tenny Gibson Green & Merwin attended

 April 5, Wednesday: In New-York, Fulton completed the cabins on his *Steamboat*.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 4 M 1809 / Our friend E Thornton has been out visiting the Aged & infirm today - I wrote to Micajah Collins & Rowland Greene -

 April 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 4 M / I did not forget that it was 5th day, nor that it was Meeting day, but strange as it may be I did actually forget to look at the watch at 11 OClock, & did not recollect it untill a Quarter past the time, & concluding it better to stay at home than to disturb the Meeting at an unseasonable time, I did so. I am almost ashamed to acknowledge it tho' I write & no one else is present -



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 April 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 4th M / The mind this mornng brought under exercise is led to consider mine unworthiness & short comings, I feel but little assurance to speak to others concerning their faults when my own look me so openly in the face. Oh Father renew the visits of thy grace in my heart, that thro' the mediation of thy Son I may be raised from my low Estate

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 April 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 4 M / Nothing to insert but the dayly exercise, or employment of life, as ever attended with preplexities but as I advance in life these must be expected & as my cares increase, patience & fortitude must be exerted – Sister E spent the day with us

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 April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 4 M / At meeting this mornng our frd D Buffum spake a short but lively testimony [h]is opening was "Trust in the Lord for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength, he observed that in the outward there were many occurances that are allarming & in the state of society many that were afflicting & deeply exercising & that there was never a time when it stood us more in stead to flee to the Lord for help & that while he had been setting this comfortable portion of scripture ran through his mind They that trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion never removed, & the righteous man shall possess his Soul in peace &c – in the Afternoon we were silent, like the mornng I experienced the shuffling of the enemy but was so far favord as to be enabled to keep up the contest After Meeting went down to J Dennis's & found him & six of his chhildren down with the Hooping Cough, but he & his wife very cheerful & far from considering it as the greatest calamity

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 April 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 4th M / Aunt Molly Wanton has had a very restless day, she is in a very trying State both to herself & those about her, & tho' we have called medical advice, yet I believe that nothing short of that Power which heals the Lunatick we read of



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in scripture can heal her of her infirmity

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 April 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 11 of 4 M / Occupied as usual the mind in pretty good trim
Our friends O Williams & Wife & Sister R spent the Afternoon &
eveng with us - it was a very agreeable visit & I hope
proffitable -*

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 April 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 12 of 4 M / The mind in an agreeable frame especially this
evening feeling a sweet opened to converse on pleasant things
with innocency - Sister E set the evening with us -*

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 April 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 4th M / At meeting the mind in rather better
case than at some other times, but tho' I strove to overcome
some rovings yet they would attack me on every side so that a
quiet waiting place was hard to come at - we sat in silence &
the meeting small, various engagements in the Afternoon - Aunt
Molly grows worse & this Afternoon broak the window of the room
she is in -at home in the eveng -*

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 April 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 14th of 4 M / Aunt Molly continues quite deranged in her
mind whether ever the Dear old woman will be restored to a Sound
mind is not is his in uncertainty, but whether she is or not, I
desire we may be favord with patience to endure the conflict &
that her present state of mind may prove as a solomn warning,
or instruction -*

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 April 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 15th of 4th M / Occupied as usual. I know not as any
spiritual impresment, but [?] my unworthiness, Oh! my*



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 April 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 4 M / At meeting this forenoon I thought we had a remarkable favor'd time, quiet, & a little bread dispensed - Our Fr A Greene was over & favor'd in a remarkable sweet testimony And our fr D Buffum too, I don't know that I ever heard him more powerful, My mind was roving, but experienced help - In the Afternoon my dear H not being well I staid at home & experienced a precious sweetness of mind for which I trust I am thankful - Brother John & Sister Eliza went this morning to [Tiverton](#) & had a pleasant visit to our dear & much beloved Sister S Barker - Sister Ruth has been so kind as to devote most of this day to my H I am thankful for it -

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 April 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17th of 4th M 1809 / Aunt Patty Gould dined with & after dinner went to [Portsmouth](#) with cousin Z Chase - O that I was more deep in spirit, I trust it hath not bee the most careless of days tho' I have nothing to boast of -

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 April 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 4 M / The mind thro' favor has been sweetly favor'd this day. Oh! that I may be truly thankful, humbly thankful Sister R kindly spent the Afternoon & eveng with us

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 April 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 4 M / There seems to be a considerable Stir among the People about the Election. I hope & trust from my present feelings that I shall not get much into the Spirit of it tho' I may go & quietly put in my Voat I went to town meeting, the spirit of party was manifest, & the Potsherds clashed severly but I apprehended the best men prevailed - Aunt Molly & Hannah Gould Sat the Afternoon & part of the evening with us -

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April 20, Thursday: [James David Forbes](#) was born in Edinburgh, a junior son of Sir William Forbes, 7th Baronet of Pitsligo.

French troops attacked the Austrians between Abensberg and Eckmühl south of Ratisbon (Regensburg).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 4 M / Silent meeting. I labor'd to get the mind quiet & did enjoy a degree of it, but short of what I wanted - A degree of life in the preparative Meeting - Alice Almy, Wait Buffum, Sister Ruth & Eliza were our guests today & Our Nancy Almy who hath lived with us the last 3 Months went home the time we agreed to keep her being out -

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April 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 4 M / Nothing of consequence to relate, as indeed every day the case yet I keep every day scribbling -

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April 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 4 M / "Empty as a beggars Can," Our house was Whitewashed. Sister R very kindly came up & assisted my Dear H in the undertaking -

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April 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 4 M / Poor dull meetings, both Silent - In the eveng while setting alone with my dearly affectionate Wife we seem'd Silently inclined, & a precious sweetness arose in which I was helped to raise a Silent supplication for our mutual help & advancement -

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April 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 4 M / A day wherein the mind has had a little ability to look unto God for help. Oh precious favors -- Aunt Molly Gould [dined?] with us & spent part of the Afternoon - Sister E spent the evening & Ne[torn] Towle & wife called & set an hour with us -

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 April 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25th of 4th M 1809 / It has been a day of feeling, a day wherein the mind has been drawn to the center of good, & particularly this eveng while setting at the window with my dearly affectionate H desires were renew'd on my soul that we might more & more daily witness the inshinings of divine light & grace to illumine our minds in passing thro' time, that in the end we may receive the CROWN

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 April 26, Wednesday: At New-York, Fulton's *Steamboat* began its 1st voyage up the Hudson River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 4 M / Yesterday rec'd a very acceptable letter from my much beloved friend Joseph Austin of [Nantucket](#) – Aunt M Wanton continues much the same –

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 April 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 4 M / Went this morning on Horse back to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting, before Meeting stoped at Z Chases & P Lawtons While riding out the mind was brought in many serious reflections particularly on the necessity of Seeing our own State & condition & the many things that Obstruct a clear sight –At meeting our friend H Almy had a short but very acceptable testimony & to me it was a most excellent Meeting - In the last we had much buisness & Some laboring cases, but a good measure of life was retained thro' the Whole And I dont know as ever I was better satisfied with my own conduct in any meeting, the life was more than commonly prevalent in my mind & I feel truly thankful for once more being able to feel & be renewedly confirmed that the good spirit is with me at least at times -
After meeting dined at Z Chases then rode home & found my Dear H as well as when I left her - Father & Mother R took tea with us & E Earl set the evening & G Robinsons called -

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 April 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 28 of 4 M / Nothing material to insert, - Aunt M Wanton is much as usual – In the evening my H & I wrote to B Purinton of Salem

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 April 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 4 M / The usual rounds of labor from the House to the Shop &c - I hope the mind a little life has bee felt

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 April 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 4 M / Silent meetings & to me rather dull times, Sister R Rodman is very unwell which is cause of sorrow to me Bother D Rodman called this eveng very acceptably -

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[Newport](#) 4th M 30th 1809,

Stephen Gould

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 May 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 5th M 1809 / Having made a new Book & finished my old one, I feel desirous that as it were a new course of life may be also persued i e more of the divine life sought after day by day, for the longer I live the more I feel the importance of daily bread from heaven, outward bread norisheth the boody, but that does the soul Oh! that an daily & hourly concern may rest on my mind to labor & toil for it -

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 May 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M / Our friends have gone on board the Packet for [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting there next 5th day - I hope they may have a good time & that they may be refreshed together - When it hath been so that I could go with them with propriety I believe I have ever been thankful for the Opportuniy, but it is now otherways, there are circumstances which render it imprudent to leave home & I think I have not a repining thought, but believe that it is in best wisdom for me to remain within mine own tent at this time

 May 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 5th M / Election days are allways of tumult &



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anxiety, this has been peculiarly so to me, for in addition to the noise & crowd of people that have appeared in the streets, I have had to feel on account of several near relatives that are much [the next five lines have an X through them] unwell, Sister Joanna hath for a day or two, been much unwell, Sister Ruth hath also been alarmingly siezed with a stiff neck & pain in her side, Aunt Molly Wanton continues in a distressed State of mind & needs much care, but over all & above all my dear Father was this Morning taken with an unusual sickness at his stomach attended with Stupor & inclination to fall asleep in a few minutes after speaking, this affected me very seriously so that my whole frame was shaken – I may also add that my dear H is a subject of anxiety – so that my state at this time is quite a tried one – but my dear father is a little more bright this Afternoon for which I am thankful, for he hath been a tender & affectionate Parent & I hope his setting sun may go down with brightness – The day closes without any accident that I have heard of, & less drunkenness than common on such days



May 4, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 5th M / 1809 / Our sick folks are better this morning, father is much brighter from a portion of Physic & Sister Ruth from a Perspiration – My mind was yesterday Afternoon & again this morning much with our friends that have gone to Quarterly meeting at [Greenwich](#). they had a pleasant day yesterday, but it is rainy this morning & I fear they will have an unpleasant time today – I hope they will be refreshed together & be enabled to say at their return it was good for them to be there – Our meeting was very small & to me a poor time tho' I thought there were them that who experienced refreshment.



May 5, Friday: F.A.P. Barnard was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts to the attorney Robert F. Barnard and his wife Augusta Porter Barnard. They named their infant for his mother's brother, Frederick Augustus Porter, who had just been killed at [Niagara Falls](#).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 5th M / This Morning our dear Sister Joanna was comfortably Put to Bed with a fine boy, which has in measure put an end to anxiety on her account, I am glad yea thankful on hers & brothers Davids account as they are connections to whom I feel united by a very tender tie About two OClock this Afternoon our friends all returned from [Greenwich](#) safely, & say they have had a comfortable time & that Anne Greene & Abigail Robinson were much favord in public testimony – Father R was the bearer of a message of love to me & my dear H from J Casey & wife to our family – E Earle & Sister Mary spent the evening with us –



May 6, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 6th of 5th M / The usual rounds - the mind in a dull state or a state of allmost insensibility, a friend called to see me this afternoon & seem'd very open & free to converse on good things, but I could not but feel or at least be sensible how little my mind was warnd by what he said, tho' I joind a little in the converse with him, so as to avoid incivility - Sister E spent the Afternoon & evening with us



May 7, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st 7 of 5 M / Not being very well myself & my dear H more so than myself, thought it most prudent to omit meetings but understood by brother David that in the forenoon Our frined D Buffum was very lively in public testimony
In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent - We read alternately in the Scripture. Hannah Adams View of Religion. Whitefields Journal &c - Neighbor Towle called to see us a little while in the evening She is a very neighborly Woman -*



May 8, Monday: The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, a precursor of the American Bible Society, was formed in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 5th mo 1809// Sister Ruth is laboring under a painful Blister for her stiff neck - She has my sympathy but I fear it will avail her nothing - Aunt M Wanton is more like herself than she hath been for some time - My dear H is very smart & this eveng called to see Sister R & Sister Joanna & her little Wm he is a sweet little creature - As to myself I am the same as common a poor dull thing, but perhaps the vital spark is not quite extinguished -

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May 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 5th Mo // Aunt Molly is as bad as ever again today - My dear Mother has an afflicting time, Oh that our trials may be sanctified - Alice Almy spent the day with us -

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May 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 5 Mo // The day has pafsed as usual - P Dunham is over & called to see me, we compaird notes a little with



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respect to our spiritual progrefs he seemd to be variously tried, but he said most particularly with unbelief in a future state -Mine is a want of life, like an old gangrene Sore that is past feeling & fit for nothing but to be disceverd from the boody, I have thought that if there is any part in me that is rotten, that I should be willing to undergo a Severe operation that I might be preserved alive while my boody is here

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 May 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 5 Mo // Silent Meeting & rather a dull time but a little degree of favor – when going to meeting I could but think how poor & destitute I was of that which would insure me a season of improvement

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 May 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 of 5 Mo // My dear H hath been much unwell today which has been the cause of much anxiety – much better this Afternoon & spent the eveng Sociably O Williams & wife being with us, also brother David. –

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 May 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 5th Mo // Awoke early & endeavord to turn my mind inward, but could not experience the feelings that I wanted to so fully as I wished, was however a little helped at least to feel thankful that my dear H had rested confortably & was much refreshed, tho' had had several hard spells of coughing in the night & soon after waking this morning – There has been an insensibility over my mind that is very hard to bear, it is hard to want to feel & not be able too, but I'm more & more confird that the fault is my own, Oh that I may daily call on the Lord for Grace & if I do in sincerity I believe I nor no one else will be sent empty away. Sister E spent the eveng with us & will stay till tomorrow

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 May 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 5 M 1809// Much unwell with a pain between my shoulders, which confind me from Meeting all day - I spent most of the meeting hours in reading the Scriptures to my dear H who is also confind & at present labors under a very afflicting cough - I was favord to read the Scripture with a little degree of understanding tho' but little feeling & was dry & hard all day tho' I labord to draw the mind to the center of feeling. E Earl called between meetings & sister E returnd with a prospect of staying with my H while I went to meeting in the Afternoon but not being materially better thought best to stay & let her go - In the evening Neighbor V....n [sic] came to see us, her conversation in our present weak state was more tedious than edifying -

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 May 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 5 Mo // Favor'd this morning with a precious serceptibility of mind. I love to feel it. Oh that it may continue - I feel better this mornng of the pain between my shoulders, but am laboring under the effects of a heavy Cold - perhaps there has not been that full current of life thro' the whole day, as I felt a little experience of in the morning, however it has not been the worst of days or at least not so barran as some days - Sister Marcy was with my H today & sister Eliza this eveng - -

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 May 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 5 Mo // I have been thinking what I should compare myself too & really am at a loss, but most conclude that I am a poor thing & shall hardly ever be worth more than I am at present My dear H has been cause of anxiety being much unwell but is better this evening - Rec'd a letter P[er] Post from Edward Wanton of Richmond Virginia containing the account of his father Gideon Wantons Decease the 8th of last Mo, it affected my mind with seriousness so much so that I could not keep it out of my mind the whole evening - he was an aged man & decendant of a respectable family in this town & was a distant relation of my Mothers, for many Years was himself a respectable & influencial charracter but alafs as hum=nature is all liable he fell from his high standing, but I am willing to hope he has experienced forgiveness & is at Rest



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 May 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 5 Mo // My H continuing poorly - I have not been without religious impressions of thankfulness for my many favors. Oh may I remain so

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 May 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 5th Mo 1809// I was favored with a precious meeting as soon as I took my seat I felt the Sweet & Precious life to arise to a good degree of consolation & confirmation - for very frequently of late I have been ready to cry out under a Sense of my poverty, insomuch that I have thought there was no good thing in me, & that I had never known much about a religious life & if I had at all, by my disobedience & unfaithfulness it was all taken away. Oh how precious how inexpressibly Sweet it is to set down in a Meeting & feel as if the fountain of life was unsealed that we may drink thereat with ease - an enjoyment like this to one in my present situation is like food to a man that has been long deprived of it - Oh that I may ever be thankful, humbly thankful, to the good & gracious giver for all his Mercies Spiritually & temporally - My Dear H has been most of the day pretty smart

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 May 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 5th Mo // It has not been the worst of days with me, tho' I have nothing to boast of, I'm weak & poor, yet have something, & may I be thankful for that something. My Dear H continues smart - But Dear Aunt M Wanton continues much Deranged in her mind

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 May 20, Saturday: [Alexander Culbertson](#) was born in Pennsylvania.

French forces captured Oviedo in Asturias from the Spanish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 5th Mo // Time steals away & alafs how poorly improved. I often think of it with sorrow & hope to be more afsiduous with respect to those things that belong to the Soul's peace, both yesterday & today I have had a little life particularly in our pauses at Meals when it did seem as if a little of the precious life did arise & spread over the Mind & was sweetly breathed in thankfulness for our outward favors, & that we might know an increase of inward sustinance Oh Father help us.

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 May 21, Sunday: Austrian forces attacked French troops who had just crossed to the area of Aspern and Essling, north of the Danube across from Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 5th Mo// At Meeting this forenoon My mind was exercised on a subject of Misunderstanding which was occasioned by an individual who took up a subject & officiously reported what had passed between me & R Hath on the subject of Mixed Marriages & has made an uneasiness between me & Brother J Rodman - thus difficulties are made without occasion or grounds - D Buffum was sweetly engaged in testimony & particularly affecting at a second standing when his opening was "If the righteous are scarcely saved where shall the Sinner & ungodly appear" In the Afternoon we were Silent but a pretty good meeting to me. In the eveng father R & brother D called to see us & passed a little pleasant Time.

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 May 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 5th Mo // Had a little explanation with brother J Rodman & hope things were left a little better in his mind than yesterday. I'm willing he should know that I feel pretty keenly the disaprobation of his friends, & if that destroys good brotherhood on his part I must abide by it, but I am unwilling he should think that I attatch any blame to the young woman that he is addressing for any commission or omission of his, which was so reported by the officious meddler, but is nothing like the doctrine I advance on the subject. I hold that people are guilty of Sin in proportion to the light & knowledge they have



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received & that contracting matrimony with one not of Society [not a Quaker] is more sinful for him than most young men of my acquaintance, is, what I firmly believe, because he hath known more of religion & been more remarkably visited with the inshinings of that light which would have been as a light to his paths & a lamp to his feet than most young men – My dear H continues very Smart, & Sister Ruth us still very kindly with us --

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 May 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 5th Mo // Yesterday Afternoon O Williams & Wife returnd from their journey to Liecester & have a prospect of going there to live they will be a mifs to us in this Town & Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Last first day morning departed this life at his House in [Portsmouth](#) Doctor Peter Thatcher Wailes & is to be committed to his Mother earth this Afternoon - he hath been a dilligent attender of our first & week day meetings at Portsmouth when ability of body would permit for many years, but never became a member, & was thought by some to be quite as much in profefsion as Practice - We have recd letters from Aunt M Stanton with the intelligence that she is coming on to spent a little time, the prospect of which is very pleasant as Dear Mother is much confind with Dear Aunt Molly who remains in a state of derangement. -

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 May 24, Wednesday: An officer of the French occupying forces paid a visit to Franz Joseph Haydn to make his acquaintance. The two had a pleasant chat and the officer sang an aria from The Creation. The composer was emotionally uplifted by the experience but this was the last music he would ever hear.

Birth of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s son Caleb.

Friend Stephen wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 5th Mo // This day of all days in my life has been the most anxious. I have known anxious moments both by day & Night, but never like this, but it is what I expect to experience again -My dearly & truly precious Wife was This morning taken much unwell & thought best to send for help which I soon procur'd & came to the shop it not being necessary for me to Stay – when I went to dinner I went in to see her but was not permitted to stay long, during the time I was with her I experienced such endearing sensations as I did not know I was capable of, my whole man was melted, but things appearing in a pretty good train I came again to the shop & all the Afternoon 'till now about 1/2 past 6 OClock I have really had as much as



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I was able to endure without Showing more weakness than is Manly – When Cousin Anne Green who has come over to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting tomorrow called at the door & dropt the information that my dear H is in bed & has a son, but I am still in suspence, not knowing how she is, & whether the child is perfect, cousin Anne not having been there, but heard it from father R –

Before the usual time of shutting shop impatient to know exactly how it was with my dear suffering H, I went up to the house & found it as Cousin Anne had told me & the Child sound & perfect, & its dear Mother quite as comfortable as her situation would admit, he has a good pair of Lungs & if he should live & take a religious turn may at least make a preacher that may be effectually heard over our whole Meeting house – Oh the thankfulness unspeakable thankfulness of heart that I feel that my Most of all endeared earthly friend is thus far comfortable. Such sensations of joy, affection & gratitude I never, till now was Sensible that I possessed or was capable of feeling –

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May 25, Thursday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 6th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th 5th M 1809// My very precious H rested quite comfortable last night considering her suffering of Yesterday & the little boy (whose name we have concluded this morning to call **Caleb Gould**) is also pretty well – I have thought I have many times duly & thankfully number'd my blessings, but indeed & in truth I have never had so much to be thankful for as this day & I am unable to put my feelings in order on paper, or by my tongue to express what I feel to the full. My dear H was never half so indearing tho' I thought I love'd her to the extent of love before, to the friends who assisted us I feel my heart enlarged in love & good will but to kind Providence my heart is bowed in humble gratitude that he has been pleased so to help us, Oh that I may never forget his goodness, daily looking unto him & asscribe all honor & praise –*

I attended meeting. In the first Holder Almy was twice engaged in testimony & D Buffum once, it was to me a good time, & for this may I not forget to be thankful – In the last we had much buisness, & I believe I lost strength in not expressing a short sentence in addition to one expressed by another friend but on the whole I thought I was helped to throw in my mite tollerably



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May 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 5th Mo 1809// My dear H again rested well last night & little Caleb never waked from the time he went to bed till nearly sunrise - I feel gratitude indeed for this days favor, & Oh father increase in me a grateful disposition for all thy mercies, all they Blessings - Wrote to my dear friend Susanna Barker giving her an account of our well fare & my feelings - This evening called at D Huntingtons to see our ancient friend James Bringhurst, he has been a long time confind at Holder Almys but is now recruiting, tho' very feeble - he gave me the following lines written very fine on a peace of paper with his own hand, since his confinement, being 78 Years of age last 12th Month -

*Could but our tempers move like this machine
Not urged by passion or delay'd by Spleen
But true to Natures regulating power
By virtuous acts distinguish every hour
Then health & Joy would follow as they ought
The Laws of motion & the laws of thought
Sweet health to pass the present moments o're
And endless Joy when time shall be no More*

It was written in lines about an inch & 1/4 long & all the lines within an 1/2 of paper which for a man so advanced in life is remarkable -

While setting with the dear old Man so advanced in life I could but reflect on the apparent difference between him & myself, he near the grave weak & feeble, & I in Youth & activity, & yet may be called to render an account much sooner than him. Oh that I may when the time comes, be in a frame of mind like his

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May 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27th of 5th M 1809// My dear H remains as comfortable as common but not quite as smart as Yesterday// My affection & thankfulness I think daily increases & Oh! saith my soul may there be a proportionable increase of devotion to my God to whom for all my Blessings I am wholly indebted & soley dependant

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5th Mo // Our Meeting were both silent, I labor'd to get the mind settled & enterd on the right foundation but was unable get where I wanted too or where I expected to from my feeling early in the morning - -Dear Sister Ruth staid with us last night & also this day she is preciously kind both to me & my dear H who remains comfortable - In the eveng made a little call at O Williams

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May 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 5th Mo // I think My H is not much mended from Yesterday tho' no materially worse, yet (particularly since dinner) my mind has been anxiously depressed on her account, an hundred fears & suspicions intrude themselves upon me, such as, that when she gets about, (if she ever does) her old consumptive complaint will then return, as her cough is still a little troublesome, that suckling will have that tendency, that the additional care & fatigue her Child will be unfriendly to her constitution & above all should unerring Providence See meet to take her to himself what would become of poor Me, these as heads of the Matter afford room for fears & suspicions which sometimes almost over power me -Since her confinement she hath been far nearer my Life than before & when ever I have been into her room to look on her as she lays in Bed, my very heart hath been almost melted, & I never felt more tenderness that today - She allways, & even in her most exquisit suffering looks pleasant & since that has subsided she appears to possess a truly thankful heart, which hath several times been manifested by a copious flow of tears. May I bow in humble deep prostration before the Lord for his many fold blessings & favors. Oh Lord be near my dear Wife & help her by the assistance of thy holy all sustaining Spirit. - - -

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May 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th 5th Mo // My dear H is comfortable but weak. I continue to feel for the dear precious creature & hope she may be again perfectly restored. Oh father be thou I pray the her strength & stay in weakness, bear up her mind in all trials that may await her thro' this State of probation & tribulation. And Oh dear Lord be pleased I intreat thee to center all our hopes & expectations in thee & enable us to walk together to thy honor & glory, help us to be honest parents discharging our duty faithfully to our offspring

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 May 31, Wednesday: Franz Joseph Haydn died peacefully at his house in Gumpendorf, Vienna at 12:40AM, age 77.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 5th Mo // This mornig before breakfast Dear Aunt Martha Stanton arrived from NYork – seeing her & Dear Aunt Molly together was very affecting, it tender'd all that could be tenderd in me, indeed I believe my feelings was never more susceptible than they have been for some time past. I love to feel so for then I can hope that the springs of life are not so low or dried, but that I may yet advance in the right way, & I am sensible that it requires judgement to discriminate between religious impressions & the affectionate nature, but I believe no one ever progressed very far untill their hardness of their Nature was in some good measure subdued.

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 June 1, Thursday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s journal [The Friend](#) (this publication would continue until March 15, 1810).

The remains of Franz Joseph Haydn were carried in an oak coffin to Gumpendorff Church, carried around the church three times, blessed, and placed in Hundsthurm Cemetery.

Three Piano Sonatas op.53 by Leopold Kozeluch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 6th Mo 1809// Our meeting was large as usual, & to me a little favor'd, but life did not rise into dominion as at sometimes, but I desire to be thankful for what little bread I did receive "& humbly hope for more" –

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 June 2, Friday: A requiem mass was said in memory of Franz Joseph Haydn in the Gumpendorf church (the music was a setting of the requiem by Michael Haydn).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 6th Mo // Pretty much the usual round, – whenever I have been home to meals my dear H & little Son seem'd renewedly endearing

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June 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 6 Mo // My dear H for the first time since her confinement was able to set at the table with us at dinner & tea – I desire to be thankful for all my blessings

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June 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 6 Mo // At Meeting this forenoon Our friend D Buffum near the close was concernd to stand up & as he said call on the Afsembly somewhat in the language of Scripture "Come brother come Sister let us go up to the house of the Lord to the Mou [sic] of the God of Jacob" &c - In the Afternoon S Bateman said a few words & I rather am disposed to think they were said with a good intent
It has been rather a dry day with me tho' not the worst of times*

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June 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 6 Mo 1809// The mind more occupied about outward things than is proffitable, things that will never proffit me in any sense, but so it is we are apt or at least I am apt to suffer the mind to be off the Watch - My dear Wife & Son are very Smart, & for that I desire to renew my thankfulness to Him who is able to keep them so – Sister R spent the day & evening –

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June 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 6 Mo // I am ashamed to say it but most of my time today has been spent at Town Meeting by which I have gotten nothing but the Head-ach - I thought it best (all things considered) to go up & Voat for such men as I thought most proper to fill the various appointments or Stations in Town, not particularly to join with any party for I am of opinion that neither side hold up candidates for Office that are exactly what they ought to be, therefore a proper Selection should be made & I believe I endeavor'd to make a just discrimination, but there is, but very little if any real substantial satisfaction in persuing even that & I believe it will amount to a serious inquiry in my mind whither I shall give my attendance at another Town meeting very soon



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➡ June 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 6 Mo // "Is there any growth in the truth" I am apprehensive there has been but very little increase with me this Day I'm lean poor & weak -

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➡ June 8, Thursday: The first ocean-going steamboat, the *Phoenix*, left New York for Philadelphia (but hadn't yet arrived in the open ocean).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 6 Mo // Silent & perhaps not quite as barran a meeting as at sometimes. Some friends have arrived that expect to attend our Anual Sacrifice but none that are in the Ministry that I have heard of - In the Afternoon engaged at the meeting house in making arrangements of the Seats to accommodate our Meeting next first day -

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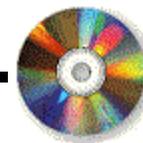
[Thomas Paine](#) died in New-York (well, we all must die somewhere). His request that he be buried as a [Quaker](#) had been refused by the [Religious Society of Friends](#). His age (72) would be incorrectly registered on what is said to be his gravestone on his farm in New Rochelle, New York (a stone which neglects to mention the interesting fact that although it is stating the truth when it states that he was buried there, in fact his body is no longer in the vicinity). An obituary notice published throughout the United States would sum up his life in the phrase "He had lived long, did some good and much harm." What was this man's offense, that had called forth such a bitter dismissal in an obituary? Well, it seems that when this citizen's country had fucked him over, while he had been serving it selflessly at great personal risk and loss during the period of its greatest difficulties, **he had noticed and he had objected**. A word to the wise chauvinist: when your country eventually fucks you over, **you aren't to notice** — no, that'd be very disloyal of you. You're supposed to just grin and grit your teeth, and go on playing the patriot.

(AWTTW.)

Famous Last Words:



"What school is more profitably instructive than the death-bed of the righteous, impressing the understanding with a convincing evidence, that they have not followed cunningly devised fables, but solid substantial truth."



— A COLLECTION OF MEMORIALS CONCERNING DECEASED MINISTERS. Philadelphia, 1787

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“The death bed scenes & observations even of the best & wisest afford but a sorry picture of our humanity. Some men endeavor to live a constrained life — to subject their whole lives to their will as he who said he might give a sign if he were conscious after his head was cut off — but he gave no sign Dwell as near as possible to the channel in which your life flows.”

—Thoreau’s JOURNAL, March 12, 1853

1794	George Jacques Danton	he had been convicted of not having made adequate use of the guillotine	<i>“Show my head to the people. It is worth seeing.”</i>
1798	Giovanni Casanova	having spent his life collecting sequentially and in tandem 132 pubic scalps	<i>“I have lived as a philosopher and died as a Christian.”</i>
1799	George Washington	fearing being buried alive (a common fear for that period), he was being heartily reassured by his physician	<i>“’Tis well.”</i>
1806	Charles Dickinson	he was dueling with Andrew Jackson	<i>“Why have you put out the lights?”</i>
1809	Thomas Paine	his physician asked whether he wished to believe Jesus to be the son of God	<i>“I have no wish to believe on that subject.”</i>
<i>... other famous last words ...</i>			





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June 9, Friday: Horace Mann, Sr.'s father made his will. He left Horace enough to finance a college education, although later, in the grip of the “log cabin” school of greatness, the great Mann would assert that he had been provided only with an “example of an upright life” and a “hereditary thirst for knowledge.” – Since he was encouraging everyone to be like him and rise like him, **it would hardly do to tell the truth.**



Carl Axel Trolle-Wachtmeister became Prime Minister for Justice of Sweden, while Lars von Engeström became Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 6 Mo // Early this morning a Packet arrived from NYork & brought the Melancholy intelligence of the Sudden departure out of time of Francis Mallone at the City of Washington he died the 4th of this Mo dropt down in the Street as he was walking to Church with his brother Senator E R Potter & died without a Struggle - My mind has through the day been much occupied on the above melancholy acct, I hope it may prove a solemn warning & help to keep me in remembrance of my final change -

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June 10, Saturday: John Stevens took his *Phoenix* out of New-York into the open seas, headed for Philadelphia — the world's first oceangoing steamboat.

The Emperor Napoléon annexed the Papal States to France. French soldiers removed the Papal flag from the Castle San Angelo.

This was the effective date of the end of British restrictions against US ships.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 6th Mo 1809// Thus another Year has come about, this day commences our anual Sacrafice at [Portsmouth](#) & friends



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are now riding into Town, my mind is humbles at the reflection that another year has passed away & I so lean, so poor, & weak Oh father help me with a little help, renew the visits of thy love in my heart, let not this Anual Meeting pass away without some advances in the Truth - After we had nearly all got to bed this eveng - Our friend, B Purinton came up to see my dear H & tho' it was late she went up & staid a few minutes

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 June 11, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left London with Hobhouse on his first "Pilgrimage."

In retaliation for the decree of May 17th, Pope Pius VII excommunicated the Emperor Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 6 Mo 1809// Our Meeting this forenoon was large & I believe Truth reigned as much as in any meeting I have been in for sometime Our friend James Mendenhall had the weight of labor & several women spoke short testimonys much to the point & I believe well seasoned with salt - James is an excellent plain preacher no spectacular & tho plain in expression is weighty in communication - a living prayer by a Woman

Afternoon// Several women Spoke & one appeard in supplication. J Mendenhall had a few words - John Casey bore a short but very living testimony. One of the women is a workwoman at her calling -The meeting was much more crouded than in the morning but remarkably still for the Vast concorse that was there. I believe truth was in dominion - We had at tea Polly Chase & Abijah Chase & wife, brother John Rodman accompanied them in the evening - Micajah Collins & wife & M Purinton & Wife

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 June 12, Monday: Birth of the first child of [John James Audubon](#) and Lucy Bakewell Audubon, Victor Gifford Audubon, in Louisville.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day // Meeting began as usual at 9 OClock. It was open'd with a short but livly & impressive testimony by our friend James Mendenhall from Virginia & after the buisness had been persued a little while another impressive testimony from our friend Micajah Collins - buisness went on pretty well but much of the weight, & I believe all was lost that might have spread over the meeting, by the very low voices of some friends. Cousin Alice Almy dined with us, but the situation of my dear H is such that we cannot entertain much company at any time & less at Dinner than at any other time



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Afternoon// The State of Society as represented by the Answers to the Queries was entered into by which many deficiencies appeared, & drew forth many excellent & feeling remarks, particularly by our friend James Mendenhall Wm Rotch Junr & many others - We had several at tea

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June 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day// Both mens & womens meeting have been jointly occupied with the partition opened in reading the Discipline which has been revised by our meeting for Suffering which was attended with great solemnity. The mode of precedure was, The Clerk read the Old Discipline & Wm Rotch the revision & where any alteration was made Wm Rotch concisely explained the reason, which if it was not satisfactory to any individual requested to have it marked for reconsideration, no remarks being allow'd to be made in meeting a committee was then (or when all was read) appointed to reconsider the doubtful parts in conjunction with the Meeting for Suffering with the liberty for any concern'd friend to attend & make his objections - when the Discipline was all read & before the shutters were closed our friend John Casey in a very lively manner addressed us on the Subject of Sports & diversions & hoped the dear Youth would improve their time better than he had done in his Youth, & that time passed swiftly away, "their fore dear Youth improve your time" &c then Hannah Field appeared in a living supplication & thanked the Lord that he had enabled the burden bearers to prepare a discipline &c. It was a favor'd meeting - Rowland Green dined with us - Benjm Freeborn & wife Sarah Fish Sam & G Brown & Thos Anthony took tea with us

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June 14, Wednesday: Fulton and Livingston's *Car of Neptune* was launched, in New-York.

French forces defeated Austrian forces at Raab west of Linz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// There was no meeting this forenoon in consequence of the committee appointed Yesterday to consider of the parts of Discipline objected too. They met this mornng at 10 OClock & being one instead of a better I attended with them, there was much debate but we were helped to end with tolerable harmony - The meeting Standing adjourned to this afternoon at 3 OClock we agreed to meet at 6 again, not having got through There was but little to attend to in the meeting & it soon adjourned - The committee soon got thro' also to pretty good



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satisfaction - John Casey & wife & Benjn Pearce too tea with us -

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June 15, Thursday: [John James Babson](#) was born. His father was William Babson, born in Annisquam Village, Gloucester, and his mother Mary Griffin, born in the same village. James Babson, who died in 1683, had been the American progenitor of this family. The generations in between had been John Babson, John Babson, William Babson lost at sea in 1750, and his grandfather William Babson. He would be educated in the public schools of Gloucester to the age of 14, and would go into his father's store. He would be cashier of the Gloucester Bank for 19 years, bank commissioner for 2 years, a selectman for one year, a Representative to the General Court for 5 years, a State Senator for 2 years, a member of the school committee for 28 years and its chairman for 25.

French forces threw the Spanish back at María, southwest of Zaragoza.

A great service was held in memory of Franz Joseph Haydn in the Schottenkirche, Vienna. The Requiem of Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) was performed. The French army sent an honor guard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day// The meeting met this mornig at 8 OClock buisness was not got through with untill a few minutes before it was time for our Public meeting to begin -
Public meeting was large & much favord. James Green as usual began the service. Anne Merrott began with the text "Why seek ye the living among the Dead &c & preached sweetly - then Micajah Collins preached powerfully & livingly confining his remarks mostly to the parting of friends to go to their little Meetings at home the solemnity of the occasion &c he also gave the dry sticks a shaking & encoraged the Youth - James Mendenhall reverted instructingly to A Merretts testimony adapted to those who are standing off & those that are not particularly within our Society - It was to me an excellent meeting & the impressions that I felt may they long remain -
This Afternoon at the Shop I had the company of my much Valued little friend David Smith of Bolton we conversed on our religious advancement - it was a season of refreshment indeed, we both I trust were brought livingly near to other in the bond of true brotherhood & Oh Saith my Soul may we go up together hand in hand to the House of the Lord the God of Jacob - my dear friend Philip Dunham has also been with me I love him & O may our love continue - Micajah Collins & wife & Matthew Purinton & wife called to see my dear H in the Afternoon but I was not at home -In the evening I went to father R's to see Micajah & wife -*

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June 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day// This morning called at father R's & brother D Rs to



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take leave of M C & M P & their wives, my mind was much affected at Parting with them & with all the rest of my Dear friends & desires are livingly raised that the favors dispenced at this Yearly Meeting may be proffited, that should I never live to see another I may in the last proving scene have to reflect that I have not lost all opportunities of improvement or that all opportunities of improvement have not been slighted - And now may say, not having had time to insert perticularly my feelings from day to day that I have not experienced a season of more generall favor in any yearly meeting that I can recollect, the testimonys from time to time delivered by weighty & concerned friends have all of them more or less left a good seasoning in my mind & that altho we have been so sittuated by the confinement of my dear H that we could not have as much company as would have been agreeable yet we have had considerable & perhaps as much as our circumstances would render prudent. I desire to cultivate a thankful disposition for what we have done & been able to do & leave the rest with out a murmur to him who knows what is best for us, & if I can in all things maintain this disposition, by that means I shall render a passage thro' life much more quiet than by suffering that uncomfortable article of Pride to have the predominance - It allways affects me to part with friends that I love the reflection allways arises whether I shall ever see them more - Aunt M Stanton saild this morning for NYork - Dear Sister E Rodman spent the Afternoon & evening -

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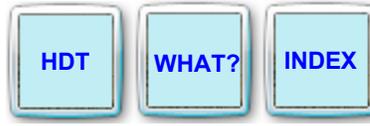
 June 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day// Our friends James Mendehall & Elizabeth Hunt & their Companions, with several friends from Town went to Connanicut to attend an Appointed meeting ther this forenoon - Uncle Wm Mitchell & wife - Aunt N Carpenter, Father R & Neighbor Towle took tea with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // James Mendenhall & his companion was at meeting also Aunt E Hunt & her companion. James spoke a little excellently, & his companion just observed towards the close of the meeting the "The Well of divine life was deep & that we had nothing of our own to draw with."
In the afternoon they went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend an appointed meeting there at 4 OClock - Our meeting was silent, except a lone stranger disturb'd us with a few words like a request to preach -



RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day // Much engaged at trade & had several articles arrivd which Uncle Stanton purchased for me in England – received a letter from Sarah Ear now at Flushing O Williams & wife took tea with -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 20, Monday: Horace Mann, Sr.'s father died.

Carl, son of King Adolf Fredrik, ascended the throne of Sweden as Carl XIII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day// Again much occupied at trade. I hope by outward cumber I may not loose what little I seem to have gain'd a few weeks past but the longer I live the more I am confirmd that the mann must be gathered daily – Father & Mother R - widdow Mumford & brother David & wife took tea with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// We had Visitors this Afternoon Cousin Abigail Casey Cousin Mary Wanton, Mary Williams, Sarah Rogers, Cousin H Gardiner My Mother & Sister Ruth – Our child has been born 4 weeks this Afternoon & in the evening our nurse (who has been very faithful & kind) left us –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 22, Thursday: [William Jones](#) was judge of probate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 6 Mo 1809// We made out last night with our Child considering we were new beginners, pretty well - Oh that I may be duly & humbly thankful that we have been carried thro' thus far as well as we have. Unto the Lord I ascribe it & unto him may I make suitable return of thankfulness & devotion to the cause of Truth, but Oh how weak, how poor I am without his holy aid I can do nothing, & all attempts to serve him without his



ROGUE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND

help is worse than nothing -
At meeting we were silent & to me it was a good comfortable time,
the mind finding easier access to the spring of life than common
I commemorated this day with the one a Year ago as it was the
one on which I opened my prospect to the preparative meeting of
entering into a married Life former seasons of divine visitation
& several of my intimate acquaintances were brought to view -
I remembered Poor B Negus & J Austin two that my soul loved
dearly but thro' disobedience Alas have fallen have fallen
[sic] I fear never more to rise. B is a prisoner among the
Spanyards in South America & Isaac fled from Prison & no one
hereaway knows where he is - these two were precious & highly
favord youths, the companions of my youthful days. Oh that their
example may be an incitement to double watchfulness & may I be
enabled to return humble thanksgiving to HIM who hath been my
merciful preserver, & kept me in some good degree within his
safe enclosure while several who began a profession of religion
& were visited with the day spring from on high, about the same
time I did or was, have lamintably sliden from the right
foundation & become a grievous reproach - -when I consider
& look over my life, it is a matter of astonishment, that
considering the plentiful light afforded, & the little
improvement made that I have been preserved as far as I have but
I have none other to ascribe it unto, but the LORD Alone, whose
Name & mercies may I remember with Adoration & thankfulness to
the end of my days -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



June 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 23d of 6 Mo // Our dear little Caleb Seems to be unwell,
which increases its dear mothers anxiety. I hope I shall be
favor'd properly to sympathize with her. Mothers with young
children are much to be felt for -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



June 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 24th of 6 Mo 1809// Poor, frail & miserable creatures
that we are, wretched & undone without the divine help, without
the smiles of Providence we are as a Vessel tossed & broken in
a tumultuos sea, having neither helm or men to steer, & it is
our own fault that we are thus left generally for I believe that
those cases of dispondency, & debasedness of mind which
generally produce suicide would not so frequently occur were we
to keep our minds centerd in true faith in God & endeavor to live
religious lives-*
I have been this forenoon to the Alms House with the Physician



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*to see a poor wretch who cut his throat in a fit of Drunkeness a few days past, while I was standing by to see the Doctor dress the wound my mind seem'd disposed to speak to him about serious things & accordingly began a little conversation, but he seemd so hardened & debased that I thought what I could say would be of no Avail, he seem'd to justify himself & would not admit he was sorry for what he had done or that he ever felt sorry or convicted [wrong] for any thing he had ever done in his life - I seemed much depressed while with him & lamented his wretched state Oh Lord preserve me in faith in thee, increase my faith daily, enlarge my mind in the knowledge of The the fountain of Wisdom & Knowledge --
Cousin Abigail Casey went home. I love her much -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 6 Mo 1809// Nothing speciall, the usual rounds, & our little boy requires increased attention

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 6 Mo // [This day's entry with an X through it] I forgot to mention in its propper place that last first day father & mother was up to see us it was the first time father has seen our little Son., he seem'd much pleased & remarked that he calculated on his being a pleasure to him for it was not probable he should live to see him to those Years in which he will be likly to Cause the heart Ach by bad courses - May the Lord preserve him all his life long -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 28, Wednesday: Having been elected on the Democratic-Republican ticket over William Baylies, [Charles Turner, Jr.](#) began to serve in the US House of Representatives, representing the 7th District of Massachusetts at the 11th federal Congress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 6 Mo // Much occupied at Trade & I dont know as much of any thing has taken place worthy of Note

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



ROGUE ISLAND

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 June 29, Thursday: [William Jones](#) was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Somerset, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 6 Mo // This morning under much doubt of the expediency of leaving my buisness I took Sister Ruth in a Chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting it was a Serious meeting to me & I dont know but that by going I have gotten a little peace of bread or at least I apprehended I have gain as a little experience, by not getting sufficiently deep I made a little misstep but it seem'd to be of that nature that I did not feel it to be of a criminal nature & only added a little to my experience - C Hall an elderly woman requested membership - We dined at I Almy's & stoped a little at P Lawton's - And now this evening from the precious sweetness that seems in a good measure to pervaid my mind I am induced to believe that notwithstanding I left home under unusual embarrasments & discouragements that it was best & that by going I have gotten a little peace of bread & gained a little experience - D Buffum & H Almy were unwell & could not attend - Our ancient friend J Bringhurst after several months confinement was able to set with us today -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 6 Mo 1809// I thank the Oh father that thou hast been pleased to renew the visits of thy love to my heart this day - it has been a precious day to me I have felt more of the love & life of religion than I have for a long time. Oh my soul be thankful - This forenoon wrote a few lines to my friend Susanna Barker - Recd one from Betsy Purinton & one from Uncle Stanton - My dear H has been at her fathers with our little son this Afternoon which is the first time of her going out since he confinement

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 7 Mo // Aunt Elizabeth Thurston din'd & spent the Afternoon with us - I got into a disagreeable contest or argument with a very abusive man today & found room for the exercise of Christian Patience. he abused me very much but was in some good degree able to say that "I was angry & sinned not" for whatever I felt I did not discour it - my mind was humbled very much after it - A time of favor this afternoon which is very apt to



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insue after suffering

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 2, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) sailed with Hobhouse on the Lisbon packet, Princess Elizabeth.

Internal government in Spain was reorganized by King José I, with the creation of 38 new provinces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 7th Mo // Silent meetings, but I believe pretty good ones after meeting in the Afternoon went down to J Dennis's with brother D R took tea & set sometime after in very instructing conversation, on our way home stopt a little at D Buffums
Mary Collins took tea with my H I wanted to converse with her should therefore liked to have been at Home - John Rodman married*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 7 Mo // My dear H & little son spent the day at my fathers - My dear friend Joseph Austin of [Nantucket](#) came to the Shop to see me this afternoon & in the evening he & Daniel came up to see us - he is a dear Youth. I allways did love him, & hope I all ways shall. There seems to be a sweetness in him that is not diminished by an increase of outward care -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 Our national birthday, Tuesday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne's](#), or [Hathorne's](#), 5th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

Under cover of a heavy bombardment and in a violent thunderstorm, French forces attacked northeast from Lobau Island across the Danube River near Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 7th Mo 1809// Much Noise of Drums, fifes Guns being the Anniversary of what is called the Independence of the Nation. Such days are allways a burden, I have no delight in them from any of the Shows or noises that are made - They allways tend to corrupt the morrals of Youth by leading them into pernicious company
John Rodman & wife were at father Rodmans this afternoon at tea - I wish them well, & also desire that prudence may mark their future steps in Life
Sister Mary who has been very kindly with us for about two weeks past, went home to be with them & Sister Eliza came up in the*



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eveng to stay all night

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 5, Wednesday: French and Austrian forces numbering a total of 400,000 people began a major conflict at Wagram northwest of Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5th of 7th Mo // The day has passed, tho' much occupied at Trade not without religious thoughtfulness, indeed I think I feel an increasing concern to be more & more religious to live more & more in the life & spirit of it tho' I wish not to speak it boastingly but rather in all humility for I have nothing in any sense to boast of.
Sister R, & Aunt H Mitchell called up to see my H in the Afternoon*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 6, Thursday: In retaliation for Emperor Napoléon's excommunication of June 11th, French troops arrested Pope Pius VII and conveyed him to Grenoble.

After two days of fighting at Wagram, the cost of the battle had been 70,000 casualties or approximately a quarter of each of the opposing armies. When the Austrians retreated the French were too exhausted to pursue.

On this day or the following one, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Lisbon

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 7th Mo // A Silent meeting, & to me the most drowsy one I have had in a long time, but the forepart of it was a pretty good time - In the Afternoon my Dear H went out to see our friends D Buffum & family & I went & took tea with them -David & his daughter Wait seem much unwell & it is a doubt in my mind whether either of them sojourn with us long -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 7, Friday: British forces occupied Samaná and blockaded the port of Santo Domingo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7 of 7 Mo // My mind is this morning much tender'd, it is which I love to feel & I hope to cherish more & more within my breast
I think this evening that I may say it has been a favord day. Our Cousin Elinor Lawton has this day come to live with us to assist my H & get what education we may be capable of giving her*



RHODE ISLAND

ROGUE ISLAND

-We have since we have had an offspring committed to our charge been helped out by our kind Sisters one or the other of which have been with us steadily

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 7 Mo 1809// Nothing material to insert except that my friend P Dunham has been over & that we had a sweet time together in conversation in the shop. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 7 Mo // Our meeting this forenoon was Silent Uncle Wm Mitchell was there & Anne Merret his companion is expected this Afternoon being this forenoon at [Portsmouth](#). - Anne Merrett [sic] according to expectations was at meeting in the Afternoon but sat in silence & if I was able to feel aright had a sorely exercising time & if I am not mistaken is not clear of [Newport](#) & probable to me her Service will lay among Members -After tea wrote to B Purinton which took me till past 9 O'clock to which my H made an addition

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 10, Monday: French troops caught up to the retreating Austrians at Znaim (Znojmo). As the battle was joined, the Austrians asked for an armistice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 10 of 7th Mo // I understood early this morning by Uncle Wm & aunt Hannah Mitchell that Anne Merrett had a prospect of appointing a meeting for Members today - which after breakfast was concluded upon, & accordingly I gave information generally in the North part of the town
In understood also that last evening they were at father R's & that Anne appeared sweetly in supplication - I wish My H & I could have been there, but as we did not know of it & she could not have gone if she had. I hope we shall be contented, perhaps it will be made up to us in some other way -
At 4 O'clock this Afternoon the meeting met according to appointment. Anne Soon stood up & addressed several states in a very pertinent manner, & considering our state it was a pretty,*



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indeed very good meeting, the middle aged parents & youth were particularly encouraged to come forward with firmness in the cause of truth & lift up the Ancient standard to those around us that our light may shine as in the early days of our Society. She feelingly [?] put a precious seed among our youth & indeed among each class among us who were laboring to be faithful in their day

In the eveng Anne, with Uncle Wm & Aunt H Mirchell, father & Mother R & Elizabeth Hosier came up to make my dear H a little visit as she could not be at meeting this Afternoon. She addressed us both in a very sweet manner & told us that if we were faithful there were more blessings in store for us than we might be aware of –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11th of 7th Mo // Uncle Wm & Aunt H Mitchell & Anne Merrett left town this morning, the[y] went from Aunt A Carpenters, it was a solemn parting. I was not present at the setting but shook hands with them at the door, & afterwards understood by dear Sister Ruth that it was an affecting opportunity - Anne addressed them very feelingly severally [seperately]- And now on a recollection of her visit to us last evening, I am willing to mention that tho' my dear H was deprived of the meeting yesterday & the several settings of the Yearly Meeting, yet, the deficiency was made up in Anne's sweet address to her, encoraging us both to faithfulness, believing that we had in good measure put our hands to the work & that by faithful obedience we should be enabled to go hand in hand up to the house of our God. She said on setting down with us the language of her mind seemd to be "Here have I planted & here will I water"

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 12, Wednesday: Mistress Mary Bailey Litchfield of Scituate, wife of the Reverend [Paul Litchfield](#) of Carlisle, died at the age of 59, after she and her husband had produced 6 children. The widower would remarry with Mrs. Sarah Capen of Braintree, a widow, on October 12, 1811.

An armistice was signed between France and Austria at Znaim (Znojmo).

The 1st of 7 installments of the initial biography of Franz Joseph Haydn, by Georg August Griesinger, appeared in the *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 7 Mo // Being very rainy this forenoon I suppose Our friend Anne Merrett & Co are at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting today as



RHODE ISLAND

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*they expected to lodge at Ruth Shermans last night --
On my own part I have but little to say as to religious life -
being very rainy I dined at my fathers & left my dear H to make
shift without me from Morning till sunset & then found she had
done very well, & our little son very well Sister E came up in
the evening to stay all night with us —*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 13, Thursday: British forces had held Gorée (Dakar) since 1800. At this point they occupied the French colony of Senegal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 7th Mo // At meeting all was silent - I thought
on first taking my seat, it would be a pretty good time to me &
was so for a while, but at last the mind got on the float & then
drowsiness took hold of me, but did not give way to nodding, nor
was I so heavy as I have been, it is seldom that I am tried with
drowsiness —*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 14, Friday: Russian forces accepted the surrender of the Austrian garrison of Kraków after the Poles had reduced its defenses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 14th of 7 Mo // Nothing material has occur'd to insert
-The mind not in a very livly state as to religious feelings,
but not so dead as at sometimes*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 15th of 7th Mo 1809// The forenoon was much occupied in
building an enormous great Castle in the Air, which before
Dinner I had the disappointment to see tumble down far more
rapidly than than it was built, for but one single thought struck
it at the foundation & it fell instantly
B Freeborn & O Williams were at the Shop this afternoon & much
conversation on Society concerns passed between us.-
This Afternoon left my dear H & little C, & walked to [Portsmouth](#)
I left the Court house at 11 minutes past 6 OClck & at five
minutes past 7 OClck I was at Z Chases which is walking a little*



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*more than 3 miles an hour. I lodged at Cousin Z Chases, in the mornng went up to Johns & from thence to P Lawtons & from thence to H Almy, & from thence to the meeting house, from thence to H Almy again, & dined & took tea & from thence in a Chaise with Sister R & E Rodman to Saml Thurstons & from thence Walked home At Meeting I had a good time for which I trust I was measurably thankful. The meeting was silent At H Almys I met with my dear friend Susanna Barker who I have not seen in nearly a year. The last time I spoke with her was I think at the close of our Quarterly meeting in the 7th M last at Portsmouth she has ever since been confind with a Dropsical complaint - I love her much, we have had many precious times together & one of them was this day I do not when I have been to an house where there seemd to be such an precious current of sweetness running thro' every individual as at Holders all was was love & harmony. Sister Ruth & Eliza Rodman was there also I was glad for them, they are precious plants -
I found my dear H pretty well when I returnd in the evening but our little Caleb was not quite as well as common*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 17, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Libson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 7 Mo // Altogether poor, as to the spirits of religion Sister Mary spent the Afternoon with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 18, Tuesday-25(?): [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse traveled through Portugal and Spain to Seville. On the way they visited Albuera.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 7 Mo // Again poor & weak - in the eveng called at brother Davids to see his children with the hooping cough - We are in great fear that our little Caleb is coming down with the same complaint -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 19, Wednesday: The *Wiener Zeitung* announced the rescinding of all Austrian censorship regulations by the French. New productions in Vienna would include Don Carlos, Schiller's Wilhelm Tell, and Goethe's Egmont.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 7 M 1809// Since dinner I think I feel a little



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something of the precious Seed moving in my mind for which I desire to be thankful

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 7 Mo // Silent meeting but not the worst of times, nor the best, for I was once tried with drowsines - In the last (preparative) it was mentioned that the time for which Our Overseers were appointed had elapsed & a committee were appointed to nominate sutable frds for that purpose. My H was at meeting which is the first meeting of buisness she has been at since the 3rd M last - Sister Ruth kindly staid to take care of the child in her absence

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 7 Mo // Molly Rogers & Sister Eliza spent the day with us.
I wish I could say that a good comfortable current of divine life Attends my mind thro' the whole of the day - But I think I have not been as barran as common especially this evening*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 7 Mo // When I went home to dinner I found my dear little son very quiet & sweet - My mind was a little humbled at the consideration that I was married & had Issue, a circumstance that I had so much dreaded as incident to the married state, but I can bear my testimony that I have all along since I was married thought within myself, who would live in a state of celebacy that knew the sweets of a married life? Still the prospect of Issue was dreaded as an expence & burden that I could not bear at least with fortitude - but now having come to the touch, I find I can get along for aught I see at present as well as before, & that so far from the childs being troublesome it is an amusement & affords a Secret something to the mind that I am incapapble of describing -In short it is an addition that I am sure no one in the married state can be compleatly happy without - Yet I know the most difficult or critical time has not come yet. I have much more to see & feel both inwardly & outwardly.



ROGUE ISLAND

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The dear little fellow may be sick & cost me many sleepless nights, my buisness may fail, & many things happen to break my happiness, but Oh that I may be thankful for the present favor, & all that I have received & may receive. It is God that giveth & it is he that can take away, & may I be enabled to give Glory to his NAME.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 7 Mo 1809// This Morning rose early & with brother D Rodman took a pleasant walk across the Beach & went into the Water, to a mind capable & at liberty to reflect, such a walk will afford heart felt instruction & I trust we were enable to experience our measure of the pleasure I rememberd many past walks over the same ground with different of my young associates, much pleasant converse we have had & our minds measurably expanded upon things of the best & first importance Staid at home this forenoon from meeting partly that my H should go, & partly on account of the affect of what I drank out of the Ocean – In the Afternoon we had a Silent Meeting but in the forenoon I understand D B was favord'd in a short communication – went out to Saml Thurstons took tea & set part of the eveng. on my return home called at D Williams.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 7 Mo // But little brought to pass in any respect & the Mind in a dull frame as to religious sensibility. A Robinson spent sometime in the shop perusing old Records, a considerable conversation passed between us which I thought tended on my part to raise the spring of life a little

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



July 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 7 Mo // Most of the time as yet today I have been as one dead as to religious life, yet there has been intervals in which I have felt a little light as it were dart upon me, when I set down to breakfast & dinner at our little pause I was lifeless tho' I made an effort to center to the place of life & thankfulness. Oh that I could be more & more alive to best things



RHODE ISLAND

ROGUE ISLAND

- I think my feelings have been a little more alive this
Afternoon -Avis Knowles Set the afternoon with my H & neighbor
Vinson the eveng with us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 26, Wednesday: The publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Three Trio Sonatas for piano four-hands C.230-232 and Notturmo for piano and violin C.233 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 7 Mo // Nothing of interest to insert

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27 of 7 Mo // Our first meeting was I believe a dull
time. As to my own particular it was peculiarly so. And as Ruth
Davis said (who preached a little to us,) "The fountain seem'd
to be shut up or sealed" In the lat. for discipline we had hard
labor but not so bad as at sometimes. Charity Hull was received
into membership & several other matters of importance acted upon
- Isaac Almy & his daughter Caty dined with us & the little boy
did pretty well for the first time his mother ever left him so
long - Rec'd a letter from B Purinton who is at [Providence](#) with
E Griffin & H Field*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 28, Friday: French forces attacked the British and Spanish at Talavera southwest of Madrid. After a furious seesaw battle the French would retreat toward the capital. Because of this victory, the British commander, Arthur Wellesley, would be ennobled as [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington of Talavera and of Wellington](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 28th of 7th Mo 1809// The mind most of the day in
somewhat of an unfeeling state, tho' I tried to feel after the
best things -In the eveng from our window we had an opportunity
to hear some very harmonious Singers perform several pieces of
what is called sacred Music If I was ever attracted by musick
it was then, but I do not consider that my organic System is so
constructed as to be as much pleased with its sound as many
others - while setting attentive to the sounds of their voices
I endeavor'd to turn my mind a little to examine what kind of
sensations it was that it excited & came to the conclusion that*



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it was the passionate part that was affected, & tho' it occasioned Solemn & tender sensations, I could not find that I was affected with that devotion that I have felt many times when no human voice was heard, & silence was felt thro' out the whole man - hence I conclude that if singing in that way is worship - there is a worship that far exceeds it

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July 29, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Cadiz.

American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this day our new President, [James Madison](#), himself the proud owner of other human beings, pardoned the skippers of 15 vessels arriving at New Orleans from Cuba with 666 white persons and 683 negroes (in fact, as we can see by inspecting PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 179, this President would remit each and every such penalty incurred, during his entire term in the office, under the Act of 1807). He must have been a truly compassionate man, for he never met a slaver he couldn't sympathize with.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

It appears that our President, although he could sympathize with the sinner, could not sympathize with the sin, for during this year he would appear before the federal Congress to challenge the Representatives and Senators thusly: “[I]t appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil.”¹⁰⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 7 Mo // The Gun has announced the Setting Sun. Another day has gone, gone no more to be recall'd, & all who draw the breath of life are now a day nearer the silent grave - Awful consideration indeed, may I proffit by it, may I take warning from what I now feel.

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July 30, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) witnessed a bullfight at Puerta Santa Maria (the bull lost).

The Royal Navy began landing 39,000 men on Walcheren Island at the mouth of the Scheldt River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 7th Mo // Our meetings were silent & to me very poor times & I believe that I was not the only one who was sent away nearly empty. tho' perhaps it was not altogether the worst of times - I spent the day chiefly at home except a few calls Vizt a little while at R Taylors between meetings - In the eveng

104. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11th Congress, 3d session, VII. page 435.



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a few minutes at my fathers - O W's & D R's -

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 July 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 7 Mo // Cousin Anne Greene spent the latter part of the Afternoon & took tea with us, after having spent the rest of the day in visiting the Aged & confined - Sister Eliza set the eveng

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 August 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 8th Mo // Aunt M Stanton & Niobe arrived last night but did not come up till this morning -- Friends have come from [Greenwich](#) & Narragansett to attend the Quarterly Meeting - My H spent the day at her fathers - As to the state of my mind I know not what to say, it is not altogether in an unfeeling state yet there is but little gained. I feel desirous at this moment that I may deepen more & more in the best things - Sister R went home with us & set the evening

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 August 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 8th Mo 1809// A Day of some feeling & depression, but I hope the depression may work for my good

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 August 3, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed on the frigate *Hyperion* bound for Gibraltar.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal describing the role of visiting Friends and their missions of visiting families, as well as of speaking out in Meetings, particularly Quarterly Meetings:

5th day 3 of 8th Mo// This mornng took chaise & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Quarterly meeting. Sister Eliza went with me, my H being unwilling to leave the little boy - we arrived at R Shermans alittle [sic] after 9 OClock where I left E & went to the Meeting house to meet with the representatives, we got thro' with our buisness in Season to go back & bring E to meeting. In the first meeting James Green opened the service in which he pointed out the true way to happines which he said was in a "clean concience, a life of religion & thousands & tens of



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thousands of this world would not purchase it" then after a long time of waiting, Our friend Easter Griffin rose up with the text "Awake thou that sleepest that Christ may give the light" & soon set down appearing to have but little to say - John Casey then rose up & bore testimony to the universality of divine light & its all sufficiency thro' life, he said that he felt it in his early life but then did not distinctly see what it was but since having been brought more into the knowledge of it, he could bear testimony now in his Old age when his cheeks were furrow'd with Age & his head coverd with grey hairs, that it is all that is worth living for, he Sweetly encoraged all to walk & believe in it & very touchingly addressed the younger part of society - he had not taken his seat but a few minutes be fore Easter again rose, took up his subject & greatly enlarged to the comfort & consolation of many present, that light had again broke thro' the thick cloud of darkness that has for a long time coverd our land. I know that we are apt to think the last best, but I really think I have not heard preaching that appeard to reach the audience like hers in a very long time, such life & power attended it as was cause of admiration in my mind. Soon after she took her seat - Hannah Field kneeld in supplication, Beseeking the Almighty to "gather the people call a solemn assembly assemble the Elders & blow the trumpet in Zion that truth might arrise in its ancient splendor &c - In the meeting for buisness before we began to act James Dinson Ladd introduced himself as one traveling for his health, belonging to Wain Oak Monthly & particular Meeting in Virginia, he appeard to be a solid friend & was permitted to set tho' he had no certificate - Soon after the Queries were read & the Answers approved - Our friend David Buffum in a very weighty manner proposed the appointment of a Solid committee to visit the Moy [Monthly] Meetings & labor for the promotion & preservation of Love & Unity, it consisted of the following names John Casey, D Buffum, Sylvester Wickes, [Moses Brown](#), Thos Howland Jona[thon] Dennis & O Williams - it was also united with by the women & one appointed by them to unite with the men - but little further buisness was transacted the most important was that of reading the certificates of our friend E Griffin & H Field, & Gideon Seman who accompanied them - After Meeting Sister E & I went to H Almy's & dined, where I left her to go to [Tiverton](#) to be at meeting with Our abovementioned [sic] friends E G & H F tomorrow -I rode home with Lloyd Green & took James Green up who rode a little ways with us -

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August 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 8 Mo// Our friends Easter Griffin & Hannah Field were at [Tiverton](#) meeting today -



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 August 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 8 M // Our friends E G & H F have this morning commenced visiting families in this Town & will probably go thro the preparative meeting - Recd a letter directed to me for H Field from B Purinton - In the eveng went to T Robinsons to see them. Sister E was also there

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 August 6, Sunday: Alfred, Lord Tennyson was born, already bald but not yet a Lord (nor, it would seem, yet recognized as the poet laureate of England).

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Gibraltar.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 8 Mo// In the forenoon Our friend E G & H F had considerable public labor, tho' as they expressed it - it was a low time - In the Afternoon they were entirely Silent except Easter appeared in supplication at the close of the meeting, previous to which H Dennis had a short testimony "Seek first the kingdom of hevin &c" D Buffum then was concern'd to repeat the cry of the woman from the Walls of Samaria to the king in time of famine, & the kings reply, which was "If the Lord do not help thee whence shall I help thee? out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press - & applied it to the present famished state of things, & that it is as impossible for the instruments to help the people as it was for the King formerly with out the Lord helpeth-
Betsy Parish took tea with us & Sister E set the eveng*

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 August 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 8 Mo// This mornng put a letter in the office which I have written from day to day since the first of this M to Micajah Collins giving him some acct of our Q Meeting & the progress of our friends E G & H F - I set the eveng at J Earls in company with James Denson Ladd from Virginia

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August 8, Tuesday: French forces defeated the Spanish at Puente del Arzobispo, southwest of Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 8 Mo// Tho' a friend has been in the Shop this afternoon with whom I have conversed sociably, yet I feel depression hanging about me, may way seems hedged about, I feel no great encouragement as to an outward Subsistence, tho' I have been married a Year lacking about three days, & have made out to live comfortably & pay my rents & am not more behind hand than I am able to pay, except one debt recently contracted & I have the property on hand which occasioned it - yet I do not gain ground & am pretty much where I was last year, I desire to be thankful for even that, & it is no small matter to be thankful for, but it would seem a little more like security to be in a way of laying up a little so as by & bye to be able to procure a small dwelling place for myself & dear Wife to live in, but Oh that for every favor, however small, may I have a thankful heart to him who maketh Rich & maketh poor at his pleasure & may my confidence continue & increase for his mercy & tender regard is over all his works - I dont know but for the last six months I may have experienced something of a growth in Wisdom, but there is much Yet to be done, many deaths to die, before the will can be brought into a right subjection. Oh that the work may not stop but progress untill it is fully accomplished

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August 9, Wednesday: British troops captured Flushing but did not advance on Antwerp.

Ludwig van Beethoven was nominated as a member of the Gesellschaft der Schönen Künste und Wissenschaften in Amsterdam.

With the British disavowal of the Erskine-Smith agreement becoming known, US President Madison ordered a resumption of the embargo against Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 9th of 8 Mo// Called at O Williams this morning to see our friends E Griffin & H Field who lodged there last night & proceed from there this morning in their daily labor, tho' the time was short that I spent with them being nearly ready to go out, as I with D Buffum went in yet it was very sweet, occasioning something to arise in the mind that I allways love to feel -
Our abovementioned friends, accompanied by Gideon Seman & Abigail Robinson made us a visit this Afternoon. H Field began first, by observing that it was very comfortable to see a young pair coming up together speaking the same language & striving to be helpful one to another & in society & spoke very encoring [encouragingly] that we might hold on our way. E Griffin spoke next to the same effect - then A Robinsons had considerable to*



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say desiring that we might be helpful in raising the standard of truth from its low condition among us & Said considerable about the Will of the creature which I thought she ment for me. E Griffin & H Field both subjoined considerable & it was a favord time, particularly to my dear H They seem like very devoted women & I hope they will do much good among us. -

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August 10, Thursday: Ecuador gained its independence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 8 M 1809// [written very dark] This day of the week one Year ago was a day by me to be remembered. I was married to my dear H Rodman While at meeting I reflected on what passed twelve months ago, but could not realise it as at some other seasons - so it is Times & Seasons are not at our command - Our friends Easter Griffin & H field with their companion Gideon Seaman were with us A Robinson opened the service in a few words which is the first time in a long time that she has opened her mouth in a public meeting in [Newport](#). H Field then had a long & living testimony to bear among us wherein she couched much excellent doctrine & intructive counsil to many State, particularly the Youth - Then Easter appeared in supplication in a most Powerful Manner on behalf of all classes & ranks, particularly the Aged, Youth, those that are at ease in Zion the Ministers, the Elders, & burden bearers of society, a sweet solemnity coverd many minds & I have no doubt but the living Power of truth was over the Assembly many being melted into tears - A young man by the name of [here there is a blank] Parker was at meeting from Boston, he was very attentive to the friends when there & invited them to his fathers house & seem'd very desirous of being acquainted with friends principals & asked many questions relative to them, & now being at [Tiverton](#) & hearing of their being here came on purpose to see them - he is a Collegian & designed for a Minister in the Church of England, but may bring up among friends if he is faithful to the light afforded - In the eveng Sister Eliza & I went to T Robinsons to see them but they had not returnd from their service on our return home we met them in the street, however our visit was not for nought, we saw our dear Sister S Barker who from severe indisposition has been unable to get to town in more than twelve Months, whose comapny was very grateful. -

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August 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 8 Mo// Our friends abovementioned are in their



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service at Middletown & have visited 11 families there today. Richard Mitchell & A R accompanied them - As to my state of mind it is rather dull as respects religious life. I have endeavored to turn inward but Oh the hardness that seems to pervaid me. Oh Lord help me to be up & doing in evebry sense of the Word - My dear H to whom I have been married one Year this day of the Mo, is very well, also our little son who is 11 weeks & 2 days old

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August 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 8th M 1809// Our friend E Griffin & H Field compleats their family visits in this Preparative meeting today except about three who they will see tomorrow. this afternoon at 5 OClock they appointed a meeting for the black people which was an eminently favord Season.- A Robinson began the service with a few savory expressions - then H Field & E Griffin had an abundance to communicate all attended with (I believe) divine Life & Power, indeed my feelings have not been more quickened with the arrisings of life in sometime in a meeting - even to rejoicing that I was thus visited & that the poor blacks was favord not only with the crumbs but even a feast of dainties

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August 13, Sunday: Future Governor Hamilton Fish was born in New-York to naval officer Nicholas Fish and his wife Elizabeth Stuyvesant Fish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 8th Mo// At our forenoon meeting A Robinson appeard in a long & solemn supplication. Then H Field in a long & lively testimony - In the Afternoon Our dear friend & Sister S Barker appeard in a short but very lively & pertinent testimony - Then E Griffin very long & lively, then A Sherman in a few words, then H Dennis in a few more, then H Field closed in Solemn Supplication - We have had this day a watering season which I hope will not be soon forgotten & that the company & services of these friends may be the means of raising us from the low condition in which we have for so long time been wading thro' & that they may prepare the way for a restoration of love & unity & a deeper concern for the promotions of the cause of truth in the minds of many -- After tea & my H had put the little boy to bed, we went over to T Robinsons to see them as they expect to go out of town tomorrow morning - they seemd glad to see us & took a very affectionate leave especially of my dear H - in the course of the eveng we fell into Silence & they with S Barker had much to communicate to the family & those that were in the room not of it, this with the others was a season of refreshemnt,



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& may it not soon go off like the early dew is the desire of my mind When we got home which was but little before 10 O'clock we found our dear little son had slept the whole time, which was an encouragement to leave him again on such an occasion -

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 August 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 14th of 8th Mo// Our friends E Griffin & H Field appointed a meeting at Jamestown this forenoon & have just gone down to go over the ferry accompanied with divers friends from this Town - I understand by those that have returned this afternoon, that they got along pretty well - tho' the first part of the meeting was a laboring time - Called in the evening at J Earls where was James D Ladd - I can say that this Afternoon & evening has been a season wherein the divine life has been experienced to arise in my heart, somewhat to my rejoicing -

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 August 15, Tuesday: A Mass in G by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 8 Mo// Again this morning the mind seems dipt into that precious life which preserves & carries thro' & over all difficulties, & tho' depression attends me, yet, when the life is felt to arise & tender the heart I esteem it a favor & is a cause of a little rejoicing, for I have often thought that none that ever yet put their hands to the work of religion was so tried, or had a similar path to tread, seldom when I am in the company of the best friends, or hear the best preaching, can I feel that precious tenderness that some appears to feel & I have no doubt does feel, but all is hardness in my own particular, tho' at the very same time a sense is given that such seasons are favored ones, & that others are immediately profited by them, while I can feel but little of their tenderness - but tho' I am thus situated for the present, yet thro' mercy, like the bread cast upon the waters it generally after a season returns, for when I am alone & the mind turned inward a remembrance of what is past arises & a tenderness begotten that is sweet, but this is not my case wholly, or without any exceptions, there are seasons at times when present enjoyment is felt, tho' these are not frequent - Whether it is to draw my attention and dependance from instruments & to place my whole expectation on him who is the Author of life & strength or whether it is from my unfaithfulness & short comings that occasions my being thus tried I am unable to say exactly -



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*Brother David & Ruth with John & his wife tooke Tea & set the evening with us - I think I like Sister Rebecca very well & I must confess that I did feel a nearness begotten in my heart towards her that was somewhat unexpected, on setting down & entering into familiar conversation with her I found she assimilated with us in a manner that was satisfactory, & considering this to be the first opportunity of any consequence, she is already pretty well upon my books.
Rec'd a letter from Micajah Collins*

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 August 16, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed on the Townshend Packet bound for Malta (John Galt was also on board this vessel).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 8 Mo// The mind seems a little dipt into Seriousness - The Gun has just announced the Setting Sun, which reminds me that the Year is declining, the days are Shortening, the Autumnal season rolls on & that Winter fast approaches - Well may I be in readiness to meet its pinching cold & driving Storms as to the outward - & Oh that when the Winter of Age (if I should live to see it) shall await me, may I be favor'd with that which will norish the inner Man, tho' the outward may not be in a capacity to enjoy "The singing Men & singing Women" Oh that I may now while my bones are moistened with Marrow so lay up a treasure that when the time of Separation approaches I may be in readiness to meet the Summons

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 August 18, Friday: Susan Grant was the third and final British woman to be [executed](#) for coining¹⁰⁵ during the 19th Century.

OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1809

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
22/02	Mary Barrington		Newgate	Personate
20/03	Mary Bateman "The Yorkshire Witch"	41	York Castle	Murder

105. Coining was the practice of clipping off the edges of gold and silver coins and melting down the clippings either to form ingots or to forge other coins. This was considered as high treason, the penalty for which had previously been, for men, drawing and quartering, and for women, up to June 5, 1798, burning at the stake.



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Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia decreed that higher ranks of state service be attainable only by university study or examination.

The French government of Spain dissolved all religious orders.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 8th Mo// The mind again this Afternoon in a feeling State for which I desire to be thankful - Recd a letter from L Clarke giving a circumstantial account of the progress of our friends E Griffin & H Field in Narragansett & that the probability is that they have an appointed meeting this day at New London --

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August 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 8th M 1809// The day has passed without much religious improvement, yet I think I have not been altogether as destitute of life & feeling as at sometimes. It is a favor unspeakable to be able to have recourse to the fountain & tree of life. & I believe when I am thus favored I am almost allways in good measure thankful but this I am clear in that when the mind is in an barren unfruitful State I am not sufficiently careful to dig that the fountain may be unsealed & the living waters permitted to arise in my heart, & tho' times & Seasons are not at our command & we cannot feel good when we have a mind too, yet I believe by turning the mind inward as much as in us lies at all times, we may be enabled to have much more frequent recourses to Life than we can by setting down at ease waiting as it were for the Kingdom of heaven to come with Power upon us. Oh that I may be increasingly attentive to the Word of Wisdom that speaks in every heart that I may know an increase of strength & Wisdom in my inner man - In the eveng My H & I made a little Visit at my fathers

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August 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 8 Mo// Our friends that went with our friends E Griffin & H Field return'd before meeting this morning & brought accts that they had been much favored among the people in Narragansett, Mystick & New London - At meeting this forenoon D Buffum was favor'd in a short testimony. "Seek peace & persue it" was his opening - In the Afternoon Silent - After meeting I went to S Thurstons & took tea J Dennis & wife was there, we had a pleasant time. Saml related several interesting anecdotes of his journey with those friends - Aunt P & M Gould took tea



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with my H & Mother & Aunt P Stanton set the eveng with us -

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August 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 8 Mo// My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers. In the eveng I set a little while with Neighbor Towle - Recd a message from an absent friend perporting that she had dreamed I had told her that spot were growing over my Eyes & that she advised me to apply to a remedy - Whether this related to my inward or outward sight I know not, but if the case is really so in either sense, the remedy must be speedy & powerful. but I have not much faith in Dreams, tho' I think it probable my inward Sight is not very clear -

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August 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22nd of 8th M 1809// Sister Ruth & Eliza set the evening with us. I have had much serious reflection & been brought to a Sense of my shortcomings & consequent unworthiness. Oh that I may be more careful to dwell near the life, for without it what am I -Poor barran, naked lane & blind indeed - Sent a letter to L Clarke

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August 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 8 Mo// Put a letter this morning in the Office for David Smith of Bolton - My H & little son spent the day with J Dennis & wife in the Afternoon I walked down & took tea with them & before night Rode home in J's Chaise & carried it back as far as D Buffums & went in, J being there & spent most of the eveng with them in agreeable conversation, then walked home & found Mary Collins with my H - in walking home with her my mind was opened to communicate such advice as I thought propper, & as had impressed my mind for some time

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August 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 24th of 8 Mo// This I believe is the first time I ever omitted a meeting on acct of buisness - I wanted to attend a Vendue of C Townsend where was to be sold several articles that I wanted I was in hopes of getting cheep - but so it is, disappointments do await us. G Foxes Journal & New England Judged, books that I much wanted was bid off by one that was not a member, for more than I was able to give for them - I really hope & think it quite probable the attentive perusal of them may convince the individual of Our Principals; & in that case they will do more good probably than if I had them - I however purchased one article of household furnature pretty resonable wich we needed - But on looking over the subject of leaving meeting I do not feel well about it, I believe it would have been better for me to have gone & left the event, for those books were the object of my staying - It was also preparative Meeting & I had sometime before felt my mind engaged to attend to some buisness that came before it, but that was done without me nor did I suppose my self necessary to it - And A Robinson preached & I was also deprived of hearing that - My H & son spent the day at her fathers in the eveng brother D called to see us -

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August 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25th of 8th Mo// I have nothing to boast of, my weakness is great indeed - I have been thinking this forenoon what a poor frail thing I am - alltogether dependant on the Lords mercy for every thing Spiritual & temporal, it is by him that I stand & possess the little grain of life & grace that I have. Oh the temptations that beset poor man in his passage thro' time, I fully believe there is no state nor condition in life that is exempt from them untill we arrive to the Statu[r]e & fullness of Christs & I dont know that even then we shall be free, for we read that he was tempted & that severly, & even in his last moments in the flesh was deepy tried praying the father that if it was his will the cup of suffering might pass from him - yet I believe there is a state attainable wherein we may be safe, tho' tempted, for we find Christ never fell - Roving thoughts & unprofitable inclinations is what I am tried with so that it is hard to have the mind settled & center'd where it ought to be. Oh father help me -- This Afternoon an officer of the Frigate Constitution came into the Shop & wanted me to repair his Hanger {for his scabbard?}. I referred him to other workmen, but he seem'd anxious for me to undertake -I was then obliged to declare to him the reason why I declined - "that my religious principals forbid War & consequently I felt scrupulous of repairing Wepons that were in use in it." it seem'd to be quite a new Idea to him, we had a little further conversation & he went away saying, it was right for every man to act up to what he professes, a young man that was with him also said the same.



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August 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26th of 8 Mo// Nothing particular as I recollect to insert - The day has passed in the usual way - the mind not much animated

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August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 8 Mo// Early this morning I felt the arisings of divine life which was very sweet - Before meeting I called to see Aunt Patty Gould & Peter Taylor who is very low D Buffum & R Mitchell was also there D while every [one was] setting in silence around his bed spoke a few words signifying that he had been comforted in setting with him, & had to believe that he could at seasons adopt the language of one formerly when he said on this wise "Tho' I pass thro' the valley of the Shadow of death, thou wilt be with me thy rod & thy staff they comfort me" While setting with them my mind was coverd with a sweet solemnity & I had to reflect how unfit I was to come to such a trial as was then before me - At meeting I had a good time such an one as I have not experienced in sometime - between meetings I calld at J Rodmans & set a little while with Rebecca whose company was pleasant believing that she is a serious minded young woman & can in measure understand the "Hebrew tongue" At meeting silence again prevailed but to me & I believe to others a good time - After tea Cousin Eleanor Lawton & I walked into the common burying ground, & to the Alms house where She never was before - Set the eveng at home, My H read Elizabeth Hamilton on female Education

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August 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 8 M 1809// Time passes swiftly away, & we that are now on the Stage of action, shall soon be as if we had never been. The corruptable returnd to its parent Earth & the Spirit gone to meet its reward. my mind is affected with these considerations on recurring to my visit between meetings yesterday to Dear Old P Taylor (which I forgot to mention above) I mentioned to him as I enter'd his room that I had come to set with him till Rowse was redy to come, he said "I am glad of it



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Stephen, I am glad to see my friends, they are very near to me, I feel them so," the tears trickling down his cheeks - & then said "What a poor creature is Man. Yet he is created for a glorious purpose," much other converseation passed between us, or at least a considerable, for his weakness would not admit of much, being only able to speak in a whisper - It is very pleasant to be with those in their last moments who appears to enjoy sweetness, & serenity mind. I hope, yea, I pray, that I may so live as to die in peace for that is the object of living here -- This eveng my H & I came down to see Aunt M Stanton & call to see Aunt A Carpenter who is quite unwell

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August 29, Tuesday: Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in the center of the universe, in a nice house just north of Harvard Yard in Cambridge, Massachusetts as a member of the “harmless, inoffensive, untitled aristocracy” of the “Brahmin Caste of New England,” that is,

merely the richer part of the community, that live in the tallest houses, drives real carriages (not "kerriges") ... and have a provokingly easy way of dressing, walking, talking, and nodding to people.



He was and never would forget that he was descended from the Puritan poet [Anne Bradstreet](#) — who was descended from William the Conqueror (known on the continent as William the Bastard).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 8 M 1809// Was instructed this morning in reading the 39 Chapt Gen, how when he (Joseph) was tempted he nobly withstood & tho' he was imprisoned & suffers for a while yet the



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*Lord wrought for him & for his faithfulness raised him not only to the second in the kings house, but Second in the Kingdom – Thought best to go again to Town meeting, there is no solid satisfaction gotten there, but from my present views it seems best upon occasions to attend –
Father return'd this afternoon from Narragansett Mother & Niobe went Yesterday & he went to accompany them
Set the eveng at home & read the Scripture –*

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August 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 8 Mo// Nothing material to insert. I have been the usual rounds, from the house to the sho' & from the shop to the house back again - & I dont know but like the Door on the hinges

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August 31, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Malta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 8 Mo// I am this morning going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our monthly Meeting. I hope I shall, yea, very much desire that I may keep my place & be favord with the precious life that crowns our Assemblies – At our first meeting John Casey was large living & powerful in testimony I cannot undertake to commit to writing so as to give an Adequate Idea of his communication, but desirous to keep the heads in remembrance, Will just say "He seemd much exercised for the wellfare of the Church & spoke of Lamb the Brides wife, & it was thought made the the most finished alegories that has of late been heard from any friends, he particularly addressed the Youth & those that are coming forward in society to transact the affairs thereof, & said the (that) the rebuilding of Zions Walls greatly depended on the faithfulness of these & encoraged all to dedication" – Then Ann Smith appear'd in a solemn manner I trust to edification of many for my own part I thought the feeling part in me was more reached than at the foregoing – In the last meeting buisness went on with a good degree of order & solemnity except in one instance of a Contentious man who took up his Sons cause & spoke very disorderly, his son was complaind of for not paying a just debt, & his fathers initials are D....C....

Anne Greene expressed a prospect she had of visiting the families of Swansey Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was united with & a cobby of a minute granted – The Quarterly meetings committee produced their cobby from the Quarterly meetings minutes & informed that they were willing to extend labor where it was



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necessary & where they were likly to do good, they met at the close of the meeting & I expect the Overseers gave them information of such cases as was likly to need their assistance – We rode after meeting to Isaac Mitchells & dined then directly home, & tho' some part of the meeting was trying yet to me it was a good one, & I hope will prove a Useful one – John Casey [Moses Brown](#) Sylvester Weeks & Anna Smith were present being part of the Quarterly meetings committee

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September 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 9th M 1809// The Quarterly meetings committee are in town & have been at labor in several difficult cases, & from the prospect of their labors this eveng it appears they will be crown'd with success if the parties will keep on the ground they seem to have taken today, of humility & forgivness – I rejoice at it as my mind has been much affected with the State in which things were with Several individuals in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting [does this have to do with those in business who were tangentially connected with the Slave Trade?] --Dear Philip Dunham is over, his precious Spirit seems deepening in that wisdom is from above & to shed the savor of truth on the minds of those about him - I may acknowledge his company has been very reviving to my poor barran Spirit this day -- Rode this eveng to S Thurstons with Dear J Casey who gave me an acct of the labors of the day, with several anecdotes of his experience in early life, which I hope I may so treasure up in my mind as not soon to forget - My H spent the day at S Thurstons; I dined & took tea at my Fathers

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September 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 9 Mo// I dont know of any thing material to insert except that I have been the usual rounds & several agreeable friends have called at the shop to see me Vizt P Dunham, J Dennis, P Lawton & B Mott – M Williams Junr the Afternoon & part of the eveng & Sister E staid all night -

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September 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 3rd of 9th Mo// This forenoon I was quite unwell & Staid from meeting - In the Afternoon at meeting, which was silent. Took tea at S Thurstons & returned early & set the eveng at home perusing the first book of Our Moy [Monthly] Meetings records of minutes -

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 September 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 4 of 9 Mo// The day has passed I trust, not alltogether void of religious life, but O that I could say I had deepened in Wisdom
Sister Ruth set the evening, & Sister E, brothers D & J gave short calls*

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 September 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 5th of 9th Mo// What shall I say? Surely there is cause of Alarm to be up & doing - Oh the barrenness of my spirit, occasioned by unfaithfulness or a daily watchful care -
My H & myself set the eveng with Brother David & Wife & called to Brother J & his --*

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 September 6, Wednesday: [Amos Freeman](#), [Brister and Fenda Freeman](#)'s son, had married Sally Coffey of Medway during 1807. Sally must have died, as at this point [Amos](#) again married, with Love Oliver.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6 of 9 Mo// It is a sort of a low time with me today, & how ever poor my prospects are both the outward & inward I desire to retain a thankful heart for the [that which] I do receive, being at this time renewedly sensible that I have received beyond what I deserved both of the outward substance & inward or spiritual food -Oh that I could be found worthy of a greater share of the spiritual. I often long to feel my mind cloathed with that spiritual breathing to God which can alone Sustain the mind thro' all the probations & temptations that can beset poor mortals in their Passage to eternity -
Mother & Niobe have been several days at Narragansett & a little after dinner returned - They say & doubtless they have had a pleasant visit, but Dear Mother seem'd much affected at seeing Aunt Molly - my mind was also not a little affected allmost to*



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weeping – Set the eveng at home perusing Old records of minutes

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 September 7, Thursday: Buddha Loetla (Rama II) replaced Buddha Yodfa (Rama I) as King of Krung Thep (Thailand).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 9 Mo// We had five Ministers at meeting Vizt D Buffum, Anne Smith, Hannah Dennis, Mary Morton & Abigail Robinson, but none of them had any testimony to bear among us, or if they had they did not do it. Yet I thought it was a good meeting to more than myself, soon after I took my seat the precious life seemd to cover my mind, & if the mind got to roving it was not seem so hard to get back again - I desire to be thankful for the favor, Oh Lord help, help, for without thee what are we - Cousin L Clarke took tea with us & set part of the evening

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 September 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 8th of 9th Mo// Dear Old James Bringham has been this forenoon to my shop & set a little while & has just gone, he seems to be in a very sweet frame of mind & indeed such a visit I have not had from any body in a long time. I was much affected at being in his company, & a spark of (I trust) divine life was livingly kindled in my mind. - to see an Old man who has wethered out the adverse storms of life & been thro' all preserved in sweet innocency is truly beautiful, he appears now to have nothing to do but patiently wait the final change which will doubtless be very soon - Oh saith my soul may all that is within me that is opposed to the divine will be brought into Subjection -
My mind has reverted frequently this Afternoon to the Visit from Dear Old James - It did seem like the renewal of love & life in my heart - My H & little Son, with Cousin Eleanor spent the day at my fathers.-*

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 September 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 9th Mo// A day of thoughtfulness on various subjects & not a little depression has been my lot -



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This evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) & reached Cousin Chases about 8 O'clock & found them all in bed except Cousin Alice who very kindly prepared me a refreshing repast & furnished me a good bed which was very grateful to my weary limbs - In the morning I took breakfast & went up to Johns & from there to P Lawtons & from there to I Almys & from there to the Meeting house & had a good refreshing meeting as I have not had for sometime tho' all the morning I was (as the saying is), as empty as a beggars Can - Uncle Holden preached to us with a good degree of Power - from meeting I went to Cousin Chases (on my way there I stopped at Garnea Fish to see [Preserved Fish](#) an Old man of 96 Years of age & a former acquaintance & when I was a boy made Shoes for me, he seems in good health but very Childish & deaf tho' he remembers me & asked many questions about his old acquaintances in town - I dined & spent the afternoon very agreeably at cousin Chases, & toward night they sent an horse & boy half way home with me. I reached home about 7 O'clock & found my Dear H & little Son as well as when I left them -

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September 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 9th M 1809// The mind in the usual frame dry & barran, but desires have been experienced to arise that the divine spirit may be more plentifully vouchsafed - Called to see brother J Rodman who is quite unwell with a fever

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September 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12th of 9 Mo// John Rodman is much better today - Again nothing but the old cry, leaness & barranness as to the inward life - Sister E spent the evening with us -

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September 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 9 Mo// The mind has recur'd to several very unpleasant circumstances which has awaited me in my life, or rather our family, which are very exercising, tho' at this time the effects are much worn off - I have remembered many things that has given me pain, yea, pain to the very heart, in times that are past - & in setting down with my dear mother this morning & talking them over a little, the sensations that they occasioned at the seasons of them, have been now again much



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renew'd, which has occasioned not a little depression

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 September 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 9 Mo// Tho' the mind was inclind to roving at meeting, yet I trust it was not the most lifeless season - This afternoon received a precious letter from my dear friend S Barker inclosing one from Micajah to her - which was as a refreshing brook by the way to a Drooping traveller - This eveng met with some account of the Death & dying sayings of Robert Mott of NewYork son of James Mott, which was really edifying to my mind & raised the precious life in my mind. I really wish it was more circulated among our Youth

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 September 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15th of 9th Mo// My mother Aunt Stanton & her daughter Niobe with Aunt P & H Gould set the Afternoon with us - In the eveng I was at Rowse Taylors on buisness & set the remainder at home —

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 September 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 9 M 1809// Nothing material to insert - I am as ever a poor thing, tho' a little of the good thing has been moving at times on my mind -

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 September 17, Sunday: Russia and Sweden agreed to peace and to set their border at the River Torneälvs/Torniojoki.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 9 Mo// Last night I spent in Watching with Peter Taylor, he had a comfortable night considering his situation but is fast drawing down to the grave - I Slept most of the forenoon & did not go to meeting - but went in the Afternoon & had a



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pretty good Silent meeting - Sister Eliza spent the day & eveng with us & took care of the child while my H went to meeting -

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September 18, Monday: The Covent Garden Theater, London reopened after the devastating fire of 1808.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 9 Mo// The day has passed with a considerable degree of feeling on divers subjects - Father & Mother Rodman Set the evening with us --

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September 19, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Malta on board the brig-of-war *Spider* for Greece and Albania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 9 Mo// The mind is this morning brought into feeling & depths are raised in me this Wise. Create in me O Lord a clean Spirit - I must desire that the Old leaven may be purged away & a new & clean spirit to possess the place of one that is very defective. I feel my unworthiness & short comings, & am almost ready to fear that I shall never rise above what I am Was with Peter Taylor all the eveng till 1// 2 past 10 OClock who seem'd in great distress at times, & apparently breathing his last, it was a lesson of deep instruction to me. I had many reflections & feelings that it is impossible for me to describe

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September 21, Thursday: In England, the Perceval ministry began as British Foreign Minister George Canning and Secretary for War Lord Castlereagh engaged in a [duel](#) on Putney Heath. Canning was upset that Castlereagh had taken troops he had intended for Portugal and used them in the Walcheren operation. Canning was struck in the thigh. Public sentiment would turn against both the duelists.

[Sophia Amelia Peabody](#) was born to the dentist [Nathanael Peabody](#) and the Unitarian [Elizabeth Palmer Peabody](#). She would attend the 2d (soon to be Unitarian) Church in Salem, Massachusetts. She would attend a school run by her mother and by her sister Elizabeth Palmer Peabody there and upon graduation, would become a teacher in that school as well.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 9 M 1809// At meeting Our friends D Buffum & Mary Morton were very acceptably engaged in Short testimonies - In the eveng a little while at R Taylors



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 September 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 22 of 9 Mo// This Afternoon attended the funeral of Peter Taylor. he was carried to the Meeting House, the funeral was very large & in my opinion conducted with much more decent solemnity than if the meeting was held at his dwelling – My mind was solemnized & believe the minds of many more that were present was also –

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 September 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 9 Mo// The day passed much as usual – In the eveng we had several of our Sister & a brother call to see us the evening pased very Satisfactorily – to me

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 September 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 9 Mo// At Meeting this Morning M Morton was very very sweetly engaged in testimony to considerable length. I dont know when I have been more quickened from a friend preaching – In the Afternoon we were silent but perhaps not the worst of times to me In the eveng made several short calls among my friends

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 September 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 25 of 9 Mo// This has been a day of no little depression occasioned from my poor prospect as to a living, & what has added to it I have had an old watch to tinker that has tried me much & when I am perplexed with a Watch that I cant make go it allways depressed my Spirits --
Set the evening at home -*

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September 26, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) set foot on Greek soil for the first time when the *Spider* anchored at Patras.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 9 Mo// This mornng I found that Abijah Purinton was in Town & lodged at Father R's last night, after breakfast he called up to see us a little while & informed us that Betsy Purinton, Hannah Collins & James Breed was on there way here on a visit to this Quarterly Meeting - Immediately wrote to L Clarke & inclosed one to them that it might meet them at Narragansett & wrote to Matthew informing him as far as I knew of their progress, & that I had written to them - Abijah went in the Packet to NYork about 9 OClock this Morning - Aunt Stanton & Niobe went about Sunrise

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September 27, Wednesday: The *Spider* was in the Channel between Ithaca and the mainland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 9 Mo// The day has passed wuth the usual rounds Recd this Afternoon a long acceptable letter from my frd D Smith of Bolton -

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September 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 9 Mo// In the first meeting M Morton was very sweetly engaged in testimony - it seemed as if light sprung out of the Darkness that surrounded us - In the last which was our Moy [Monthly] Meetg for discipline the buisness went on with a good degree of love & harmony - Several of our weighty members were absent on the committee from the Quarterly Meeting to visit the Moy [Monthly] Meetings Vizt D B J D O W & S Thurston - Of the Women A Robinson & S Barker were also absent on the same buisness - I Mitchell & Elizabeth Lawton dined with us - & our little boy did very well without his Mother while she was at Meeting In the Afternoon Father R & myself took tea with R Taylor in order [sic] to be with the family & read his fathers Will which we did & I thought there seem'd to be a solemnity among us at the time --

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September 29, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse landed at Prevesa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 29 of 9 Mo// Again the day has passed & what acct have I to give of my faithfulness? Since I have nothing to boast of which indeed to me belongs blushing & confusion of face that my talent is no better improved - My H & little son spent the day at father R's - & Philip Dunham Set the evening with us at our dwelling -

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October 1, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Prevesa for Janina. That evening they arrived in Salakhora.

Adrien Boieldieu was hired by Tsar Alyekandr to write and teach at the Imperial Theater School, St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 10th M 1809// At Meeting this morning Our friend Benjm Mitchell from [Nantucket](#) - on his way to Nine Partners where he is going to settle) was with us & preached a little evincing himself to be a friend of descenment & green in life - In the Afternoon he was with us also but set in Silence, but our friend M Morton was solemnly & livingly engaged in supplication on behalf of all classes present & particularly for the Aged "thise who had lived many days & seen many sorrows". -- Sister E staid with Our little boy while My H went to meeting & set the evening with us -

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October 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 10 Mo// Recd a letter this forenoon from L Clarke informing of the Satisfactory opportunity that our friend B Purinton had in Narragansett & that she was to have a meeting this Afternoon at 2 OClock at Connanicut & would probably be over this evening or tomorrow Morning - Sure enough as I went from O Williams to carry my little boy home (where My H had been to spend the Afternoon) I went directly to the ferry Wharf & found our friends had come as advised by L C letter in the morning. I found Betsy was accompanied with her sister H Collins & James Bread[?] Lewis was also with them - they went directly to father R's, & after I had assisted James in taking care of the horses I went home & waited on my H down [escorted her] & we spent the eveng with them - My mind while setting with them was refreshed & much brought into feeling with them in their undertaking --

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 October 3, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Salakhora and arrived in Arta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 10 Mo// Our friend B Purinton seems to see but little about appointing a meeting with us today & if she sees us at Meeting at all it will not be till 5th day.— She has been at father R's all day - My H went to see them in the forenoon, returned home to dinner & went again in the Afternoon & took tea & went home again before evening - & J Bread with us & set an hour (I believe) to mutual edification, we (J & myself) returned & found several come in to set the evening with them & it passed very agreeably -- J Bread was at my shop to see me twice & in the forenoon I walked about the town with him a little & went into the Common Burying ground -

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 October 4, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Arta and arrived in St. Demetre.

Spencer Perceval replaced William Henry Cavendish, Duke of Portland as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4th of 10th M 1809// Our friend B Purinton & companions, accompanied by Sister Ruth in the Carriage with them, & Sister Eliza & Rebecca in a chaise by themselves & O Williams & wife went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Meeting this morning expecting to return this Afternoon
They returned this evening & I understand B was much favord at Meeting. They dined at R Shermans & took tea at P Lawtons - I set the evening with them at father R's --*

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 October 5, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Janina.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 10th Mo// At meeting our dear friend B Purinton was favord (first) in supplication & then in testimony I hope yea, very much desire, that her labors may prove useful & if not immediatedly felt, that like the bread spoken of by the Wise Man, cast upon the Water to return after many days - They dined at O Williams then made several little calls, & among the rest a few minutes on my dear H which was sweet & precious to us, parting in near love to one another - They went down to father R's where the carriage was waiting for them & at a little past 3 O'clock set off for [Tiverton](#) to an appointed Meeting there tomorrow, accompanied by Sister Ruth & brother John -



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 October 6, Friday: John W. Griffiths, who would develop the “Clipper ship,” was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 10th Mo// I hardly know what to say except that it is hard times with me inwardly & outwardly, it seems as if every thing has worked wrong today, & I believe I should have gotten the Hip this evening if brother D & Sister E had not set most of the eveng with us & helped to dispell the Vapors by very areeable conversation. -

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 August 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 10 Mo// This Afternoon Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle P Lawton & lodged at his house - in the Morning (First Day) he kindly sent his boy & chaise with me to Benj Chases where I set up the Clock that I went to do, & Walked to Benjm Freeborns which was the first time I was ever at the house of that excellent Friend tho' I have long been acquainted with him - from there to meeting where our friend H Almy was engaged to turn the minds of the people from the outward to the inward & I may acknowledge his testimony tended to raise my mind from a dead state which it had been in all the Meeting before - din'd at P Lawtons & on my way home calld at cousin Z Chases then at cousin Alice Goulds & took tea - then at Saml Thurstons & set a little while then home & found my dear H much unwell, & am apprehensive she is threatened with a fever -

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 August 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 10 Mo// My Beloved H seems quite smart this morning, but she continues better this eveng & the little boy also for which I desire to be thankful, for indeed I have been very thoughtful abouth them both - Neighbor Towle & Wife & daughter called to see us this evening -

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 August 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 10th of 10th Mo// The mind is in a depressed state. I feel many important charges upon me & but little capacity to discharge any of them. I have very small talents or if they are as great as common I have but little facility at improving them -As to outward concerns I sometimes think I shall never be able to advance any in them. I'm poor, & expect always to remain so, but if I can be favored to subsist respectably & therewith be CONTENT, I desire to be thankful - for great things in life I do not at present crave & desire that my mind may never be carried away with the love of Wealth.- Sister Ruth who went to [Tiverton](#) with B Purinton & Co returned this Afternoon. She says she has had a pleasant Visit to our friend Susanna Barker -

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October 11, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Janina for Tepelene to visit the Ali Pacha. Byron wrote "Lines Written During a Thunderstorm."

Traveling east along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee on his way from St. Louis to the District of Columbia, Meriwether Lewis committed suicide at Grinder's Stand, an inn south of Nashville.¹⁰⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 10 Mo// The day has passed without any thing remarkable the same rounds as usual & the mind in the same state as usual Oh when shall I feel more of the incomes of love & Life in my heart — Sister Ruth spent the Afternoon & evening with us very agreeably on our parts -

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October 12, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse were at Zitsa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 10 M 1809// Again the Day has passed without any material variations from the usual course of things at Meeting a dull time to me, tho' not as hard as sometimes

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October 13, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Zitsa and arrived at Mossiani.

Pedro Rivero replaced Martin de Garay Perales as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

¹⁰⁶. Later, theories that he had been murdered would arise, but neither William Clark nor Jefferson doubted the original, on-site reports that Lewis had simply shot himself. Few historians give credence to the murder theory.



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6th day 13 of 10 Mo// Again the mind in a poor dull condition with but little to feed upon but the dry husks, & in a low discouraged State of Mind

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October 14, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Mossiani and arrived at Delvinaki.

A treaty of peace was signed at the Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna. Austria gave up Trieste and Illyria to France, Galicia to Saxony and Russia, and Salzburg and the Inn District to Bavaria. Austrian lands in Poland were handed over to the Duchy of Warsaw and Austria was required to pay an indemnity of 85,000,000 francs. Southern Tirol was transferred to the Kingdom of Italy. Austria would join the continental system against Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 10 Mo// This morning recd a letter dated Yesterday from Cousin L Clarke which was edifying as any one I ever received from any person - as soon as I opened it I thought that it contained something for my instruction & I dont know that I ever received a letter that seemd to raise the Seed of life in my mind, or at least so immediately touch something that is feeling, as that did — My H spent the Afternoon at Brother Ds & I took tea with them

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October 15, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Delvinaki and arrived in Libokhovo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 10 Mo// In the forenoon we had a pretty good tho' small meeting Sarah Fish preached & I have no doubt was Authorised [genuinely spiritually based and unprepared] – In the Afternoon We were silent & after meeting went with Saml Thurston to D Buffums took tea & spent the forepart of the evening very agreeably, then returnd & set the rest at home - I have, or hope I have, not been wholly void of life today tho' the Stream has not risen very high

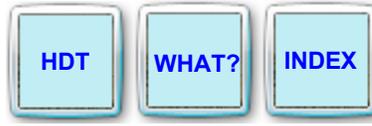
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October 16, Monday: Before the King, Queen, and the entire court, Georg Joseph Vogler gave the inaugural concert on the organ at St. Peter's in München (which he had recently rebuilt).

A decree of King José I of Spain abolished internal customs barriers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 16 of 10 Mo// I have had the company of several of my friends at the Shop with whom I have had good unity & whom I love their company has been strengthening

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 October 17, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Libokhovo and arrived in Cesarades.

[Pierre-Louis-Georges Du Buat](#) died at Vieux-Condé, which was than in Flanders rather than in France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 10 Mo// I have passed another day & of course am one day nearer the Silent Awful grave. How Awful indeed it is to die; my feelings are often arrested with the consideration, & Yesterday an occurence took place that gave scope to reflection -A Man in our neighborhood who had lived a wicked life, who had professed the Universalists Doctrine & practiced drinking to excess had been a long time unwell, but as well as usual, & walked out & while at a Dram Shop (whether he had been drinking I know not) but while there he was taken in pain, carried home at nine OClock in the Morning & before 11 OCLOCK Died - his name is -- Millvill -I know the mercies of God are great & extended to the eleventh hour; but how it is with this poor man I leave— Oh that it may serve as a warning to those of us who are left to sojourn a few more days, that we no longer slight the mercies & long suffering & tender visitations of Him in whose hands we are & from whose Eye we cannot hide -

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 October 18, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Cesarades and arrived in Ereeneed.

French troops attacked a superior Spanish force at Tamames, southwest of Salamanca, and were thrown back with heavy losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 10 Mo// No material occurrrance that I recollect, the day has passed with the usual rounds - recd a letter from my much valued friends M & B Purinton which was very acceptable

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 October 19, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Ereeneed and arrived in Tepeleni.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 19 Of 10 Mo// Our first meeting was silent & to me a pretty good time – The last (preparative) two young men were complained of, one for attending a military training, the other for keeping company with a woman not in Membership & neglecting the attendance of our meetgs Very sorrowful indeed to see so many of our youths depart from society, but perhaps if a thourough search of the Camp was made some of us who make a more strait appearance would be found to weigh lightly in the ballance –

My H left the little boy at her fathers & sister R took care of him while she went to meeting - we dined there & she spent the Afternoon –

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 October 20, Friday: The reception of [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse by the Ali Pacha.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 10th Mo// The day passed as usual – In the eveng I called to see Sister Rebecca who I must confess feels near to my best feelings, & while setting with her the precious life arose very sweetly in my mind, our conversation turning on subjects which I trust were reciprocally interesting

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 October 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 10 Mo// My mind is this morning dipt into feelings that are sweet, & I trust I feel thankful for the favor –Nothing material to insert thro' the day. In the eveng while sister R took care of the little boy, my H & I went to T Robinsons & spent the evening, S Barker being there. Also J Morton & Wife

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 October 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 22 of 10 M 1809// When I went to meeting I found very unexpectedly, that Rowland Green & Doct Otis were there – soon after I took my seat I Said in my heart - the life circulates among us, & so I apprehended it proved, very soon after our frd S Barker appeard in supplication returning hearty thanks to the Lord for his many favors to the workmanship of his hands in continuing the day of visitation, raising one here & another there, who are standard bearers &c Then Rowland in testimony spoke largely to the different states present in a remarkably pertinent & solemn manner, recommending love among bretheren;



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pointed out its beauty & usefulness, exhorted us to Watch & be sober, & not to slight the day of visitation, for in proportion as we reject the light that is manifested within, in the same proportion we loose [lose] our spiritual strength, & the light that is within us becomes darkness

Then M Morton concluded in solemn supplication, which embraced the exercise of the opportunity in a manner as solemn & beautiful as any I ever heard - it was a favor'd meeting indeed, & I believe the hearts of many (or at least) some who have for many Months sat in desolate places were again made to rejoice, & comforted with the hope that the lines in "New England Judged" are not yet applicable, or at least fully so, to us.

*"Thy candle light forevermore extinguished shall be
The voice of bridegroom & the bride be hear no more in thee--"*

In the Afternoon Rowland was again concern'd in testimony very sweetly - he endeavor'd to shew the nature & tendency of the christian Religion & the importance of our embracing it, here & hereafter, & endeavor'd to apprise the Youth of the many subtil Snares which satan lays in the way to obstruct our growth therein - Rowland & his companion were from New Bedford Yesterday on his return from Nantucket where he has been engaged in paying family visits -After meeting I took a walk into the common burying ground & went into the Work & Alms house - then went home & in the eveng finished a letter which I had begun some days before to Micajah Collins. --

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October 23, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Tepeleni and arrived in Locavo.

A young German named Stapps attempted to stab the Emperor Napoléon but was intercepted by the emperor's aide, General Rapp (the man would be offered clemency by Napoléon in return for an apology but would refuse and be executed).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 10 M 1809// This mornng My dear Mother related to me her feelings for sometime perhaps two years past, about society [the Society of Friends] particularly when she has been at meeting, & as she told me was much affected & wept She said that many times & almost allways when she went to meeting, she felt desolation so to prevade her mind, that she has frequently shed tears, & looked about & said to herself - where is the weight, surely we are in a very desolate condition, & what will become of us - when she told me my mind was much affected & desires were raised that I might be one that should put forth a hand to help in raising the Standard among us - She also added that yesterday she had the best meeting she had had in a long time. -

In the eveng met with the Directors of the AFrican Benevolent



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Society at Wm Pattens

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 October 24, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Locavo and arrived in Delvinaki.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds with no particular occurrence either within or without that I recollect, except that as one of a committee from the directors of the African Society I attended to the appointment with the rest & agreed with a Master to open an eveng School.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 25, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Delvinaki and arrived in Zitsa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 10 Mo// Nothing material but the usual rounds thro' the day, from the Shop to the house & the house to the Shop.

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 October 26, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Zitsa and arrived in Janina.

After his defeat of Austria, Emperor Napoléon arrived back in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 10 M 1809// Rhode [sic] with beloved H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, (Mother R took care of the little boy the while) Stopped before meeting at H Almys & took a little sustenance - At meeting M Morton was very sweetly engaged in testimony & in the last buisness went on pretty well - to me it was a precious meeting, especially the last, wherein my mind was brought to feel a sweet income of the precious life & my heart rejoiced in the belief that I was yet permitted to taste the dainties of the Lords table, tho' not to feast very largely -& was incoraged to accept appointments to treat with two young men One for bearing Arms at a Military training the Other for keeping company with a young Woman not in membership with us, which however incapable I am of performing, I thought It was best for me to accept & do what I could - & Also found strength when it was preposed to enter into subscriptions for the poor of Society, to stand up & mention, that since the Matter was preposed I had remember'd, & according to my measure had been dipt into sympathy with friends in early



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times when they suffered much spoiling of goods [goods confiscated] & imprisonment & yet when supscriptions were made they almost allways exceeded what was wanted for the purpose, & had Money left - We took dinner at P Lawtons & then rode home & found our little boy had been very well thro' the day which was also cause for thankfulness

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 October 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27th of 10th Mo 1809// The day has passed as usual as to the outward, & I hope some little strength has been gaind, at least I think I feel a little of the precious life stirring in my mind this evening --

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 10 Mo 1809// I have had various concerns today The first was with S Earl with whom I had to deal plainly for some of her misconduct - The next to treat with Wm Hadwen for appearing at a training the committee were Joseph Sisson David Rodman & myself - We all spoke one language & I believe it was a favor'd season, a season I trust not soon to be forgotten by me & me the younger part of the committee Vizt D & myself were much comforted by the presence of Joseph he being an Aged friend & experienced in such labors - We endeavor'd to impress on his mind the inconsistency of War with the christian profession & the importance of religion, & left him to consider of our communications but were sorry to feel that as yet we have not made much if any immress of convincement on his mind My H spent the Afternoon at brother Johns In the forenoon our old border N Almy became our guest for a week -

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 October 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 10 Mo 1809// At meeting this Mornng we were silent - in the Afternoon we were favord with a sweet testimony from our beloved M Morton - between meetings I went to see S Earl on the subject of yesterday & dealt plainly with her, at first I thought I should do but little good, but before we parted there seem'd to be an opening for a settlment - After meeting in the Afternoon I saw her again & asked her if she was willing to go with me to see R Williams & try for an amicable adjustment she



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*said, yes. accordingly we went & in a very few minutes & in a few words they agreed to leave the things that are past & labor to cultivate a spirit of love towards each other, which I sincerely desire may be the case, & am encouraged to hope it will – I think in this case I have stood my ground uprightly & believe I have done some good, which is indeed cause of humility & thankfulness
Thus ends this day which has been a laborious one –*

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October 30, Monday: Francisco de Saavedra y Sangronis replaced Pedro Rivero as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 10th Mo 1809// I am thankful to be able to say that my mind has been favored with a precious current of life flowing most of the day – it has been an encouraging Day, a day of feelings, the fountain easy of access

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October 31, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) began writing the first canto of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 10 Mo 1809// Again a pretty good day for which I desire to be thankful - Many of our friends have gone to Swanset to attend the Quarterly Meeting nest 5th day, they have a pleasant time as to the Outward & I hope it will prove proffitable as to the inward, while we who stay behind may be permitted to partake with them tho' at a distance

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November 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 11th M 1809// Those of our friends who expect to go to Swansey today have a fine pleasant time, & Our friends J Morton & Wife who saild for New York this Morning have a pretty fair wind, tho' not a great deal of it - Neighbor Saml Vinson & wife took tea with is & spent the eveng.

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 November 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 11th M 1809// Our meeting was small, but according to my feelings He who promised to be with the "two or three", was with us, & his presence was comfortably felt by some present - Those of our friends who have gone to the Quarterly meeting =, desired that while we sat lonely together, they might enjoy the fullness of the spirit - On the eveng of the 21 of last M on going to Thos Robinsons My H in treding on stones in the dark put out a couple of little bones in her foot, & before Meeting Sweet was at the Shop. I told him of it, & we went up & in a few minutes he slipt them in again, with no difficulty & without hurting her much, for which I was thankful - The mind thro' the day has been in a pretty good state of feeling --

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 November 3, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Janina and arrived in St. Demetre.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 11th M 1809// I may acknowledge that it has been a good feeling day, the fountain of life a little opened to my rejoicing - I have seen several friends from Quarterly Meeting who say it was a favor'd time our friend D Buffum John Naley & John Casey were much favord in testimony - Today & this eveng Dear Aunt M Wanton has been much more rational & like herself than she has been for a long time, & if she finally gets better again I dont know but the beginning of her mending may be here dated. I do most fervantly desire she may, for hew own sake & that of dear Mothers who has had as much as she could seemingly live thro' for many Months, indeed more than a year

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 4, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left St. Demetre and arrived in Arta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 11th Mo// I may again acknowledge with thankfulness that the good spirit has been near - what an inestimable favor it is to feel the precious incomes of life in the mind, to feel that when we turn our minds to Wisdom that she will incline her Ear

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 November 5, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Artá and arrived in Salakhora.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 11th Mo// At meeting this forenoon I had a good comfortable time, life seem'd easy of access, and towards the close cousin Anne Greene appear'd very livly in testimony – In the Afternoon it was rather a restless time I did not feel as in the Morning – Brother D's son Wm is very sick, we stoped to see him & our minds were dipt into sympathy with them

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6th of 11th Mo// Not so much life today, however I have felt some motions of it in the mind – Nancy Almy who has been our guest for several days went home this Afternoon. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 7, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Salakhora and arrived in Prevesa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7t of 11 Mo// The Day has passed with the usual rounds, & I do not recollect any thing material to insert – Brother Davids little Wm is no better, –

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 November 8, Wednesday: American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this date the fault of John Hopkins and Lewis Le Roy, who had imported an African as their slave, was forgiven by the tolerant pen of President [James Madison](#) (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 184-5).¹⁰⁷

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed in a Turkish vessel from Prevesa and came to anchor off the coast near Parga. They were caught in a storm and came close to being shipwrecked, but at the last moment their many sins were forgiven as they received the “executive clemency” of a compassionate Deity.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 11th M 1809// My mind is this morning in a sweet state of feeling, the life flows sweetly, & Oh that I may be thankful for the favor -- Brother Ds son Wmm is no better –

107. This President, we may here point out, may have himself owned human beings, but at least he was the 1st US President to regularly wear trousers.



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 November 9, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Parga by land and arrived in Volondorako.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9 of 11 Mo// I dreamed last night that Sister R R & myself were in the presence of the King & Queen of England who talk with us freely particularly the Queen - We seem'd to be in a large Brick building like our Court house & for a while set in a long entry & then were invited into another room & went - the King seem'd to be a large fat man dark eyes & dark complexion - I told him he looked as I had form'd an Idea of him - the Queen was as I saw her in fancy, a small Woman, thin & dark complexion & talked more than the king - I dont insert this thinking it any ways probable that we shall ever see them or that it is any ways ominous, but because my Dream seem'd so very livly on my immagination & has continued so all the morning
At Meeting we were Silent, & small in numbers, but one Man set on the Old mens Quarter, tho' there was as many as usually does, on the Young mens & considerable many Women - In the evening made Several calls but spent the most time at Aunt M Goulds*

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 November 10, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Volondorako and arrived in Castrosikia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10th of 11th Mo// Nothing material on my own part - Brother D Rs little Wm remains very low, he cannot remain long -

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 November 11, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Castrosikia and arrived in Prevesa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11 of 11 Mo// This forenoon, buisness calling, I went to [Portsmouth](#), Dined & did what buisness I had to do at Thos Potters, then went to B Chases & did what call'd me there then to Benj, Freeborns took tea & staid all night the eveng was past most agreeably in conversation with B & Wife - In the morning we went to meeting - Russel Davis was there & preached - H Almy also preached & A Sherman said a few words - but according to my sense of feeling - Holder was the most of a Minister & none of them was very lively - After meeting I went to Z Chases, Dined



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& took tea – While at tea Go [George] Gould came in & told me that D Rodmans Child died yesterday towards night which hastened me home as soon as tea was over - I found my H at her father's intending to stay all night -I called at Brother Ds & my fathers in the eveng & then return'd to father Rs & soon went with fatigued limbs to bed. –

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 November 13, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Prevesa and anchor off Vonitsa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 11th M 1809// This Afternoon attended the funeral of Brother David Rodmans child - it was a solid silent opportunity, & many people attended. –

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 November 14, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Vonista and arrived at Lutraki. Byron wrote “Tambourgi, Tambourgi” (which became part of Canto II of CHILDE HAROLD’S PILGRIMAGE) and Stanzas Written in Passing the Ambracian Gulf.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 11th Mo// Pretty dilligently at Trade thro' the day, & not much religious life in the mind

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 November 15, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Lutraki and arrived at Katuna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 11 Mo// My H has been since 7th day at her fathers on a visit & this day after dinner we again commenced housekeepers – I have been much occipied at Trade & unable to enjoy much of the life of religion –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 16, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Katuna and arrived at Mukala (Machalas?).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 11 Mo// A poor dull meeting to me - Wm Dean of



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Salem was there. I should be glad if the object of his visit was like to prove more successful or gratifying, but Alas the Young Damsels health is such that it is improbable she will ever make a Wife for any one -

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 November 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 11 Mo// Much occupied at Trade, & the mind in allmost a dead state as to religion - Neighbor Towle his Wife & daughter spent the Afternoon & evening with us also Sister Ruth -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 18, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Mukala and arrived at Guria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 11th M 1809// The day has passed I hardly know how Uncle P Lawton Dined with us & Mother R spent the eveng is pretty much all I can say about it

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 November 19, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Guria and arrived at Ætolikon.

French forces defeated Spanish forces at Ocaña, opening the way to Andalusia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 11th Mo// Our meetings were Silent & to me dull seasons - I suppose the fault was my own, for the mind was in an unsettled state, tho' I did try to center down to the life, but it seem'd as if it was withheld in consequence of my not laboring sufficiently for it when out of meetings - Spent the eveng with R Taylor at D William's on buisness respecting Nicholas's affairs -R & myself being the committee

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 November 20, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Aetolikon and arrived in Missolonghi.

France ended its occupation of Vienna.

[Mary Clark](#) was born.¹⁰⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 11th Mo// Alass another day of my life has passed over, & what returns I have made to My God for the blessing I know not - tho' I do not feel that I have done any thing that is much amiss - It is a season of famine with me, I cannot get hold of any thing, or but little of any thing, that is food of heavenly kind, for the Mind, & if in this state I can be preserved from Sin I shall be thankful, for in those days of fast it is, that Satan is the most buisy. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 11 Mo// I have had a little religious conversation with a young man this evening wherein my mind was rather singularly opened to explain the Nature of Religion - The conversation gave rise to feelings in my own mind that I was glad to feel

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 November 22, Wednesday: The Reverend Samuel Ripley was ordained over the first religious society in Waltham.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

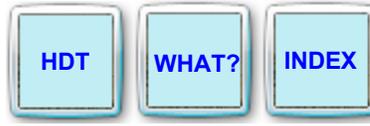
4th day 22nd of 11 Mo// The day has again passed & perhaps I may say a little of the divine life has moved on my mind especially this evening - Sister mary spent the day & evening with us

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 November 23, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Missolonghi and arrived in Patras.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

108. Don't you suppose this sister of [Alvan Clark](#) would have been the "Mary Clark" who was the author of A CONCISE HISTORY OF MASSACHUSETTS, FROM ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT. IN THE FORM OF QUESTION AND ANSWER (1830), BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE FATHERS OF NEW ENGLAND: INTENDED TO ACQUAINT YOUTH WITH THE LIVES, CHARACTERS AND SUFFERINGS OF THOSE WHO FOUNDED OUR CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS (1836), and THE EARLY LIFE OF WASHINGTON: DESIGNED FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND AMUSEMENT OF THE YOUNG (1838)?



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5th day 23rd of 11th Mo// Silent meeting, & tho' my mind was much in the roving order, a stillness was at length experienced, & I trust a little of the Life felt to circulate tho' it seem'd to be much (as it were) underneath - no buisness of importance at the Preparative Meeting -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 11 Mo// I arose early this mornng & found a Severe Storm of Snow, did what I could & came to the shop & being all day alone & from my dear wife & Son, have gotten quite low spirited - I dined at Aunt A Carpenters & intend to go presently to see how they fare

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 November 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 11 M 1809// Pretty much at Trade, but the mind has not been secluded from good -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 11 Mo// It has been a good day to me the precious life has moved on my mind with a good degree of sweetness - I have had good meetings, in the Mornng D Buffum preached to us in a very livly manner - in the Afternoon we were silent - I have spent most of the day at home in the precious society of my endeared H & little Son - Brother D called to see us in the evening Also Father R & brother Isaac in the course of the Day

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 27, Monday: [Fanny Kemble](#) was born in London. Her father Charles Kemble was a stage manager at the Covent Garden Theatre, her mother Marie Kemble an actress.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27th of 11th Mo// It has been a day (to me) of some feeling sensibility on various subjects - In the eveng called a little while at the black school. At Aunt M Gould & D Williams's - Dear Aunt M Gould is in a poor destitute situation is entirely



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blind with one eye & the sight in the other fails fast, my pitty & tender compassion was much excited in setting with her this evening, & desires were raised in my heart that the Lord may help her that he Who was her Guide in Youth may be her Staff to lean upon in Old Age -

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November 28, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 11 Mo// Sister Ruth spent the day with us of which we were very glad, her company helped to dispell some lonesome feelings of which my Dear H has many -

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November 29, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 11th Mo// Nothing material to insert Sister R went home this eveng - called at Aunt M Goulds -

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November 30, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 11 Mo// Our first meeting was short & to me a time of drouth - The last was long, & also a season of drouth & famine, several weighty matters were before us, but such was my state that I dare not meddle much with them, & was only active in those matters in which I was concernd, (i e) answering to those appointments that I was under - Before meeting I recd a very acceptable letter from my friend S Barker which I answered this evening - Uncle P Lawton was our only guest at Dinner Sister R took care of the little Boy. -

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December 1, Friday: Economic competition being decidedly mean-spirited and un-American, Robert Fulton, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, and Colonel John C. Stevens of Hoboken agreed to a compromise. Fulton and Livingston were to be assigned a steamboat monopoly on all New York State waters, the run to New Brunswick, New Jersey, plus all steam navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers while Colonel Stevens was to be assigned a monopoly on Chesapeake Bay, all steam navigation of the Connecticut, Delaware, Santee, and Savannah Rivers, plus the run along Paumanok Long Island Sound between New-York and [Providence, Rhode Island](#). The division being arranged, they could proceed to soak their customers to the maximum extent feasible.

In [Newport](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 12th Mo 1809// Perhaps I have a little more Life than yesterday - Sister E spent the eveng with us & staid all night

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December 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 12 Mo // Some little degree of feeling, tho' not very deep I hardly know what to say of myself, but that I am a poor thing

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December 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 12 Mo // At meeting this forenoon our frd D Buffum was very livly in testimony from the text "He that knoweth to do good & doeth it not to him it is Sin" - In the Afternoon we were silent - My mind has not been in a very settled state nor have I been able to strive much to have it otherwise - Attended the funeral of Moses Siefas who was brought this Morning from NYork & buried at 1 OClock; this was the first funeral I ever attended in the Hebrew Order - After meeting in the Afternoon attended the funeral of Samuel Vernon - Sister Mary Spent the evening with us.

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December 4, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Patras for Athens. They slept at Han on shore.

After four and a half months on Walcheren Island, the final British troops were removed and transported home (4,066 of them had died during the operation, almost all from disease).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 12th Mo // What shall I say? why I think I may say with some propriety that it has been a day of thoughtfulness, & remembrance of various mercies, or at least I have recognized them with a degree of thankfulness – father & Mother R have taken tea with & Mother sets the evening -

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December 5, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Han and arrived at Vostitsa.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 12 Mo // A day of a degree of best feeling, but Alass I have nothing to boast of I'm a poor thing, & know not when I shall be otherways

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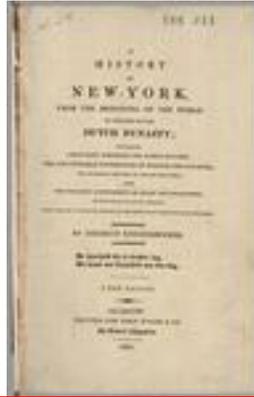


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December 6, Wednesday: KNICKERBOCKER'S HISTORY OF NEW YORK by "Diedrich Knickerbocker" (the 26-year-old [Washington Irving](#)) was published by Inskeep and Bradford of Philadelphia.



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This would go through many editions, translations, revisions, and reprintings during the author's lifetime. In 1812 Irving would negotiate with the Philadelphia publisher for a revised edition correcting some misprints, altering spelling and punctuation throughout, eliminating various allusions to chivalry and the classics, condensing the comic preamble on world history, and deleting various references to Knickerbocker's problems as an historian. About 1/10th of the material would be replaced, leaving the book still at 130,000 words. Among the additions would be a "Further Account of the Author," Chapters 4 and 5 of Book II which narrate the exploration for the New Amsterdam settlement and Oloffse's dream, and the history of the Long Pipes and Short Pipes in Chapter 6 of Book IV (a satire of American political parties which replaced the quarrel of the Squareheads and Platterbreeches). In 1815 Irving would desire a 3d edition of A HISTORY OF NEW YORK, illustrated by the drawings of [Washington Allston](#) and C.R. Leslie. Irving would continue to revise A HISTORY OF NEW YORK periodically over the next 30 years, until the Author's Revised Edition, G.P. Putnam's collected edition of his writings, in 1848. Although a subsequent edition in 1854 would contain a number of minor corrections and revisions supplied by Irving, and a Grolier Club edition in 1886, after Irving's death, would reprint A HISTORY OF NEW YORK with additional small changes based on Irving's 1848 manuscript, for all practical purposes the last major form of the text would be per the 1848 Author's Revised Edition. For it, Irving would revise Books V, VI, and VII, rework the Peter Stuyvesant section, add material on Van Rensselaer, delete the allusions to Jefferson's policies, delete passages regarded as "coarse," soften the satire of the Dutch, polish the style, and add "The Author's Apology," making this 1848 text some 7,000 words longer overall than previous editions. In 1848 he was 65, a revered American man of letters, a diplomat, and an international celebrity. The edition of A HISTORY OF NEW YORK issued 1848 would be a vastly different book from the version he had written as a young unknown.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6 of 12 Mo // Pretty much today as Yesterday - Sister R
R is quite ill today with a Severe cold -*

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December 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 7 of 12 Mo // Our Meeting was Silent but not the worst of times to me – Aunt M Wanton somehow fell last night in getting out of bed & hurt her hip & back & is in much pain, poor thing she suffers much many ways, but has been better for several weeks past than she has for many Months past in her Mind – Sister R R is better today – My H & Son in good health, A Blessing

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December 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 8th of 12 Mo // Some little degree of life – Mother R this Afternoon came up & took care of the Little boy while my H took a little run among her acquaintance & to take the fresh Air, which she much needed being much confined within doors

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December 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 12 Mo 1809// The day has passed with the usual rounds it has been very rainy, but between showers Sister Mary came up intending to pass several days with us, which will make the time pass more socibly with my dear H in these lonesome stormy days --

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December 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 12 Mo // Silent meetings, I hardly know how to say what kind of ones to me - perhaps there was a little degree of life experienced in each of them, but I fear a roving mind had the ascendancy – A sympathetic visit to aunt M Gould between meetings

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December 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 12 Mo // It has been a very stormy uncomfortable day, & my boody somewhat affected with my usual rheumatic complaints which usually attack me under my shoulder blade, in the middle or small of my back, today in the middle & into my



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side, so that it has not been a very comfortable time, tho' I have been favord with tolerable cheerfulness My H & little Son are pretty well. -

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December 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 12 Mo // Nothing much out of the comon course of each day my pilgrimage has occur'd - wrote an answer to a letter rec'd sometime past from my frd David Smith this evening.

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December 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 12 Mo // The day has again Passed with the usual rounds & tho' very poor in Spirit & purse too, yet I have much to be thankful for - And among the first & greatest of my blessings are that Myself with my dear H & Son are in good Health.-

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December 14, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Vostitsa and arrived at Larnaki.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 12 Mo // Our meeting was large considering the bad travelling & I believe was a pretty good time to many minds, to me it was better than common of late - In the eveng called at Aunt Patty Goulds to see Aunt Molly who left fathers this forenoon in consequence of a fall which hurt her side - it is remarkable that two in one house, first Aunt Molly Wanton & then Aunt Molly Gould should fall so soon together & hurt themsleves so as to be allmost helpless

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December 15, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Larnaki and arrived in Chryso.

In his office at Fontainebleau, before his brothers and sisters, the Emperor [Napoléon](#) and the Empress Joséphine de Beauharnais signed an act of annulment.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 12 Mo // Frank Sayer, an acquaintance of mine & boarder with Aunt A Carpenter arrived from a Voyage to sea, on going in to see him my mind very feelingly recurred to the joy we felt on the arrival of my poor brother David who is now in his silent grave, Many times when he has come home from a long tedious Voige, how were our hearts renew'd at the sight of him, & at hearing his recital of his many adventures, but Alass he's gone no more to return.

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December 16, Saturday: By act of the French Senate, the Emperor Napoléon was divorced from the Empress Josephine.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Delphi, the cave of the Pythian, and the stream of Castaly.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 12 Mo 1809// The mind has been much pertubated in consequence of letters received from NYork from Aunt M Stanton & Wm Burling [two lines crossed out and heavily inked] I hope the matter of dispute may be amicably adjusted

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December 17, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Chryso and arrived in Arakhova (Rhakova).

At the age of 78, [Margaret "Meg" Smith](#) died. She would be buried near the remains of her husband [Venture Smith](#).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 12 Mo// I had pretty good meetings - & in the forenoon H Dennis appeard very sweetly in testimony - in the Afternoon Silent - My dear H was at Meeting forenoon & Afternoon -I went out to S Thurstons took tea & set the evening -

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 December 18, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Arakhova and arrived in Livadia.

After an illness of five days during which he sometimes thought he was giving Latin instruction, [Alexander Adam](#) died. His last words were “It grows dark, boys, you may go.”

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 12 Mo// Brother David & wife & John & Wife & sister Ruth took tea with us & passed the eveng very pleasantly on our part

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 December 19, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 12 Mo // About three days ago I heard that Isaac Austin was confind in the Penitentiary at Richmond, (Virginia) on being convicted for an attempt to Steal Negroes. The news much affected my mind, & has this morning been much revived. he was a youth that I tenderly loved, but Oh how has he fallen. I feel more about it than I can express, he has known much of divine good, but by letting his mind out after great things in the world, has lamentably Slidden from the right foundation, & gone from one Act of wickedness to another untill he has gotten where he is - may his fate be a solemn Warning to me - it is indeed very humbling to consider what he was, & might have been, & what he has now come to. -

 December 20, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 12 Mo // I have been laboring under an heavy Cold for several days, & I think it seems somewhat increased today, & I dont know but the hypocondriae may have attacked me, for I feel something of a conceit that I am going to be sick. -

 December 21, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Livadia and arrived in Mazi.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 12 Mo// I am better in health than yesterday - We had a Silent, & pretty full meeting for the season, both meeting were dull seasons, in the last (Preparative) we had the quarterly Meetings Epistle read - My H spent the Afternoon at Neighbor Towles. I took tea with them, & the only aloy was that H was quite sick with the nead Ach.-

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 December 22, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Mazi and arrived in Thebes.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 12 Mo// The mind unpleasantly affected, but Patience must be exercised. Wm Stanton a poor thing has moved here from Hudson & has undertaken Clock Making & Watch repairing, but if he goes on in insinuating false hoods about his fellow craftsmen will not be of long standing here, especially when his Character in Hudson is known. -

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 December 23, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 12 Mo // Less concern'd about Stanton's conduct than yesterday, it is unpleasant to lay under false sensure, but I think my conduct is justified & his condemn'd

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 December 24, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Thebes and arrived in Skurta.

[Christopher Houston Carson](#) was born near Richmond, Kentucky. His father Lindsey Carson was a Scots-Irish farmer who had served during the Revolutionary War under General Wade Hampton. There were already 10 children in this family, 5 by a 1st wife and 5 by Kit's mother Rebecca Robinson Carson (eventually the total would reach 15).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 12th Mo// At our Morning meeting Our D Buffum was very lively in testimony - & in the Afternoon, Silent & to me both were poor barran seasons - After meeting I walked home with D Buffum & took tea J Dennis was also there we spent the eveng agreeably, but Poor Waits situation could but excite sympathy. I think she fails fast & will not continue long in Mutability

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December 25, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Skurta and arrived in Athens. They took lodgings with Marci, mother of "The Maid of Athens."

France organized the Illyrian Provinces in the Balkans. The Province of Fiume was created.

In Danville, Kentucky, Dr. Ephraim McDowell removed an ovarian tumor from Jane Todd Crawford. This first operation required 25 minutes, of course without anesthesia. The patient would survive for an additional 32 years.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 12 Mo// Sister Ruth spent the day & eveng with us very agreeably on our part. My H seems quite unwell with a cold

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December 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 12 Mo // Aunt Molly Wanton was taken last night with something like an Apoplectic fit but soon recoverd & is nearly as well as usual - dear Mother has many trials - My mind has seem'd to enjoy a little of the sweetness this morning for which I desire to be thankful -

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December 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 Mo 27// The day has Passed as usual except that I took dinner at my fathers being so rainy that I thought best not to go home - I have felt heavy hearted, on various accounts today I hope all will work togteher for my good. Oh that I may center in Spirit on that sure foundation which cannot be shaken by fluctuations of human events, but learn in the School of probation to be still & know that my dependence should not be placed on things here -

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December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 Mo 28th 1809// The weather being very cold & my Dear H in poor health a Cough &c attending her, she concluded not to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - So Sister Ruth & I took Chaise & went together - & stopped before meeting a few minutes at H Almys - Our first Meeting was Silent - In the last, Our friend Sarah Fish laid before us in a tender weighty



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manner, a concern that she had for sometime felt to accompany Our friend Ann Smith on a religious Visit to Friends in the Southern parts of the State of NYork Pensylvania Delaware the Jerseys & Maryland as far as Baltimore which claimed much feeling, & expressions of unity & sympathy from many friends The other buisness was conducted in much harmony & I thought it was a remarkably good meeting - tho' several of our most active Members were absent -Aftermeeting [sic] we went to Richd Mitchells & dined then rode home & found my dear H & little sone were pretty well - The riding (owing to the hubby frozen ground was very bad & in some places dangerous but we went & came safe for which I feel thankful -

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 December 29, Friday: William Ewart Gladstone was born.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 Mo 29// My mind is this morning in a somewhat of a tender feeling frame. Oh that I could allways feel so, but Oh of late how barran & destitute of life - Spent the evening very sweetly at Thos Robisnons -

 December 30, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) finished writing Canto I of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE.

Giovanni Paisiello was nominated as one of the eight "associés étrangers" of the Fine Arts section of the French Imperial Institute.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 Mo 30// With this Day I compleat the 28 Year of my life - And I feel thankful to be Able to Say that it hath been a day wherein I have experienced a considerable portion of the precious life to work on my mind - Rec'd a precious Comfortable letter from my dear Friend Micajah Collins this Afternoon which was indeed a brook by the Way

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 December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 Mo 31// At meeting this forenoon H Dennis preached a little to us very sweetly - Between Meeting I went to D Buffums to them in their Affliction - & staid till eveng - Wait Died early this morning. In the eveng Abigail Robinson preached very comfortably to the family - it has been a day of precious feeling to me, for which I hope the Year ends Thankfully



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➡ THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1810. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

➡ [Michele Felice Cornè](#) painted a mural for the Sullivan Dorr mansion in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

➡ The earliest record of the Moffett Mill site in [Lincoln, Rhode Island](#) appears to be a land and building transfer from Job Arnold to Elisha Olney and George Olney in this year. The deed mentions a sawmill and dam. Between this year and 1812, George Olney, who had been involved as a machinist in the thread mill at the dam in Lincoln Woods at Olney Pond and in the mill at Old Ashton, Quinnville, would be building and equipping a machine shop.

Little Bett, The Learned [Elephant](#) was born (not as a child of Old Bet, and the “Mr. Potato Head” statue below in [Chepachet, Rhode Island](#), where she would be executed by ambush firing squad of local yokels in 1826, is only an approximation of her appearance).





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Two years after being caught as a runaway and flogged, [Cato Pearce](#) ran away again. He only had a year to go, until under [Rhode Island](#) law he would no longer be required to serve his master without pay, but he ran away anyway — could he have been fearing that his master would sell him south into life slavery just before he attained his majority, or, could he have been fearing that despite technically becoming a free man, he would not be able to be actually free as a black man in the Rhode Island of that era? At that time there were only a few more than a hundred slaves left in South County, but the situation there for people of color did not seem markedly improved. This time he determined to try crossing the border into Massachusetts, because slavery had there in all its forms been outlawed, and hired himself out as a farmhand to a white family in [Rehoboth](#).

I went into Rehoboth, Mass., and hired out to a man by the name of Samuel Lyon. He was a dreadful wicked man, and while livin' with him I became more wicked and hard than ever. He had rum as plenty almost as water, and I got to drinkin' badly. I loved with him about three years. He died while I lived with him. His death was dreadful. I think he lay on his sick bed almost a fortnight. He cried bitterly for mercy — mercy, and told his folks that he was going to hell. He said he could n't be saved. Oh, he said, my feet and legs are in hell. He die in that dreadful state; and the last words that came from his lips were, "O Lord, gone!" I used to stand and look at him in this dreadful state, but I dare not go into the room. I then made up my mind that I would try to do better.

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A few years later Cato would sign on as a crewmember aboard a schooner belonging to a Captain Rogers of New London, Connecticut, on a cruise to the Caribbean and then London. During a storm at sea he would try to pray, only to be told by the mate that “he would n’t have d---d niggers praying on board. He cuffed me, pinched my ears, and told me if he caught me praying again he would tie me over the windlass.” On his return in about 1815, after spending his wages, he would hire himself out to James Rhodes of [Providence](#).



By that time there would be only seven persons still enslaved in South County.



In about this year Mrs. [Betsey Metcalf](#) Baker of West Dedham (now Westwood), Massachusetts wrote, in the form of a retrospective diary, an account of her life on [Providence, Rhode Island](#)'s East Side from 1798 to 1804. We do not have this writing, but she would later extrapolate from this writing a memoir of twelve pages, mostly about her education and her experience as a 12-year-old in the braiding of straw bonnets, which we do have now at the New England Historical Society. Here are some extracts:

I was then old enough to write, therefore I was sent to a Men's School, But not having patience enough to be very particular about writing, I was too neglectful and by that means never attained that art.... I do not consider that I understand cyphering, for in my opinion a person might do a thousand sums, and yet be ignorant of the first rules of arithmetic.... I never should have persevered [in the making of straw bonnets] had it not been for her [an aunt living in the home], for my mother and sisters thought I was spending my time in a useless manner, though they did not say much about it.... My sister [her sisters were Katy, born during 1780, Sophia, born during 1784, Lucy, born during 1788, and Ruth, born during 1794] then learned and



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we had considerable of a manufactory ... for 2 or 3 years it was very profitable business. I could frequently make 1 dollar per day....¹⁰⁹ ...instead of being dressed in the apparel of their own making, they have purchased the vanities of Europe and have brought dress more in fashion when it was quite enough so before. ... The consequences I fear have been more of an injury than otherwise to the New England states, for girls forsook all other employments such as spinning, weaving and the care of a family, and because they could get more by it continued to persevere, by which means they have neglected a necessary part of a females employment.... Gentlemen say that it is almost impossible to get a girl to do housework in the country, they are so engaged in braiding straw. ... It is very injurious to the health, especially to work very steady. We used to do a great deal of business and was always hurried making bonnets. ... My father (who was one of the town council) was always anxious to have public schools. There was great exertions made by some of the opulent citizens of the town to prevent their being established.... I continued going to school until I was 17.... I then began to see the value in learning and my parents were not willing I should let work take my attention from the studies of the school. ... My father willing to give us the means, bought a right in the town library. I then began to read History and have read a number of good books. Ancient history was particularly pleasing, but they gave me strange ideas of mankind. ... I always went to meeting if I was well enough and was learned to sit still, though I think now I did not pay much attention to the preaching or I should not be so ignorant.... I used to sit with the singers in the [Congregationalist] meeting house, which made me more fond of going to public worship. [She relates how she was recruited as a school teacher in 1804 while visiting cousins in Dedham, Massachusetts:] ...they being in want of a school mistress persuaded me to stay and teach 4 months. I told them at first I would not undertake, as I was unacquainted with the business, but they insisted on my trying and I finally told them I would stay if my parents were willing.... I had about 70 different scholars, though about 40 at a time.

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109. The record production of which we are aware is a nimble-fingered anonymous individual who was able to produce 300 such bonnets per year.

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➡ By this point there were over 100 mills along the [Blackstone River](#) outside [Providence](#) similar to the [cotton](#) mill set up in 1791 by [Samuel Slater](#) and Friend [Moses Brown](#).¹¹⁰ The amount of money the [Rhode Island](#)



Friends had set aside for [Quaker](#) education had at this point grown to nearly \$8,000.

Henry A. Howland of [Providence](#) was keeping careful track of his life.

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➡ At Rowland Hazard’s fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), son Isaac P. Hazard (1794-1879) arrived to work with his father for the betterment of the Narragansett Cotton Manufacturing Company.

110. That sounds just hunky-dory, but on the downside, these alterations being made in the [Blackstone River](#) were, as one might imagine, destroying its migrating and spawning fish. (“You can never do just one thing.”)

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 A stagecoach route from [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to Worcester was carrying its passengers the 50-mile distance in no comfort at all in what amounted to a 2-day trip.



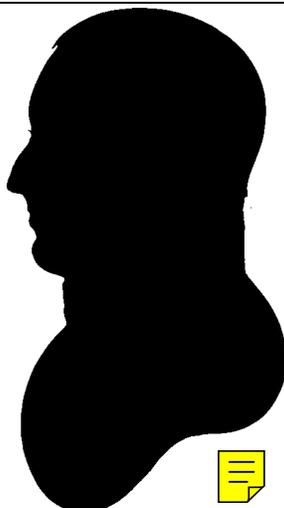
 January 1, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st Mo 1st 1810// The Gun has fired which announces the setting sun - The first day of the new Year has so far gone & what now have I to say? What account can I give ? - Why I think I may say it has been a day of some feeling & perhaps I have felt the precious life to circulate in my mind with a degree of sweetness. Oh saith my Soul at this time may the coming year, be a year of increased devotion & Watchfulness, for we know not how soon the thread of life is to be cut, & we hastened to eternity, therefore the more Watchful we are to have our lamps lighted & well trimed the better chance we Stand of entering with the bride groom into the bride Chamber.¹¹¹



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 January 2, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 M 2nd// This Afternoon took my dear H in a Chaise & went to see our friends D Buffum & family, who seem much affected with their loss, after setting in sympathy with them a couple of hours we returnd -

 January 3, Wednesday: The Prussian royal family returned to Berlin for the first time since the French occupation of 1806.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 3rd day// The mind in a feeling frame. Oh that I could ever dwell near the fount of life - In the evening attended the African Benevolent Society -

 January 4, Thursday: Louis Spohr's concert on this night in Berlin attracted a large audience, once it becomes known that the recently returned Queen of Prussia had requested tickets.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 M 4 day // Wait Buffum was inter'd after meeting, being brought to meeting - Holder Almy preached - The first part of the meeting was a Solid time to me And now this Afternoon & evening the mind has been much under serious reflection on several subjects - recd a letter from B Purinton which was very

111. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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acceptable – Wrote this evening to Micajah Collins



January 5, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 M 5th day// The mind has been turned to reflect on several sudden deaths that has occurred of late - particularly a woman by the name of Perry who died in a fit of intoxication -how ought such occurrences to Stimulate us to Watchfulness, for we know not in what day or hour we may be Summoned to our long home - The young may & the Old must die, & of what importance it is to be prepared for the change, but Alass too, too many are careless & think another time will do, when we have accomplished this that or the other favorite Worldly object, or some favorite sensual gratification, we will then turn our attention to things of a serious nature, this, "counting on long years of pleasure here" go on from Step to Step, till at length they are hastened to eternity in a state unprepared, & at a season when they are not aware.



January 6, Saturday: By terms of the Treaty of Paris, Sweden joined the Continental System while France recognized Sweden's sovereignty over Pomerania.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 M 6th 1810// My mind tho' dilligently occupied at Trade, has been Seriously reflective – This evening Set an hour with my dear Mother who seems to be very unwell but innocently cheerfull & has diverted me with a relation of occurrences in her younger years.

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➡ January 7, Sunday: The Rogerenes, followers of this English religious reformer John Rogers (1648-1721), advocate of nonresistance to evil,¹¹² had settled in Connecticut, at the towns of New London, Groton, and



Ledyard. There they were being molested by the authorities due to their unwillingness to take part in state violence by the serving in any militia or by the paying of any military fines for failure to serve in such militia. For instance, in this year 1810 one Alexander Rogers of Waterford CT, in his 83rd year, published a tract entitled “Petition to My Fellow Countrymen” pointing out that he was being forced to “suffer for conscience’s sake, in defense of the gospel of Christ; on the account of my son, who is under age, in that it is against my conscience to send him into the train-band.”¹¹³

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st Mo 7th day// At meeting forenoon & Afternoon, both silent, It has been a day of feeling, yea, sweetness, tho’ in meetings I was more barran than out of them – Sister E took care of the little boy while my dear H went to meeting this Afternoon -by invitation I took tea with Aunt P Gould & regretted that my H could not go too. –

➡ January 8, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st M 8th day// My mind has had to look over several

112. Not the same John Rogers as the BIBLE translator who was born circa 1500 and was burned on February 14, 1554 in [Smithfield](#) near London, nor the same John Rogers as the citizen of Pembroke who was murdered by “poor Julian” on September 12, 1732.

113. To study this religious reformer John Rogers’s faith and practice, since he had unwisely listened to the teaching of Jesus “Resist not evil” and had come to believe in the insane principle, upon which no life can be founded, of refusing to offer resistance to evil, you cannot consult the encyclopedia, but you can see J.R. Bolles and A.B. Williams’s THE ROGERENES (Boston MA: Stanhope Press, 1904).

“Rogerenes,” former Seventh Day Baptists who followed John Rogers of [Newport](#), combined [Baptist](#) and [Quaker](#) principles with a belief in miraculous healing and attracted adherents in both [Rhode Island](#) and Connecticut, usually from among well-to-do rather than poor settlers.





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subjects, & they look dark, the Way much hedged about, but I hope my faith & patience may not fail, but be established on that which is not Moved by the fluctuations of human events -

 January 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st M 9th day// I find I have a vein of pride running through me that I hardly thought I possessed, or if I did, that it was in better subjection than it is - I have been much tried for several days, & had I not have summoned up resolutions last eveng to have said "get thee behind me Satan" I hardly know how I should have gotten along, nor do I yet, unless I keep Strictly on the Watch, even unto prayer, for he is ever buisy, & if once repulsed, will again & again make his impudent assaults on the human Mind, & without the most rigid adhearance to the Truth will be likely in the end to gain his point.-

 January 10, Wednesday: Jacob Baker, Jr. died in Lincoln (the remains are presumed to be in the Baker tomb in [Concord's](#) Town Hall Cemetery, behind Bemis Hall).

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 10th 1810// A day of exercise of Mind, but the good hand has been felt to be near in that Midst of conflict -

 January 11, Thursday: Johann Ludwig Krapf was born into a Lutheran family of farmers at Derendingen, near Tübingen in Württemberg, in southwestern [Germany](#). He would be found to have a gift for languages, and would initially studied Latin, Greek, French, and Italian, adding more and more languages throughout his life.

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) and Joséphine de Beauharnais, age 46, formally ended their childless marriage (on March 11th, petitioner would remarry, by proxy, with Maria Ludovica Leopoldina Franziska Therese Josepha Lucia von Habsburg-Lothringen of Austria, age 18 and never been kissed).

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st M 11th// At Meeting the mind was rather barran & dry, tho' before & since a good degree of life has been experienced -I feel oppressed & depressed with my infirmities within & trials without - Called at brother D R's thins eveng & set a little while very pleasantly -

 January 12, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st M 12th -// I feel those heavy & cast down feelings



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that I have been much tried with for Several days, greatly dispelled this morning for which I feel thankful, tho' I believe suffering is good for us, but it is hard to be made willing to bear it -.

 January 13, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Eleusis.

An advisory body of elder statesmen, the Council of State, was formally opened by Tsar Alyeksandr.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st M 13th// The day has passed with a degree if feeling My dear Mother has been very sick for several days - we hope the effects of Medicine will be beneficial - Joseph Rodman arrived from NYork this morning - Sorrow, sorrow, sorrow

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 January 14, Sunday: William Willard Wheeler died at the age of 75.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st M 14// At meeting this forenoon, Our frd D Buffum appeard very sweetly in testimony "Occupy until I come" was the Scripture that he arose with & I believe many minds were edified by his communications - It was to me a precious Meeting, the life the precious life arose sweetly in my mind soon after I took my seat - Oh that I may be thankful - In the Afternoon it was also a pretty good time - J Dennis went home with me between meetings, & partook of a scanty morsell but all appear'd to be satisfied -It was a little remarkable that all the apprentices that D Williams [clockmaker] has ever taken were at meeting this forenoon Wm S -J R - W C myself & D A- The first three are as poor worthless men as any I know off & what the last two will come to is yet uncertain

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 January 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1M 15// Oh! the baneful effect of spirituous liquor, how does it brutalise its votaries, this evening poor J R came home intoxicated & was so furious & wicked in his conduct that his father was obliged order him to leave the house, a most affecting circumstance to the family & his dear sisters in particular with whom I feel deeply & hope they may be favor'd to stand their ground with firmness -



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 January 16, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Mendeli.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st M 16th 1810// Another day has passed. Some religious life experienced, but nothing to boast of – poor J R continues very troublesome – Our little Caleb seems to be quite unwell today

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 January 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 17// Caleb seems better today --Nothing material the old grief remains in father R's family with but little abatement –My Mother is still much unwell but we are in hopes she is getting better, tho' slowly -

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 January 18, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) walked around the peninsula of Munychia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 1st M 18th// Silent Meeting, the last (preparative) was dull, tho' the reading of the Extracts from the Yearly Meeting seem'd to enliven us a little -

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January 19, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Athens and arrived at Vari.



60,000 French troops begin a major invasion of Andalucia.

[Henry Thoreau](#) would describe this day, in his journal for January 11 and January 22, 1857, as “Cold Friday,”



January 11, 1857: Began snowing yesterday afternoon, and it is still snowing this forenoon. Mother remembers the Cold Friday very well. She lived in the house where I was born. The people in the kitchen—Jack Garrison, Esther, and a Hardy girl—drew up close to the fire, but the dishes which the Hardy girl was washing froze as fast as she washed them, close to the fire. They managed to keep warm in the parlor by their great fires.



January 22. Snows all day, clearing up at night, — a remarkably fine and dry snow, which, looking out, you might suspect to be blowing snow merely. Yet thus it snows all day, driving almost horizontally, but it does not amount to much. P. M.—To Walden. I never knew it to make such a business of snowing and bring so little to pass. The air is filled so that you cannot see far against it, i. e. looking north-northwest, yet but an inch or two falls all day. There is some drifting, however. You wonder how the tree sparrows can seek their food on the railroad causeway, flying in the face of such a fine, cold, driving snow-storm. Within the woods it is comparatively still.... I asked M. about the Cold Friday. He said, “It was plaguy cold; it stung like a wasp.” He remembers seeing them toss up water in a shoemaker’s shop, usually a very warm place, and when it struck the floor it was frozen and rattled like so many shot. Old John Nutting used to say, “When it is cold it is a sign it’s going to be warm,” and “When it’s warm it’s a sign it’s going to be cold.”

having already made mention of it in [WALDEN](#):

[WALDEN](#): Though, when I had been exposed to the rudest blasts a long time, my whole body began to grow torpid, when I reached the genial atmosphere of my house I soon recovered my faculties and prolonged my life. But the most luxuriously housed has little to boast of in this respect, nor need we trouble ourselves to speculate how the human race may be at last destroyed. It would be easy to cut their threads any time with a little sharper blast from the north. We go on dating from Cold Fridays and Great Snows; but a little colder Friday, or greater snow, would put a period to man’s existence on the globe.

[THE GREAT SNOW](#)



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The weather that winter had been unusually moderate. December had been warm and very little snow had fallen. The ground was bare in southern New England, though there was snow in the northern states, enough “for good sleighing.” The previous day had been mild, with a warm south wind, but about four o’clock in the afternoon there had been a snow squall and the wind had come up, changed around to the north-northwest, and increased in force until it blew “with great violence.” The temperature, which was 45 degrees in Salem MA, suddenly began to plunge. Eighteen hours later, it had fallen 50 degrees. In Springfield MA, people witnessed a heavy fog passing down the Connecticut River. The cold air congealed into a fine snow, which rose 40 feet above the water and was most conspicuous about 2PM. At Amherst NH, it was 14 below zero. At Weare NH, the temperature fell 55 degrees between Thursday morning and Friday morning. Few people ventured out. A winter hurricane had swept in. At times and places the wind was so strong it was difficult to stand. The gale force wind continued all day, and houses and barns were blown away. Huge stands of trees were blown down, or splintered so as to “render them unfit for timber.” In Chester NH, the wind so moved a house that one corner fell into the cellar. At Sanbornton, three children died while their parents were attempting to get them in a sleigh from their home, the roof of which had gone, to a neighbor’s house. The sleigh kept blowing over, and though a neighbor attempted to help, the children froze. The neighbor would not recovered from snowblindness. The cold would continue until the morning of the following Monday, when the wind would change to the southwest and the temperature begin to rise. Many of the livestock, however, would be found to have frozen where they stood.



Here are Zechariah Allen’s diary entries for this storm as experienced in Providence, Rhode Island:



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Jan 19. 1857 violent gale and snowstorm Train to Boston got as far as Mansfield, broke the plow and returned etc Edward J Cushing passed the night with me being unable to get back to his home. Has long pleasant conversation, has been through a lot with C and now feels toward him like a son

1/23/57 several degrees below zero last night, violent wind, more drifting. ...Most inclement has been the past week. It has produced in every bosm a thrill of grateful thankfulness that a shelter from the freezing cold and food are available to sustain existence. (The next day he would report that the cold Friday was -20 to -28.)

1/26 I ventured to go to the mills today [but a later entry would indicate that he didn't make it all the way]. The roads are in places cut through deep snow drifts. It has been difficult to keep the attic stories of either of the mills warm. The water wheels have all been kept sufficiently free of ice to operate regularly and no delay and no delay has occurred from the destruction of ice. But the snowstorm on Monday last was so severe that only 3/4 of the hands went into the mills. The inclemency of the weather has prevented me from going out to the mills since the 17th of January, nine days ago. On the south side of the dam the road is blocked by a snowdrift 16 feet deep. I think there will be snow remaining from this drift until the 10th of April next. The icehouse at Allendale was nearly full last Saturday night when the snowstorm commenced One or two days work more will be requisite to complete the filling of the icehouse.

1/28 William D Ely returned from Hartford last evening by the first train that has come through from Hartford to Providence since the 17th The drifted snowbanks are high as the top of the locomotive chimney in the deep cuts along the road. (He here pasted in a number of newspaper articles that showed all the records that were broken often for the coldest temperature ever recorded throughout the NorthEast.)

Here are Oliver Ames's diary entries for the storm as experienced in North Easton, Massachusetts:

January 18th — this was a cloudy dark day & verry cold thermometer in the morning from 8 to 10 degrees below 0 cold all day. I had a yoke of oxen brought here by Caleb Easton the 17th and left on trial for two weeks—the weighd 3400 — one measures 7 feet & 1 inch & the other 7 feet & 2 inches.

The 19th it began to snow yesterday afternoon wind northeast and snowd until noon today the wind blew verry hard last night and today the snow was verry fine and dry and blew into heaps verry badly & fild up the cannal so that we could not run the enjoin the river was fild up so that it would not run in the chanel & flowd out onto the land it was the worst time about managing the water that I have ever known.

the 20th and 21st were fair days but pritty cold

the 22nd there was a fine snowstorm today with a high wind & cold wind about north west there was about 4 inches of snow fell

the 23rd this was a fair day & verry cold & windy thermometer 18 degrees below zero in the morning & 9 below at noon the wind yesterday and today fild up the roads badly

24th the thermometer was 30 degrees below zero this morning it rose rapidly and at noon was 19 above 0 it was fair in the forenoon and a little cloudy in the afternoon wind about south

the 28th it is colder today wind northeast but thaws some and our cannal is thawd out and they are at work at Joel's Shop for the first time since the 17th

Feb 4th the wind was southwest & much the warmest day we have had for a long time the snow melted pritty fast

The 7th it was foggy this morning wind southerly and cloudy all day but did not thaw but little our team went to Bridgewater on wheels today for the first time since the 3rd January

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st M 19th// The day has passed, I hardly know how.



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A very cold day however may be said of it & but very little accomplished in the line of my buisness, in the eveng I was at home & tho' we had a good fire we had much ado to keep comfortable. -

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 January 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day [sic] 1st M 21st// At meeting this morning our friend D Buffum was much favor'd in testimony, & my mind was touched with the precious life, tho' the body was not in a very comfortable state owing to the extream cold of the weather. - In the Afternoon we were silent & warmer than in the Morning - In the eveng called at O Williams & went up to see Ruth & her little Catharine

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 January 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 M 22// Nothing material to insert - the Day has passed with the usual rounds - to little proffit (I fear) in any sense -

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 January 23, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the Temple of Athena at Sunuim.

In the face of the French offensive, the Spanish junta abandoned Seville for Cádiz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 M 23// The weather is warmer & a little more buisness can be done. The mind touched with a feeling of life at times

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 January 24, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Keratea and arrived at the plain of Marathon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st M 24// At seasons the mind thro' the day the mind has felt the precious arisings of truth but Oh how short are its visits. My Mother continues poorly but we hope is better



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 January 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 M 25// Our first meeting was silent & to me a poor time - the last (Monthly) was long, much buisness & I thought dull work - S Fishes Certificate was sign'd by many friends
Sister E & Mary Collins set the evening with us -*

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 January 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 1 M 1810// We took tea at Neighbor Vinsons & set the evening pleasantly

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 January 27, Saturday: Publication of the Variations for piano op.34 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 1 Mo// Joseph Rodman took a dish of tea & set the evening with us - Oh that there was more stability in mankind -

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 January 28, Sunday: Most of the Spanish junta reached Cádiz and was able to set up a government.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1 Mo// Our friend D Buffum was large & satisfactory in testimony this forenoon - in the Afternoon silent - brother D Rodman & I sat the eveng at T Robinsons very pleasantly

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 January 29, Monday: The Spanish junta in Cádiz awarded power to a 5-man regency council.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 1 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds –

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 January 30, Tuesday: With Archduke Rudolph returning to Vienna, for the occasion [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) presented the 3d movement of his Piano Sonata op.81a “Les Adieux,” entitled “Das Wiedersehen.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 1 Mo// Again the day has passed with but little variation from the usual rounds – Friends that are going to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly meeting will have a cold suffering time my mind has been with them several times today but my present situation is such that my body must be where it is. –

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 January 31, Wednesday: A Supreme Council of Regency was set up in Spain to rule for King Fernando VII in opposition to the French. Nicolás Ambrosio de Garro y Arizcún, marques de las Hormazas replaced Francisco de Saavedra y Sangronis as First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 1 Mo// The Month ends with but little life, & the eveng with a suffering tooth Ach - Brother David called to see us

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 February 1, Thursday: French forces captured Seville without a fight.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 2 M 1810// A low time at meeting, the mind however enabled to take a little sip of the fountain - Thought much of our friends at Quarterly - How pleasant it would be could I be with them –

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 February 8, Thursday: Articles of agreement were signed at New Haven, Connecticut, creating the firm of Townsend, Bronson & Co., comprised of Jacob Townsend, Alvin Bronson, and ship's master Sheldon Thompson, to engage in maritime commerce in New York State.

Napoléon places Catalonia, Aragon, Navarre, and the Basque country under military rule.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 2 Mo// At meeting my tooth Ached so that I was not in a situation to be very much edified but doubtless more might have been experienced if I had been more Watchful – Hannah Dennis & Abigail Sherman Dined with us & spent the Afternoon with the Addition of M Williams & Sister E & also Joseph –

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 February 12, Monday: Since Fort Bowyer was again attacked by the whole British force, as it retired from New Orleans, Captain Lawrence was forced to surrender it (the site of this old fort is now occupied by Fort Morgan). We can't be too hard on him. –A guy's gotta do what a guy's gotta do, right?

America's white captains of slaver vessels such as the *La Coste* of South Carolina, even when caught red-handed and convicted, could expect at the last moment to be the beneficiaries of the "executive clemency" of the President of the United States of America. For instance, on this date William Sewall, convicted for importing slaves, was pardoned by President [James Madison](#) (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 194, 235, 240). We can't be too hard on him, he's a white man after all. –A white guy's gotta do what a white guy's gotta do, right?

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 2nd M [February 1810]// Severe suffering with the tooth Ach & not courage to have it extracted, pain is very hard to bear, but after suffering is abated we better know how to appreciate our favors. –

 February 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 2nd M // Tooth better, but not well, the mind unable to enjoy much of the precious life

 February 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 2 M // Nothing material to insert Sister R spent the Afternoon & evening with us very agreeably on our part –



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 February 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 2 Mo [February 15, 1810]// Our dear brother Philip Dunham was at meeting also [Paul Cuffe](#), the latter Dined with us - dear Philip was much favor'd. I think I never heard a more living & baptizing supplication from any person, & at the funeral of Joseph Wilbours Wife this Afternoon his testimony was living & Powerfull

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 February 16, Friday: John Richardson was appointed Superintendent of New York's Onondaga Salt Springs.

The Grand Duchy of Frankfurt (Main) was created, under French control. Prince-Archbishop Karl Theodor Anton Maria, Baron von Dalberg of Regensburg became Grand Duke of Frankfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 2 M // Nothing material, but the usual rounds

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 February 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 2 M // Much occupied at Trade. The mind in a poor condition as to life, indeed I have suffer'd so much with the tooth Ach of late that my head has been so confused that I have been unable to think on any subject -

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 February 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 2 M 1810// I went to meeting in the forenoon, & Abigail Sherman preached a little to us "This day choose whom you will serve, if God be God serve him but if Baal be God serve him" but I suffered so much with the tooth Ach that I could feel but little else, however these thoughts run thro' my mind, that when a person had the tooth Ach they were for putting off the sure remedy (extraction) & trying Paliatives which only tend to keep us longer under suffering, when if we would come to the point at once & have it out, our suffering would be soon over - so I thought it is with those who are called to make religious sacrifices, allways dreading the thing required & putting it off from season to season in hopes to make something else answer, but nothing will give permanent peace but A sacrifice of that



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which is required at our hands -With these thoughts I went home concluding to try one prescription more, & if that did not answer I would then think more seriously of extraction, which I did, & staid from meeting to make the experiment, but all would not do, so accordingly I put on my boots early in the evening come out of the house not letting any boody know where I was going, & went to J Lawton & had it pulled & return'd on my way rejoicing, as did my dear H when She found my sufferings in that respect (at least for a time) were ended

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 February 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 19 of 2 Mo// The mind in rather a poor state but not so Poor as at some times. Our little Son is very sick today, & Sister Ruth is very affectinately with us - he appears to be about his teeth.

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 February 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 2 Mo// Our little boy has been very sick today, so that I began to be apprehensive of the Issue but is this evening much more quiet & comfortable. -

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 February 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 2 Mo// Our dear little son continues much better -I desire to be thankful, but I desire also but to have my affections to much placed upon him, so that if he is taken from this to a better home, the Shock may not be to Great

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February 22, Thursday: It was determined that Carl Maria von Weber owed three times his assets. Weber agreed to a debt payment arrangement to placate the creditors. They petitioned for his release.

[Alexander Wilson](#) whipped up his courage and resolved upon a grand river adventure:

Pittsburgh Feb/4 22nd 1810.
I have resolved to navigate a small
Bateau which I have bought, I name the
Ovisholagist, down to Cincinnati, 528 miles,
myself, -
Yours most sincerely
Alex Wilson

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1810// Went to [Portsmouth](#) with Rowse Taylor to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. (The little boy being so unwell that my Dear H could not leave him) Our first meeting was silent, in the last there was much buisness, which got along as well as usual, but no great or uncommon degree of life in either Meeting - We dined at Our friend R Mitchells, & came home soon - I was sorry that I was so pinched for time that I could not call at H A to see our Ancient friend James Bringhurst who seems to be near a close as to this World but will doubtless in my mind be admitted to a mansion of Rest in that which is to come. Found my H & son pretty well

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February 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2nd Mo// My mind has today been favor'd to experience the arisings of life in a sweet & precious degree for which I desire to be thankful - In the evenging called at B Hadwens - his mother departed this life this afternoon

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 February 24, Saturday: Henry Cavendish, physicist, died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 2 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except the usual rounds at Meals & my occupation -

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 February 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 2 Mo// Had pretty good meetings in the forenoon our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short but very alarming testimony from the text "If the righteous are scarcely to be saved where shall the ungodly & sinner appear" - My dear H & little son are pretty Well

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 February 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 2 Mo// Attended the funeral of our friend Elizabeth Hadwen We went to the meeting house & had a solemn opportunity, our friend D Buffum skillfully engaged in testimony

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 February 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 2 Mo// Peter Cozzens was buried. I could not attend his funeral but was desirous too, he was a goodly & clean spirited old man & son of a member of Society but not a member himself - he lacked about 8 days of 90 Years of age -

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 February 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 2 Mo// Heard this Afternoon that Our ancient friend James Bringham Deceased last evening at the huse of Holder Almy last eveng. How the Aged pass away from us. -

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March 1, Thursday: [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin \(later Frédéric François Chopin\)](#) was born in Zelazowa Wola in the Duchy of Warsaw near the capital, second of four children born to Nicholas Chopin, Alsatian tutor to the children of Countess Ludvika Skarbek, and Tekla Justyna Krzyzanowska, personal attendant to and distant relative of the countess.

Hannover was made part of the Kingdom of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day [sic] 1 of 3 M 1810// We had a silent meeting & tho' my mind would now & then jostle from the right place yet it was a pretty good time to me - I was lead to reflect on the many deaths that have taken place in our Society since the present year commenced, chiefly among those that are far advanced in life, & how soon we whose boones are moisened with marrow & blood thrilling in our veins, if pernitted inhabit this Tabernacle of clay even to advanced life, must pass away as they have done, & perhaps "here today & gone tomorrow", so that we cannot be too soon in readiness to meet our final Awful Change. I feel desirous to be in the faithful discharge of my duty, obedient to every intimation thereof that when my account is called for, it may be in readyness to present to him the Judge of all & from whom there is no Appeal My much valued friend Richard Mitchell called at the shop this afternoon & staid an hour or two in which time we had much interesting & feeling conversation, it was to me & I believe it was so to him a season of much tender feeling - How precious are sweet opportunitys when those who are acquainted with the Hebrew tongue call in & set who down in a brotherly way to converse on those things which are near to our best life-

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March 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 2 of 3 Mo// The mind in a better frame than usual, a geed degree of life has been experienced. -

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March 3, Saturday: France annexed Dalmatia and attached the Tyrol to the Kingdom of Italy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 3 of 3 Mo// This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with brother D Rodman on our way to [Tiverton](#) to attend the funeral of Our good old friend James Bringhamst - We lodged at Benjamin Freeborns, & were very comfortably & agreeably entertain'd in



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the evening by conversation with our friends Benjm is a man of experience & value - In the Morning after breakfast we rode to Tiverton & crossed the new Stone Bridge at Howlands ferry which is the first time I have been there since its compleation - We went to Thos Barkers at the time appointed for the funeral & saw the corpse of the good old man which looked natural & pleasant considering how long it had been kept - I serv'd as a bearer & soon Moved to the Meeting house after a pretty length of Silence Our frd Wm Almy rose up & preached the truth to the people, & as soon as he concluded Our friend D Buffum was up on his feet & spoke with much life & Power for a considerable time - After a considerable pause in which the Minds of many present appeared to be dipt into much feeling, the Meeting concluded & we took the corpse from the Meeting house to the grave on Shoulders where after a suitable pause it was decently interr'd We returnd & dined at Thos Barkers, & after going into the chamber to see my beloved Susanna who is mostly confind by sickness We returnd homeward stopping on our Way at Benjm Freeborns to get what we left there the night before - We got safe home a little before sundown & found our wifes & little ones Well - I can say with repect to myself that it has been a very favor'd visit to me a time I hope not soon to forget. -

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March 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 3 Mo// Engaged all day with Sam Thurston & Richard Mitchell in taking an inventory of the personal Estate Elizabeth Hadwen. We dind & took tea With Benjamin

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March 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 3 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that I am quite indisposed with a cold & sore throat -

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March 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 3 Mo// I am still unwell & more so than yesteray with an horseness & soreness in my throat - Brother D & Wife & brother J & Wife took tea with, Sister Rebecca set the eveng



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 March 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8 of 3 M 1810// I went to meeting, tho' before I went I thought I was too much unwell, but was glad I did as it was a pretty good time - A Sherman express words as follows "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither hath it enter'd into the heart of Man to conceive the good which the Lord hath laid up in store for those that love him" Sarah Fish was present but had nothing to Say among us -
A Cough came on with violence late this Afternoon which causes a great oppression & soreness at my lungs, medicine (however) taken this eveng has a Salutory effect*

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 March 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 3 Mo// My health is poor, my breast is sore, & I have no doubt but being affected as my breath & lungs are at present for any considerable length of time, the termination would be severe but I think the Coltsfoot & Hysop tea Sweetened with Honey & a little Sweet Nitre with it which I took last night & the Coltsfoot & Indian bran sweetend with honey today has a good effect - Rec'd this morning a very acceptable letter from my friend Micajah Collins

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 March 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 3 Mo// My cold seems better today, tho' I was much exposed this morning in rising at the early hour of 4 OClock & went out at the Alarm of fire which happened in Capt Whites house a few doors below where I live, but fortunately the fire was extinguished without great difficulty & did not do but about \$200 damage to the house

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 March 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1day 11 of 3 Mo// I staid at home this forenoon while my dear H went to Meeting & took care of the little boy - In the Afternoon We went together & Sister E took care of him the while we had silent meetings, & to me it was a pretty good time In the evening went to see my dear Aunt Martha Gould

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 March 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 3 Mo// Occupied as usual, in the evening rote to Uncle Stanton - Recd a letter from Wm Burling -

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 March 13, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Smyrna and slept at Han, near the river Halesus.

The New York State Senate passes a resolution calling for Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, DeWitte Clinton, Simeon De Witt, William North, Thomas Eddy, and Peter B. Porter to be appointed commissioners to explore routes for a [canal](#) across the state, and to recommend improvements to Onondaga Lake.

ERIE CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 3 Mo// Again the usual rounds & but little else, my cold seems better for which I desire to be thankful with all the rest of my favors. -

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 March 14, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Han and arrived in Aiasaluk, near Ephesus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 3 Mo// My H & little Son spent the day at my fathers Sister Ruth was there in the Afternoon, which was very agreeable - Recd a long letter from Lewis Clarke. -

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 March 15, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus.

Last issue of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s [The Friend](#).

The New York State House of Representatives concurred with the Senate's resolution calling for Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, DeWitte Clinton, Simeon De Witt, William North, Thomas Eddy, and Peter B. Porter to be appointed commissioners to explore routes for a [canal](#) across the state, and to recommend improvements to Onondaga Lake.

[ERIE CANAL](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 3 M 1810// I had a poor dull meeting, but the fault was my own. Oh when shall I experience more of the fullness.

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 March 16, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Ephesus and returned to Smyrna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 3 Mo// Our Little soon [son] seems quite unwell I suppose it owing to his teeth, none of which are through but his gums much swollen - Mary Collins spent the Afternoon & evening With us -

[RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS](#)

 March 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 3 Mo// Called With B Hadwen to see Arthur Flagg whose father deceased yesterday, he was a very respectable African Aged 77 Years & had been in this country about 56 years -We thought it our duty to call & offer what assistance we could render, having much to feel on account of the Poor Oppressed African race. We saw the Corps which had a placid countenance & looked as when alive. I immediately thought of (I think it was) Thos Says, Vision when he Saw the Poor blackman cloathed in white & some of White skin, in not so favorable cloathing -

[RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS](#)

 March 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 3 Mo// We had silent meetings - Our little Caleb seems to be very sick. I hardly know how the case will terminate. Attended the funeral of Arthur Flagg - And who would presume to



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say that Africans does not possess feelings & affections as strong as those of White people, when they view the solemnity of their funerals, and in particular the tears that was shed at the grave of this goodly old man, my very heart was rent to see how much affected his children were at parting with him, & was not lessened to see his poor old country Man & brother in the Church (that he belonged to), Sipeo Tanner, shed tears over the grave of his brother - Arthur was a man of uncommon respectibility, had purchased his own time of his Master, his Wife & several of Children & besides that, had by his industry & prudence acquired considerable property, & died Much above want after having supported a large family very respectably - Such a Character is respectable as the Cholor of their Skin be as it may

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 March 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 3 Mo// Our dear boy continues very ill his disorder proved the canker rash & teething - The Doctor thinks his case has been doubtful all day - this evening he considers him a little better - Sister E will set up with him tonight, this is the first time we have ever employ a Watcher -

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 March 20, Tuesday: Eusebio Bardaji y Azara replaced Nicolás Ambrosio de Garro y Arizcún, marques de las Hormazas as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 3 M 1810// Our dear little boy had a comfortable night & seems better this morning, has continued so thro' the day & eveng so that we are in hopes he may be restored - tho' the prospect has appeard gloomy

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 March 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 3 Mo// Our dear little son is still better but is yet quite sick, but we think if no change for the worse takes place that he will be likely to be healed of this disease My mind has been seriously thoughtful about him & began to think how I could be reconciled to parting with him; he has many little



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endearing ways which entwine him closely to the heart, & his removal would be a very severe trial to the feelings, but the consolation that our loss would be his gain, that by an early removal from time he would escape the Snares of satan, would be very great. -

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March 22, Thursday: Jan Ladislav Dussek's three sets of variations for piano C.235-237 were performed for the initial time, in the Odéon, Paris by the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 3 Mo// Our little son continues better, which I desire to be thankful for, as it appears to be consistent with Divine Wisdom to lend him to us a little longer. Attended Meeting which was silent in the last (Preparative) Josiah Lawton inform'd thro' the medium of D Rodman that he proposed publishing his intentions of Marriage with Mary Collins.

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March 23, Friday: In the "Rambouillet Decree," the Emperor [Napoléon](#) directed the seizure of all ships of the United States of America entering French ports (his order was issued retroactive to the previous May 20th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 3 Mo// Divers have gone from town to attend the funeral of Joshua Barker an aged man & Uncle to my valued friend Susanna Barker. I should have been glad to have gone but having lately been at Tiverton I thought the time that it would take was more than I could afford - I understand he left time suddenly, having a cold for several days but not more unwell than he frequently was & about. As usual the family carried him his breakfast, & when they went to him again found him on the floor Dead. -

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 March 24, Saturday: David Melville of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) patented a “Lamp, Gas.”

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LIGHTING THE NIGHT



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 3 Mo// Father R dined with us & I dont know but it is the first time. – The mind in a dull frame as to religious sensibility, but I trust a little has been experienced–

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 March 25, Sunday: The Commercial Bank of Scotland was founded in Edinburgh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 3 M 1810// In the forenoon our friend David Buffum was very living & Powerful in testimony - In the Afternoon we were silent & after meeting I went home with J Dennis & took tea & spent the evening very agreeably - In walking home I could not but commemorate seasons that I had spent at the same place with an once beloved Youth & former companion of mine, good times we have had together, but now Alass Alass Alass he has fallen from the faith, how thankful ought I to be that I am thus far preserved from bringing open reproach on the precious testimony, - & how ought I to pray for help to continue to the end. Sarah Wilbour from South Kingston was at meeting today but had no public Service.



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 March 26, Monday: Mathilde von Guise, an opera by Johan Nepomuk Hummel after Mercier-Dupaty was performed for the initial time, in the Kärntnertortheater, Vienna.

Der Fischer und das Milchmädchen, oder Viel Lärm um einen Kuss, a divertissement by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Lauchery, was performed for the initial time, at the Royal Theater, Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 3 Mo// The day has passed with the usual round except that in the eveng I met with the Directors of the African Benevolent Society at Wm Pattens

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 March 27, Tuesday: Publication of three works by William Crotch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London: the glees Hail all the dear Delights, on Returning to Heathfield Park and Sweet Sylvan Scenes, and the air with variations for piano Milton Oysters or, Yeo, Yeo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 3 Mo// I have felt some motions of life on the mind today. Oh! that they may increase - Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from Jos Bringhurst in answer to one I wrote him sometime past respecting his brother James's decease. -

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 March 28, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) finished writing Canto II of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE:

HEREDITARY BONDSMEN! KNOW YE NOT WHO WOULD BE FREE, THEMSELVES MUST STRIKE THE BLOW!--British Poet.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 3 Mo// I have experienced a little life at times in the course of the day but I am a very barran creature, & If I feel no more tomorrow I shall be of but little service at Meetings



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March 29, Thursday: John H. Farnham, a student of [Harvard College](#), wrote his sister Mary B. Farnham in Newburyport to tell of a [duel](#) that had taken place involving Daniel Ripley (a law student, son of the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) and Madam [Phoebe Bliss Emerson Ripley](#) of [Concord](#)):

This morning I was saluted with no very agreeable piece of intelligence, which perhaps you may not be informed of & so I will give you a rough draft of. I was asked whether I had heard anything of Ripley's fighting a Duel. No I answered with much surprise when I learned that D.B. Ripley attended on tuesday evening the company of Cadets - that among the officers nominate for Election was a Mr. Wells for captain whose nomination Mr. Ripley & Mr. Bourne strenuously advocated. The election of Mr. Wells was last - after the business of the company was transacted, sat down to a party of whist - Bourne presently came up to the table & observed with marked [?] chagrin & contempt that had it not been for Ripleys foolish defence of said Wells as Captain, his election would have been carried. Poor Daniel was puzzled for an answer to so severe an attack. Presently he replied No sir, you mistake, had it not been for your duplicity he might have been elected. -Bourne knocked Ripley down. In the interim I know [not] what passed - but in the morning Ripley sent a note to B demanding some honorable satisfaction or reparation for the gross insult he had received. Bourne answered his note with contempt and scurrilous abuse & defiance. Ripley then sent him a challenge - which Bourne accepted - Each of them with their seconds - immediately took horses & carriages & rode as far as [Pawtucket](#) to boundary town between Massachusetts and [Rhode Island](#) [because duels were illegal in Massachusetts] - & walked out onto the field of combat - The first fire fell to Ripley - He fired & shot Bourne through the Coat - Bourne then apologised & said if Mr. Ripley was satisfied he was. Mr. Ripley was satisfied - thus ended this unfortunate affair, which will certainly be a great disadvantage to Ripley - although he had the best side....

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 3 Mo // Our first meeting was Silent but I believe was a pretty to me favord time - the last [Monthly Meeting] was large & an abundance of buisness came before us - J Lawton & M Collins published their intentions of marriage & performed Well. - David Buffum expressed a prospect he felt to accompany Elisha Thornton to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting which was united with & he furnished with a Coppy of a Minute - buisness went on with much uniminity which was a comfort - Hannah Dennis Wife of George & Susanna Hicks Dined with us -



March 30, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 Of 3 Mo// Recd a letter from Jos Bringhurst Junr respecting his fathers decease - The mind in a dull state-



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 March 31, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 3 Mo// The Mind in a feeling state, & under a degree of Depression. -

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 April 1, Sunday: Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) went, accompanied by his brother/tutor, to Darmstadt to study with Georg Joseph Vogler.

In a civil ceremony at Saint Cloud, the Emperor [Napoléon](#), this time in person, got married with Archduchess Marie-Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria (the cantata for the occasion was by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 4 M 1810// We had silent meetings & in the Afternoon a very small one owing to a severe storm of Wind & Rains - My mind was in a very roving condition, I was hardly able to have one good thought - Oh how often is this my case.

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 April 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 4 M // Reluctantly submitted to the Appointment of guardian of Violet Flagg a black Woman, but hope to be found faithful in the discharge of my trust.-

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 April 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 4 M // The mind not a little reflective on many subjects what concern me

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April 4, Wednesday: James Freeman Clarke was born in Hanover, New Hampshire to Samuel Clarke and Rebecca Hull Clarke.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Darmstadt for studies with Georg Joseph Vogler.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4 of 4 M // Our friends E Thornton & D Buffum sail'd
this morning for NYork with a prospect of being at Philadelphia
Yearly Meeting*

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April 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th 4 M // From present appearances it is presumable
that Our frds E T & D B have had a fine passage to NYork & were
there before Noon today. - I was at meeting. i.e. I presented
my body, but mind was in a very roving condition. I tried to
center down to the Life & did feel a little of it arise but Alass
how poor I am I can but morn over myself that I am so lean, poor
& barran*

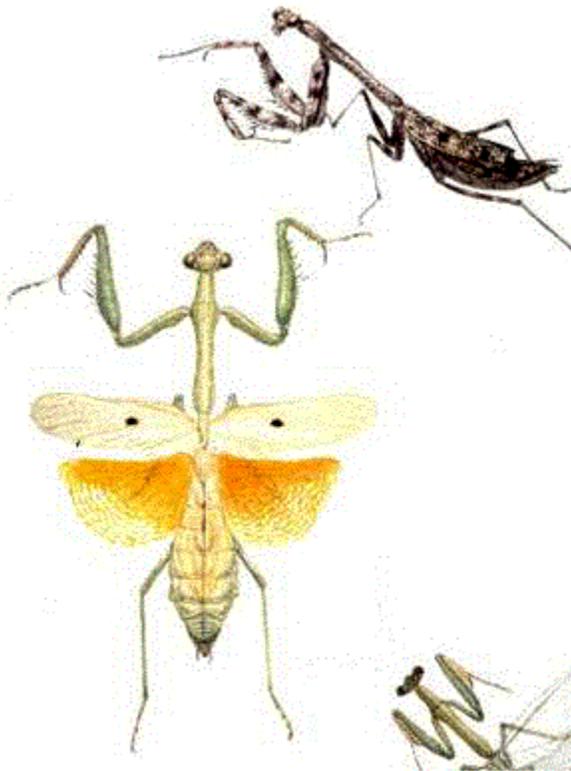
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 April 6, Friday: Supporters of Francis Burdett began rioting and attacking the residences of the Prime Minister and prominent Tories.

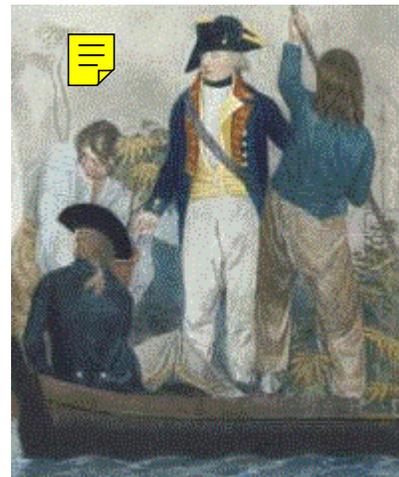
[Philip Henry Gosse](#), who would develop the 1st institutional aquarium, was born on High Street in Worcester, England as the 2d son of an itinerant painter of miniature portraits¹¹⁴ and a lady's maid. His childhood would be spent mostly in Poole, Dorset, where his aunt Susan Bell would teach him to draw and would introduce him to zoology (much as she had her own son, Thomas Bell, two decades his senior, who would become his great friend).



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ENTOMOLOGIA ALABAMENSIS

An illustration from Philip Henry Gosse's *Entomologia Alabamensis*, an unpublished collection of drawings and sketches of animals and plants, including 48 insects from Alabama.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6day 6 of 4 M // Nothing but the usual rounds thro' the day, & the usual dull sensations with respect to religious Sensations -

 April 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 7th of 4th Mo// The Mind seems disposed to be serious & Oh that I could but experience the life of religion renew'd -

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114. It is now interesting to compare the watercolors of English people, done by the father Thomas Gosse (1765-1844) who had trained at the Royal Academy, with the watercolors of butterflies and beetles done by the son. In both artists a microscopic inspection of the detail of this work will simply astound you.



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 April 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 4 M // After a Silent & very roving Meeting, I walked out to Cousin Alice Goulds & took dinner & found the dear Old Woman very low & apparently near her final change, soon after dinner I went into her room & spoke with her & set some considerable time her sister Hathaway was also there, & I can say in truth that my spirit was uncommonly refreshed with the arrisings of life, the whole family seem'd very tender, but particularly Cousin Alice & the Widdow Hathaway & cousin Alice Junr who is deeply afflicted with a painful Cancer in her breast & to all human appearances will soon terminate her carrier [career] of life. I staid the afternoon & took tea & when I came away went again into the room & took leave of Cousin Alice. She seem'd perfectly sensible & collected in her Mind sent her love to my father & Mother & Wife. I told her I had had a very agreeable visit altho I had not had much of her company & conversation she reply'd she was glad to see friends come to the house, & if she did not say much to them their company was refreshing - I do not know the time when I have had more Sweet sensations, & been better paid for leaving Meeting - I walked home & stopped at Saml Thurstons by the way. -

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 April 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th of 4 M 1810// Our little Son was very restless so that his dear Mother nor myself got but little sound sleep. I often feel much sympathy with my endeared Wife in her anxieties & fatigues, & much desire she may be favord with patience & that I may not be found slack in my Duty towards her. - he seems very smart & lively this afternoon

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 April 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 4 M // My dear Mother is very unwell today & I dont know but the days of her Years are nearly number'd, she has passed thro' many sorrows of late, & her constitution seems much exhausted thereby, well go when she will, my loss will be great indeed. I shall loose a tender & ever affectionate parent whose change from time, I pray may be to the Mansions of eternal rest - This eveng had an opportunity with John Green in company with J Sherman, on account of keeping company with a young woman not of society - the poor thing justified his conduct & we were



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unable to afford him any apparent help – Mary Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & eveng With my dear H –

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 April 11, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Smyrna on the frigate *Salsette* bound for Constantinople.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 4 M// My H spends the day at her fathers. Also Sister Joanna – I dined & took tea with them –

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 April 12, Thursday: The *Salsette* anchored off the coast of Tenedos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 4 M// We had as Silent meeting. - as usual my Mind was roving, but I thought it was rather more composed or centerd than common - Thus days & weeks pass away & this is my general complaint - Oh that I may yet experience more of the divine life, - - In the Afternoon met with the School committee. -

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 April 13, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the ruins of Alexandria Troas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 13 of 4 M// Occupied as usual. Oh the leaness of my Spirit. When shall more of the life be experienced, but poor I am in every sense of the Word, & I see no other way at present but to bear my poverty with patience, & endeavor by perseverance to gain ground – Mother Rodman set the evening with us, also brother David –

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 April 14, Saturday: The *Salsette* anchored off the coast of Cape Janissary.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 4 M 1810// Tho' much unwell with the rheumatism in my shoulder thro' the day, I thought it expedient to go to [Portsmouth](#) as buisness called me there, this afternoon, in the



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eveng I went to cousin Z Chases & lodged- And the next day I tarried their untill afternoon then in my walk home stopped at Cousin Alice Goulds & found them much as when I was there last first day the Old Woman very low & wearing out & Cousin Alice Junr in much distress - I then came home & found My H & little son at her fathers where we lodged - I did not go to Meeting, because I was unwell & thought it unsafe to Walk the distance, & was not free to take the seat of one of the family in the Chaises, which they kindly offer'd - While the family were gone I set down & read Clarksons Portrature & several manuscripts letters which they handed me, & my mind was much sweetned & refreshed thereby. here Satan would fain sugest to my mind that I had as well stay from meetings as go to them, seeing it is so frequently my lot to be so barran of life, but that will not do, tho' I am tried with rovings & tossings, I must go & wrestle for life - It was a day of much sweet & precious feelings for which I desire to be humbly thankful & ascribe the favor to Him alone who can soften the stoney heart at his pleasure. -

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 April 15: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse saw the plain of Troy.

Giacomo Meyer Beer (Meyerbeer) arrived in Darmstadt with his brother Heinrich, his tutor Aron Wolfssohn, and a servant. He had come to study with Georg Joseph Vogler.

 April 16, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lt. William Ekenhead set out on their initial attempt to swim across the Hellespont, but that day the water turned out to be too cold. Then Byron explored the Troad.

Dr. Abraham Skinner, who had been practicing medicine in Acton for some 29 years, died at the age of 53.

Dr. Abraham Skinner, was from Woodstock, Conn., and commenced practice in Acton, in 1781, where he died April 16, 1810, aged 53. He married Sarah, daughter of Francis Faulkner, Esq. 1788.¹¹⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 4th Mo// The mind not very susceptable, but a little degree of Life has been experienced. My H is still at her father's & expects to be for several days - We spent the Afternoon with E Hosier which was very agreeable to us.-

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115. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 April 17, Tuesday: King José I reorganized local government in Spain along the French model.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 4 M // I feel a depression of Spirits which hangs about me & has at times all day. I sometimes think there is nothing to make me joyous, still there is something that bears me up daily

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 April 18, Wednesday: Publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Piano concerto C.238 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 18 of 4 M // A day of tumult, tho' my mind has been greatly preserved out of the mixture. I have been to town Meeting, & there was much strivings for mastery, the evil spirits was very prevalent among the people, which will always be the case till we become good men. - I hardly know what to say. I wish I could be excused from going to town Meetings, I am no party man, but wish good order & good government, & goodly me to rule over us. -

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 April 19, Thursday: Wealthy landowners in Caracas, refusing to recognize Joseph Bonaparte, overthrew the Spanish captain-general and formed a junta to rule in the name of Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 4th M 1810// Philip Dunham is over & was at meeting - we had no preaching. - by wrestling I was favor'd to feel a little life to spring in my mind - Set most of the evening with C J Tenny in pleasant Conversation

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 April 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 4 M // Since last seventh day we have been at father Rodmans & after dinner today we went home, having spent with them an agreeable Week -

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April 21, Saturday: This was the year in which the Emperor [Napoléon](#) declared himself to be divorced. He wrote to Josephine:

My love, I have received your letter on April 19 – it is in a bad style. I am always the same; persons like me never change. I do not know what Eugène has told you. I had not written you because you had not written and because I wished only what should be agreeable to you.

I note with pleasure that you are going to Malmaison and that you are content. I shall be happy to receive news of you, and to give you news of myself. I say no more till you have compared this letter with yours; and that, I shall leave you to judge which is the better or the greater friend, you or I.

*Adieu, my love; keep well and be just to yourself and to me.
Napoleon*

At the height of his power and prestige, [Bonaparte](#) would wed Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 4th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, father Rodman dined with us & towards eveng my father called to see us but being very unwell was able to set but little while –



April 22, Easter Sunday: The Spanish evacuated the garrison of Matagorda near Cádiz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

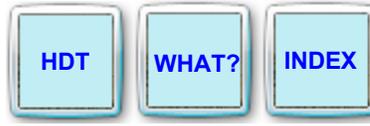
1st day 22 of 4 M // Staid from meeting this forenoon to take care of Caleb while my dear H went - After meeting in the Afternoon J Sherman & I went to Saml Thurstons & took tea & on our way home called at D Williams's - While at home this forenoon I spent my time in Reading Truth Vindicated by Elizabeth Bathhurst which is an excellent book & one that in my young years tended much to Strengthen & confirm me in Our principles -

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April 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 23rd of 4th Mo// I have felt exercised on several subjects, & the mind in a low state. I dont know that it is worth while to mention the causes, it will do no good, & tho' for several days I have said little or nothing of the State of my mind, yet I have not been without reflections - My mother set most of the Afternoon with my H & mother R & neighbor Rathbone the eveng. –



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April 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 4 M // Again but little else than the usual rounds, the mind perhaps not in an entire dead State, a little of the life has been felt to circulate in the mind particularly this evening. -

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April 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 4 M // With my dear H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. In the first meeting A Sherman said a few words. In the last we had much buisness, & considering all things it went on pretty well, it was a considerably favor'd time with me & I desire to be thankful - We dined at P Lawtons & then rode home & found our little son (whom we left at father Rs) had been very quiet, & my H appeard to suffer but little inconvenience from leaving him

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April 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 4 M // Cousin L Clarke is over & has called & set some time with me in the Shop today - my mind has been favor'd to feel a little of the life to circulate today. Oh that there may be a double dilligence to go down in spirit, & search for the Pearl of Price. - Brother David called to see us this evening.-

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April 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 4 M // The mind again today Seems touched with life, which is allways comfortable to feel & for which I desire allways to be thankful

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 April 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 4 M // We had Silent Meeting & to me rather dull seasons What more shall I say? but that I am a poor barran creature

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 April 30, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the springs of Bunarbashi.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 4 M // I seem to feel allmost out of conceit of myself in every respect, but this will not do; I must try not to be discouraged but hold fast the faith however discouraging prospects may seem at present -

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 1st of 5 Month (May 1), 3rd day of the week (Tuesday): In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 5th Mo// Our friends have gone to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting they have rather a Dull time the Wind not very brisk & what there is not very favorable - It would be very congenial with my inclination to be with them on board the Packet but so it is I must not be gratified in that respect, I have no one to leave in my Shop & my pecuniary standing will not admit its being Shut, tho' I cannot find on examination but that I should be willing to make the sacrifice if it seem'd required of me to go. - There is now much noise in the Street the Governoer has just come down the river which hass occasioned the discharge of Guns & other noises. I think my mind has been raised above it in a degree, & Oh that I may strive to keep the mInd so center'd, that thro' all the noise & stir that may occur tomorrow I may be favord with tranquility through the whole.-

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 2d of 5 Month (May 2), 4th day of the week (Wednesday): The *Salsette* anchored off Castle Chanak Kalessia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 5 Mo// Surely those that contend, that those who are of a different complexion from our selves are not accountable beings & have not minds capable of mental improvement, are mistaken, & no greater proof is needed than in



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the instance of [Paul Cuffe](#) a man of colour who has been to my shop today, whose spirit seems sweet & lovely, & mind expanded far above these lower objects, he felt near to my best life & my spirit was much refreshed in his company, by the arisings of the precious life. -It has been a noisy day but no more so than common for Election days, as usual there has been much Spirituous liquor drank & peoples min in quite heat. however not much violence committed, which is a favor -

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May 3, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lt. William Ekenhead made their 2d attempt to swim the Hellespont in emulation of Leander (about 4 miles on a slant with the current) and succeeded. Ekenhead completed the swim in 1 hour and 5 minutes and Byron got ashore 5 minutes later.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 5th M 1810// Josiah Lawton & Mary Collins were married this day, they spoke handsomely & the meeting was large & quick considering the occasion - We had no preaching & no Man Elder present the rest are absent to the Quarterly meeting - In the afternoon by invitation I went to the wedding house & took a dish of tea with them & while setting in the company I felt a sweetness to attend my mind and a little silent Supplication was breathed for their Spiritual improvements. My dear H was also invited but could not attend.-

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May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 5th Mo// Our friends have this Afternoon returned from [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting - as they walked up Street my heart leaped within me & near love & unity was excited with them, from a full belief that they had been to do the Lords Work, & I trust many of them have been well engaged & witnessed refreshment of Spirit, from the little visit I can again repeat that it would have been very pleasant to have been with them, but my situation & circumstances are such, that I feel pretty clear that it was best for me to be at home

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May 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 5 Mo// The day has gone which is the chief I can say about it, except that my mind has been much occupied about the best & most expedient method of making provision for friends at the Y Meeting time being one of the committee for that purpose



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May 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 6 of 5 Mo// Our Meetings were silent - I staid at home in the morning while my H went - After meeting in the Afternoon Sister Ruth went home with me & set the evening

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May 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 7 of 5 Mo// My mind much occupied respecting the provision for friends at Yearly Meeting time & in the eveng met at O Ws for that Purpose

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May 8, Tuesday: [Walter Scott](#)'s THE LADY OF THE LAKE was published. It featured a "Lord James of Douglas" character who had unjustly been outlawed:

Frederick Douglass's NARRATIVE

On the morning after our arrival at New Bedford, while at the breakfast-table, the question arose as to what name I should be called by. The name given me by my mother was, "Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey." I, however, had dispensed with the two middle names long before I left Maryland so that I was generally known by the name of "Frederick Bailey." I started from Baltimore bearing the name of "Stanley." When I got to New York, I again changed my name to "Frederick Johnson," and thought that would be the last change. But when I got to New Bedford, I found it necessary again to change my name. The reason of this necessity was, that there were so many Johnsons in New Bedford, it was already quite difficult to distinguish between them. I gave Mr. Johnson the privilege of choosing me a name, but told him he must not take from me the name of "Frederick." I must hold on to that, to preserve a sense of my identity. Mr. Johnson had just been reading the "Lady of the Lake," and at once suggested that my name be "Douglass." From that time until now I have been called "Frederick Douglass;" and as I am more widely known by that name than by either of the others, I shall continue to use it as my own.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 5 Mo// But little brought to pass in the line of my occupation, however I have earned something - the mind occupied about things which tend to but little or no advantage spiritually or temporally.

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May 9, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote "Written After Swimming From Sestos to Abydos."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 5 Mo// Again the mind occupied about that which proffiteth not. C J Tenny set the evening with us - & here is another instance to confirm the doctrine that times & seasons are not at our command, for when I was with him at his house some evengs past my mind was open & could converse with clearness

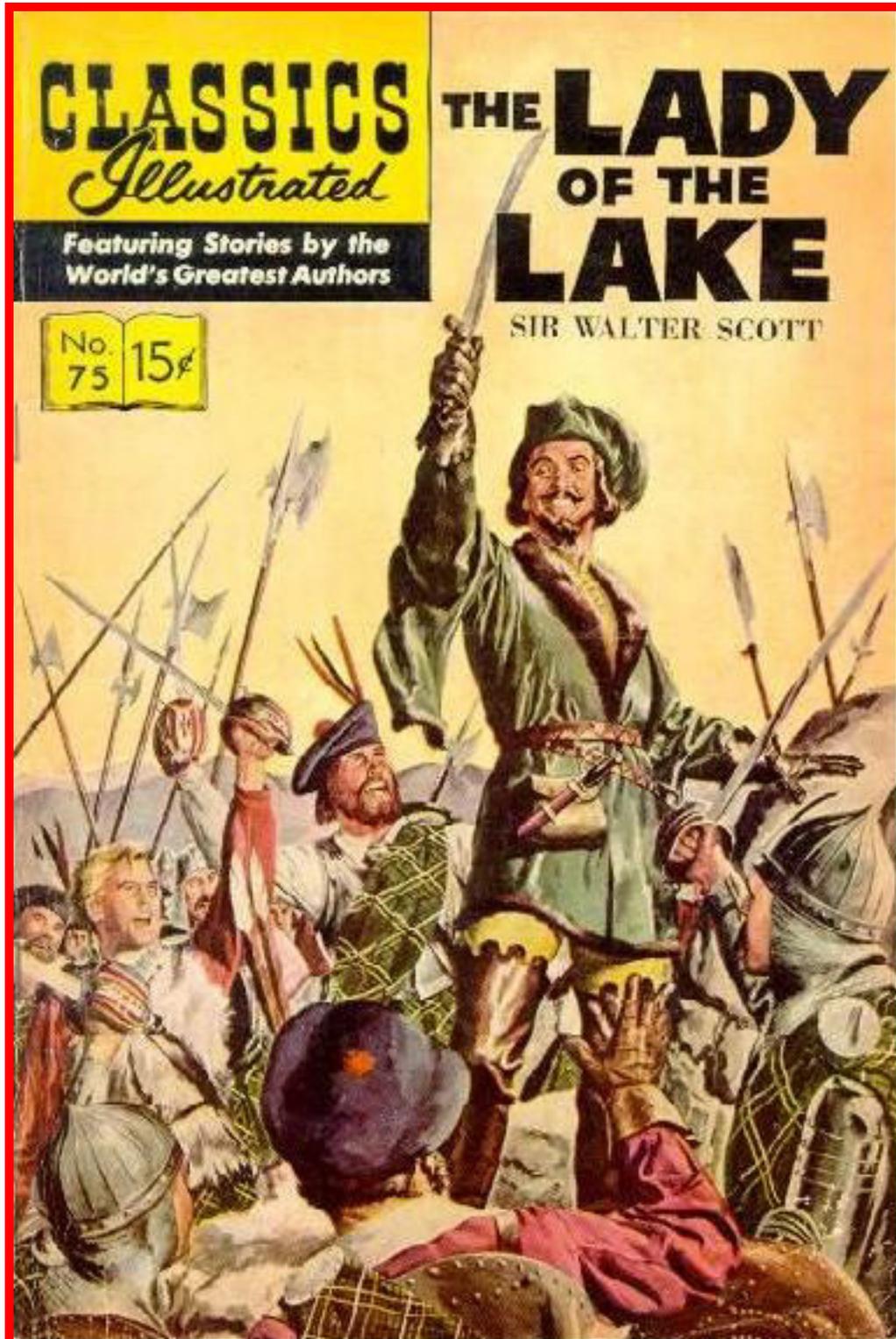
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on religious subjects but this eveng I was shut up & could say but very little, perhaps it was all for the best. -

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May 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 5 M 1810// My mind has been favor'd with the sweet precious arisings of life this morning under which I wrote a few lines to my friend P Dunham - Oh! that at meeting I may experience a continuance of it -
At meeting the life arose but like the ebbings of the sea returnd again, & then return'd again - alternatly, but on the whole it was a good quiet favord time to what I have some times And again this afternoon at the funeral of Rowse Taylor's child I had a sweet little opportunity in silence & for the favor this day experienced it is in my heart to Say God be praised. - Our friends D Buffum & E Thornton arrived in the forepart of the Afternoon from their journey to Philadelphia - Recd a letter from Micajah Collins which convey'd the melancholly tidings that D. B Alley & his wife were in a state of delirium & he so bad as to be chained & that some hopeful friends at Concord had been so unwatchful as to make them their oracles & were like to be carried quite off from the ground of Truth. -*

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May 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 5 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds the mind in a good degree of feeling for which I feel thankful

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May 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 5 Mo// My H this morning took the little boy down to her fathers to spent the day & this forenoon a mistake occurring about a Watch that I sent to Wickford it became necessary for me to go up to Wickford & therefore prepared, but since the mistake being rectified, the necessity is taken away, but as our friend Sarah Fish is in town & going up to set out from there with A Smith on a religious visit to friends in some of the Western & Southern Yearly Meetings I think as I am prepared I will go with her & am now just going down to the Packet. - We arrived in Wickford some time before Sunset after a pleasant passage of about 2 hours took tea at Our friends A &



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A Smiths, & I lodged at their brother Johns who is a friend of much kindness & hospitality as they are all in that place -

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May 13, Sunday: The *Salsette* anchored off Venaglio Point. They got their first sight of Constantinople.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Breakfasted at J S - At meeting in the forenoon Our dear friend Hannah Dennis spoke a few words very sweetly & acceptably then Ann Smith & then our dear & venerable John Casey appeared in a long & baptizing testimony which I think could not fail [to] affect every mind present - at the conclusion our last mentioned friends requested that the inhabitation of the Village might be invited to set with us in the Afternoon & accordingly we had an enlarged meeting. The good old man was very living & Powerful in his testimony & I have no doubt his communication will live in the minds of some that were present when his body shall return to its parent dust - I dined & took tea with J S & John Casey also took tea - In the eveng went down to Avis & Ann's where we had a sweet & very affecting opportunity. Ann took occasion to say that the opportunity was unexpected but agreeable, & that she had been reflecting during the time of our silent setting together of the very great uncertainty of time, & that as she was soon to be separated from her beloved friends & connections it was very uncertain whether she should ever see us more & if she her self should be favored to return, it was doubtful whether some that were present would not be called to their long homes, before her return, so that she felt it to be a solemn thing to part with her friends she exhorted all to be diligent & faithful that when the summons to almighty Purity came, we might be ready [to] meet it with joy & not sorrow - It was an affecting season indeed & many tears were shed - I return'd to my friend John's & lodged -

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May 14, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Constantinople.

French forces captured Lérida in Catalonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day took breakfast at Johns & then went to Avis & Anns & staid untill the carriage was ready at the parting opportunity (which was very solid & affecting) Ann appeared in a solemn supplication when our minds were again much affected even to many tears - Soon after they went away We [i.e.] [Preserved Fish](#) Hannah Dennis & myself went onboard the Packet & had a pleasant passage home in just 3 hours - I found my dearly beloved Wife & little son as well as when I left them & my outward concerns as well attended too as they could be in my absence -. which is cause of real thankfulness & confirmation that it was right for



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me to make the Sacrifice - I have been much favor'd to feel the partition that has for a long time stood between me & the precious life removed, & the life very sweetly raised in my mind which is worth all that I may have lost of an earthly nature -

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 May 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 5 M 1810// The day has passed with the usual rounds & the mind has been favor'd to witness the precious life to circulate in the mind, for which I desire to be thankful and ascribe all praise to him who is the Author of every good thing

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 May 16, Wednesday: The County of Hanau was annexed to Frankfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 5 Mo// The mind again favor'd with a good degree of sweetness tho' there has been some alloy -

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 May 17, Thursday: After 16 years of occupation, Great Britain annexed the formerly French Seychelles Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 5 Mo// At meeting my mind was in some degree favor'd with the arisings of the precious life, on the whole it has been a Day of precious feeling - My H & little son were at my fathers & spent the day - Sister E spent the eveng & staid all night

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 May 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 5 Mo// My mind has been favor'd with the precious arisings of life for which I desire to be thankful, the partition that is so frequently between me & divine favor, has been very much removed, & a sweet tenderness has cover'd my mind. Oh how precious it is to feel it. - Philip Dunham is over & has been at the Shop -This morning put a letter in the Post office



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directed to Micajah Collins - We took tea at brother D R's -

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 May 19, Saturday: Two works by Samuel Wesley were performed for the initial time, at the Hanover Square Rooms, London: In exitu Israel for chorus and organ, and Father of Light and Life for chorus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 5 Mo// It has not been the worst of days to me. I have much to be thankful for - We took tea at brother J Rs My H is now paying some visits that have been long due

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 May 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 5 Mo// The forenoon meeting was a good composed one to me, & the life seem'd to flow with sweetness. D Buffum was lively in testimony In the Afternoon I stay'd at home to mind the little boy while my H went to meeting And wrote to David Smith - In the eveng went to D Williams, & sent [set] an hour then came down to my brothers & set a while there, then home -

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 May 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 5 M 1810// I may acknowledge that it hath been a day of sweet refreshing life. The mind has been uncommonly tender thro' the day & especially this Afternoon & evening - Sister R spent the Day with us. -

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 May 22, Tuesday: The Principality of Regensburg was annexed by Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 5 Mo// A Day of some life. The mind brought into an agreeable frame, for which I desire to be thankful -

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 May 23, Wednesday: [Sarah Fuller](#) was born in [Cambridgeport](#), Massachusetts.¹¹⁶

[King Solomon II](#) was deposed as the [Kingdom of Imeret'i](#) (in [Georgia](#)) was annexed by Russia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 5 Mo// The mind again refreshed with the Springs of Life.

This eveng in looking forward to Y Meeting while setting at home with my dear H, my feelings were quite raised to a lively sensibility that I seldom have. I rememberd some favord seasons, at that time & as from present apperiences We shall be more at liberty to enjoy the company of our friends than the last. There seem'd something encourageing in the prospect, but how will be cannot tell, sickness or other disappointments may assail us & all our promised enjoyment be frustrated, but be that as it may I hope we shall be favord with the Life of Religion

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 May 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 24 of 5 Mo// Our little son has this day compleated the first Year of his life, he has thus far been a comfort & Oh saith my Soul may he live & grow up in the innocency, my spirit is at this moment bowed with desires that he may Walk in the paths of truth & learn in the days of his Childhood to know the Lord, that, when he grows to mans Estate he may shun the subtil snares of Satan - It has been a good day to me, tho' at meeting my thoughts were roving, but were more easily corrected than at Some seasons Dear H Dennis was concerned in a Short testimony Also Abigail Robinson - My H left the little boy at father Rs while she went to meeting. We dined there & she spent the Afternoon, I took tea at My fathers.

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116. At age 10 she would be given permission to assume her mother's name, Margaret.



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 May 25, Friday: Following Napoléon's conquest of Spain, an assembly in Buenos Aires voted to create "a provisional junta of the Provinces of the Rio de la Plata," governing for Fernando VII over what has by now become Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Cornelio Saavedra was named president.

Three Chilean revolutionary leaders were captured by Spanish authorities in Santiago before their plan could be acted upon.

This was [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 7th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 5 Mo// I wrote this morning to Sarah Fish in hopes it may reach her while attending Yearly Meeting in N York I have had some sweet & precious feelings of life expecially this Afternoon for which I desire to be thankful. -

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 May 26, Saturday: According to the journal of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), there was some nasty stuff going down in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) — but then better judgment prevailed at least for the moment:

7th day 26th of 5th M 1810// Strange to tell, the Widow Olaphant this day presented a petition to the Court now Setting in this Town for liberty to Send a black Woman to Carolina to be Sold. The black woman is a person of More, far More principal than her self, & I will hazard the opinion, is much more eligible for heaven & happiness, she has served her mistress faithfully her whole life & is a professor, & (I believe in measure) a possessor of religion, & now to even desire to Send her from her native land to be Sold into the hands of people as bad as herself & away from all acquaintance to drag out her existance in an augmented suffering servitude, is horable to think of - but exulting to the cause of humanity, & the shame & confusion of cruel tyrant [slave-holders](#) be it said, that that the poor unprincipled Wicked Woman was frustrated in her design (at least for the present) & will doubtless be so at the next Court - by the exercions of Sam'l Vinson, Benj Hadwen, Green Burrows, Wm Langley & a few others the petition was postponed untill the next term

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 May 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:



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1st day 27 of 5 M // We had Silent meetings & I thought they were good ones, tho' doubtless in many instances the seed was under suffering - My Mother was desirous that we should leave our little son with her while my dear H & myself went to meeting which we did, & we dined & took tea there - In the evening I called a little while at our friend Thos Robinsons

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 May 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 5 M // The day has passed with but little advancement in any respect. I have felt but little life circulating in the mind, I suppose, (& indeed there is no doubt) but it is my own fault for if I had have sought I might have found. -

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 May 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 5 M // Busied about several things which will turn to but little account. - A report is in circulation respecting Amasa Southwick & his Wife of [Smithfield](#) which is of a disquieting nature Sorrowful indeed

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 May 30, Wednesday: Variations for cello J.94 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Heidelberg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 5 M // Again busied about many things some of which will probably never turn to much acct in any respect -Wm Maxwell was drowned this afternoon behind the fort sailing for pleasure poor man he yesterday Swore our of Goal being put there for debt & today has entered another world, taken away in full health. A Solemn Warning -

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 May 31, Thursday: John Field got married with Adelaide Percheron, his mistress and one of his pupils, in the French Catholic Church, Moscow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 5 M 1810// I am just going to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting a poor dull creature. Oh that the life may arise in my mind - We had a Silent Meeting but I thought it was a good one - In the last we had not an abundance of buisness & what we had went on pretty well - Cousin Zacheus [?] Chase Dined with us of which I was very glad, as he is a dear friend of mine at whose House I have spent many hours of happiness in my early days, & now in more mature Years whenever I go to see him those days of my boyhood are very pleasantly renew'd

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 June 1, Friday, and 2, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7 days 1 & 2 of 6 M 1810// The usual rounds & nothing material to insert. The mind in a milling State of life, nothing to boast of. -

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 June 3, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 6 M // We had silent meetings, except in the forenoon O Williams read the London Epistle for last year - both were low & I thought suffering seasons to many present After meeting in the Afternoon Visited the Work & Alms Houses

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 June 4, Monday: Karl August von Hardenberg replaced Karl Friedrich Ferdinand Alexander, Count von Dohna-Schlobitten as Chancellor of Prussia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 6 M // Pretty much occupied at Trade. Tho' some degree of religious life, which I esteem a favor & desire to be thankful -

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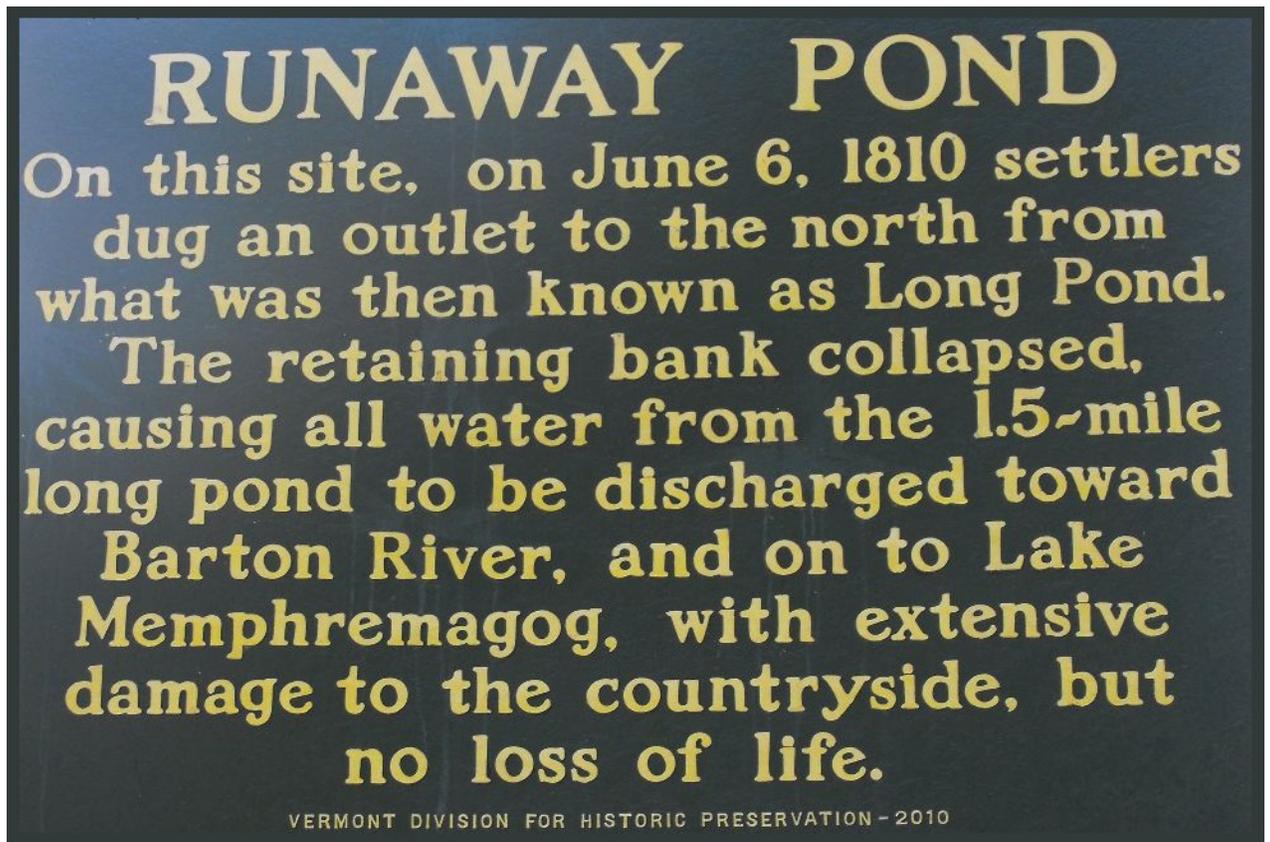
June 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 6 M // The day has been principally spent in a way that it is probable I have added but little or nothing to my best interest - I, however feel not very much condemned, believing that I did for the best -

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June 6, Wednesday: In Vermont, there is an abrupt watershed in which high lakes on one side drain directly into Lake Champlain, while high lakes not far from them drain another way, into Lake Memphremagog. The waters being low at the mills on the Barton River, a trench was cut across the divide from one high lake, Long Lake, which was draining by way of a small stream into Lake Champlain, to another lake some 200 rods distant but at a much lower altitude which flowed in the other direction. The idea was to let some of the Long Lake waters flow down the other way at least temporarily. But “on a sudden the lake burst its borders, and poured with its whole mass down the descent, rushing with inconceivable velocity in an immense column, three quarters of a mile wide and eighty feet in depth, across the country.”



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 6 M // My dear friend P Dunham is over & was to see me this morning. I was glad to see him, we had much agreeable



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conversation & the Sweet & precious life was raised (I believe) in both our minds, for my own part I can say that the quick in my heart was touched & feel thankful for it. -

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June 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 6 M // At meeting my mind was closely beset by roving thoughts, but I thought they did not prevail as mightily against me as at times, a little more quiet experienced than common for me to have - no preaching. -

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June 8, Friday: At the Paris Opera that evening, *Persée et Andromède*, a ballet-pantomime with music by Franz Joseph Haydn, Etienne-Nicolas Méhul, and others, to a scenario by Gardel, was performed for the initial time.

That night at 10:30PM, in Zwickau, Saxony southwest of Chemnitz, Robert Schumann was born as the 5th and final child of August Schumann, a bookseller, publisher and author, with Johanna Christiane Schnabel, daughter of the chief surgeon to the city of Zeitz.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 6 M 1810// Occupied various ways & principally in making arrangements at the boarding houses at the Yearly meeting time, things, at them, appear to go on well

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June 9, Saturday: Carl Otto Ehrenfried Nicolai was born in Königsberg (Kaliningrad), the father being Carl Ernst Daniel Nicolai, a composer. The physical and mental condition of the mother, Christiane Wilhelmine Lauber, was such that the connection would end in a few months, and until age 10 he would be being brought up with foster parents.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 6 M // The day principally spent in preparations for the ensuing Y Meeting. 4 O'clock P M friends begin to come into town - I feel lean & poor in spirit, my weaknesses arise, but Oh that strength may arise Superior to them, but alas there is so much of human nature, unsanctified unredeemed nature remaining in my system that I feel almost without hope that the life of religion will be very flourishing with me. I feel at



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this moment humbled in recollection of what little progress I have made since last year this time, I recollect that then my mind was humble & in a tender frame. My dear H just put to bed with a fine boy & in a comfortable way of recovery which excited sensations of gratitude to the Lord for the favor. The little boy has continued to grow & is all that can be expected from him at his Age, & yet there is not that deepening in the root that I desire, I have none nor nothing, but myself to lay the blame to, & therefore hope to take courage & press forward in watchful care over my own thoughts & actions, that thereby a Stop to those roving unprofitable things which so continually are revolving in my mind may properly be subjected. -

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June 10, Sunday: In Paris, Du trône ou jusqu'à Toi, a cantata by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul to words of Arnault, was performed for the initial time, to further celebrate the union of the Emperor [Napoléon](#) with his bride Marie-Louise.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Our Morning meeting was large. The public laborers were John Shoemaker, E Thornton, Betsy Purinton & Lydia Rotch - in the Afternoon (as it usually is) the meeting was larger the public laborers were Peter Hoxie, Joseph Duglas, Cyrus Beady & E Thornton & altho I do not consider them as still & quiet meetings as some we have had at some Yearly Meetings Yet I thought they were favor'd with the Wing of devine love & in good measure owned by the great Master - We had at Dinner the company of Daniel Johnson - at Tea Micajah Collins & Wife Matthew Purinton & Wife, Henry Russel & Wife Edward Cobb & Wife, Easter Newhall & several others that I do not now recollect - Easter lodged with us -

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June 11, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day // Easter breakfasted with us Thos Watson John Fry, Philip Dunham, Jos Scott & Abby Anthony dined with us - Wm Almy, Easter Newhall Edward Cobb John Smith & Betsy Parrish took tea & Easter & Edward Cobb lodged with us
Our Meetings today have been preciously favord with the overshadowing Wing of Divine goodness - And as to my own particular I may humbly & thankfully acknowledge that my stoney heart was removed & an heart of flesh vouchsafed - In the morning Jas Green opened the meeting in a few words which savord well E Thornton follow'd him in a long, excellent lively & well adapted discourse -- In the Afternoon Richard Jordan & Willet Hicks arrived from N York & attended Meeting Richard opened the meeting in a long & powerful testimony & during the course of*



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the setting many excellent pertinent & feeling remarks were made by divers friends Viz Rowland Green, John Shoemaker, Thos Titus, Willet Hicks, [Moses Brown](#), D Buffum, Cyrus Beady, [Paul Cuff](#) & Several others. This is the first time that ever a man of colour delivered his opinion in our Yearly Meeting & I guess in any in the World. Meeting adjourn'd till 4 OClock tomorrow Afternoon

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 June 12, Tuesday: Mequínenza, southwest of Lérida in Spain, surrendered to the French.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day // Eastes & Edward Cobb breakfasted with us in the forenoon I came to the Shop & wrought a little with my hands at my trade -At meeting Willet Hicks John Shoemaker & Thomas Titus made many feeling remarks but I thought it was the poorest setting we have had - At dinner we had Peter Hoxie & Wife, Lewis L Clarke & Nicholas Jones, several friends called afterwards. At tea we had Chad Smith - Our usual [lodgers] Eastes[?] & Edward-

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 June 13, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// Eastes & Edward Cobb at Breakfast - Our Meeting ended this setting which began at 10 OClock - We had many excellent testimonies Viz Micajah Collins, John Shoemaker, John Casey, Willey Hicks & E Thornton & some others -We concluded under a precious covering of life altho we had set nearly four hours. And now I may remark that I esteem it a very precious favor, that I have been able to see many of my friends at my home whom I love & withall to feel the sweet arisings of life circulate on the mind. Oh that I may be preserved in thankfulness, for every favor. We had at Dinner Eastes Newhall & several young men that I do not know by name At tea we had a good circle & in the evening as many as our house would hold, all agreeable & clever friends -

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 June 14, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day// Our friends have principally gone that were ar the boarding houses - as are Our endeared friends Eastes Newhall &



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Edward Cobb who lodged with us, they seem'd very near to us – At Meeting Richard Jordoan was very powerful & living in testimony & Supplication & the Good & venerable Thos Titus concluded the meeting in a few sweet & lively expressions –there were many people present & all were very quiet & attentive, & I have heard this of Several that were well pleased that were no members –

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June 15, Friday: Incidental music for Goethe's play Egmont was performed for the initial time, in the Hofburg Theater, Vienna (the play had been produced on May 24th but [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had not yet have the music ready).

Zur Feier des 15ten Juni for solo voice, chorus and piano by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Darmstadt (the work was in celebration of the birthday of their teacher Georg Joseph Vogler).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 6 M 1810// Yearly Meeting has passed, & Alass who of us that are now living will live to see another is very uncertain. I desire for my own part to improve from the favor of attending the past, & leave the event of another, to Him who best knows what is best for us – We have had the company of many friends who we love, & been able to entertain them satisfactorily for which among the rest of my blessings I desire to be thankful. & altho I have been incumbered with many Cares both previous & at the time of the Meeting with respect to the boarding houses, Yet it has been a season of favor to my Mind tho' not as much of the flowing in of the precious Spirit as at some seasons, Yet not that empty & barran feeling which is so often my lot. -

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June 16, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 6 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, Sister Ruth goes to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to commence School keeping for the Summer. We shall miss the company of the dear sweet creature, but if our loss will be any advantage to her it would be selfish murmur especially when we reflect that it is but temporary. She is indeed a very pleasant & interesting companion & one that I feel much nearness towards in every sense. -

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June 17, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 6 M 1810// At Meeting this morning D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony concerning the light within & in a very feeling & Affectionate manner addressed the Youth present

After meeting I went to Sam Thurstons & dined & from there to the Widow Anthonys & after I had rested, a little to Cousin Alice Goulds Where I found them in a very distressed State the dear old Woman low in body near unto the conclusion of all things here - And dear Cousin Alice Junr in a very distressing condition both to herself & those around her; her breast & indeed her whole boody is in excruciating misery from the effects of her cancerous humor which has now struck over her whole boody & the Smell of the room so extreemly offensive that it is with difficulty it can be endured, but comfortable to add, amidst all her pain & suffering she seems very quiet & comfortable in mind, patient & resigned to the Solemn Scene of Death which is fast hastening upon her, her situation was such that while I was there, I thought my mind was very uncommonly solemnized & brought into stillness & did not say much neither at entering nor parting, except that I was glad to see her & felt comfortable in her presence, she enquired after my Wife & child & fathers family -

Not finding that I could be of any use there Henry & I walked up into Cousin John's Woods & so down to his house & set sometime. he (Cousin John) related an anecdote of his grandfather & my great great grandfather that took such place in my mind that to preserve it in remembrance I will insert it here. he said that Collins told him that he Watched with old Danial Gould the night he died & that he (Collins) was a young man at that time, & Daniel appeard to have his perfect senses & would frequently call him by name & say "Oh This is the Truth, What I have been professing is the Truth, I feel it so" by which it appears that in his last moments he was confirmed in the Truth as he had been professing it & that so far from being shaken at the revilings & Whipings which he had received at Boston in the early part of his days that he was faithful & perserved [preserved] with an undeviating step, that path which seem'd cast up for him, & that even in Death his confidence was strong in the Lord -

Well this brings to my remembrance what Was told me a few days past of one of my Mothers relations by the name of Wanton a Son of old Edward Wanton that was so much persecuted & Whiped at Salem, he Was by birth right a member of our Society, but married a presbyterian, & when married they could not agree on What place of public Worship to attend, he would not go to the presbyterian Meeting, nor she to the [Quakers](#), so they agreed to go to the Church of England, & he said in reply to a person that asked him about it "We have concluded to go to the Church & will both go the Hell together" he retained a love for Friends as long as he lived & entertain'd many in his house And in his last Illness,



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on his Death bed, declared, "My fathers God, is my God & I die in the faith of the Quakers." by which it evidently appears to me that he had lived in reblion [rebellion] to the light that he had received, but at the last was compelled to declare his principals, tho' he had practiced others & those that he did not fully believe in - And I may now add that I believe it is a very uncommon occurance for one to leave Society & become fully confirmed in another mode of Worship, or another set of principals, but that they always feel a certain something condemning the path they are persuing, & secret something drawing their mind in love to friends & their principals, which in the conclusion of time with many that have gone off into the broad road, they have been compelled by the just witness of Truth in their mind to acknowledge, so that I believe it is not an easy matter to Quench or put down, that light & Witness for Truth which is early implanted in the tender mind

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June 18, Monday: Caleb Callender Billings got married with [Nancy Thoreau](#) (who was three months with child).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 6 M 1810// Occupied at Trade & but little to insert more than the usual rounds from the house to the Shop & from the Shop to the house again. -

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June 19, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 19 of 6 Mo// Visited the African School in consequence of the misconduct of one of the Schollars. I found much satisfaction, in conversing with the child, that tho' she had behaved much amiss & was a bad example among the other children, yet on being conversed seriously with, was brought to tears & promised to behave better in future, which induced the Directors to let her stay one week longer on trial, & then we inform'ed her if she did not fulfill her promise, she must be discharged from the school. I feel real pleasure to find that the rest of the schollars improve fast & that they are in a way to become more useful members in community than those of their colour that have gone before them. -
My H spent the Afternoon with Mary Barker & I took tea with them*

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 June 20, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 6 Mo// Again the usual rounds at Trade & nothing very material to insert, but that I am a poor thing. -

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 June 21, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 6 Mo// I was favord on setting down in meeting with the arisings of Life, which for a time was very sweet & precious, but the jostlings soon took hold of me but the life was not jostled all away for it was a good meeting, yea, the best I have had for a long Season, & my heart was raised in thankfulness to the Author of every blessing, that again he was pleased to remove the partition wall that so often seperates me from divine enjoyment.- My Dear H & little son spent the day at my fathers

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 June 22, Friday: Russian forces occupied Sukumi and a protectorate was declared over Abkhazia.

The Clarinet Concerto no.2 by Louis Spohr was performed for the initial time, in Frankenhausen.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 6th Mo// The day has passed with but little variation from the usual rounds. Brother David called to see us in eveng

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 June 23, Saturday: Fanny Elssler was born as Francesca Elssler in Vienna, daughter of a musician who worked as a sheet music copyist for Joseph Hayden.

John Jacob Astor founded the Pacific Fur Company, to begin to exploit the western coast of the North American continent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 6 Mo// Oh! the leanness & barranness of my spirit I have nothing to eat, poor & in a state of starvation for spiritual food, but Alass the fault is my own

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June 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 6 Mo// At meeting this forenoon I was favord with an Anchor which kept my mind from roving about as it does sometimes & on the whole it was a good time to me. We had no preaching -

In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of Caleb while my dear H went, both meetings were silent -

This Afternoon Cousin Elizabeth Stanton was brought to my fathers very sick, being unable to take care of herself it was thought best take her there - About 7 OC [o'clock] this eveng Aunt M Stanton arrived from NYork, which will be a great release to my dear Mother as cousin Elizabeth's being there, would occasion a great addition of care & fatigue. -

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June 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25th of 6th Mo// Oh that there was more of religion alive within me I feel as if there was nothing good in me

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June 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 6 Mo// I have felt the strivings of the two opposite seeds - & I dont know but the good seed has gained a little ground- Visited the African School, & found that the Child whose conduct called us there a week ago today was not improved - We therefore thought best to dismiss her from the School for one Week & then if she would make suitable acknowledgements & promise to do better, We would admit her to the School again - The poor thing Was very much overcome at the manner in which we sent her away & my heart Ached for her, but decision was necessary.-- My H & Son & Sister Joanna spent the day at Saml Thurstons. I dined & took tea at my fathers.-

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June 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 6 Mo// The mind in a low State from several circumstances. I feel low & as if I am never to rise from what



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my present standing is as respects outward interest & that in my spiritual standing I am daily going backward or at least take two steps backwards to one forward - Oh that I may yet advance in the Work of Religion -

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June 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 28th of 6th M 1810// Rode with my dear H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. We carried Our little Son & left him at Anne Anthonys while we went to Meeting - We stoped a little while before meeting at my dear Cousin Z Chases - Our first meeting was to me a Blessed One, for I can say of a truth, that my feelings have not been more Alive in a long time, yea I cannot tell the season of similar precious favor, it seem'd as if there was no exercise to keep the mind to the right center. Oh saith my soul may all that is alive within me be stired up to more Watchfulness & care that I may not have so many barran meetings - Dear H Dennis was concerned in a few Words which were very sweet & precious to my feelings - Buisness in the last meeting went on with much love, & the life which I experienced in the first was in good measure with me in the last - We dined At Anne Anthonys - & Soon after we went into the house her Son Adam was brought home with a Severe Wound in the foot occasioned by an Axx in cutting down a tree. I held his foot & assisted the doctor while he sewed up & dressed the wound, we left him in much pain.
We rode home before Sunset & the little boy behaved very nicely both going & coming & while there -*

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June 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 6 Mo// The day has passed pretty much as usual, the mind has been favord with a degree of Yesterdays Sweet savor for which I trust I have felt truly thankful.-

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 June 30, Saturday: New-York mayor DeWitte Clinton, along with fellow [canal](#) commissioner Thomas Eddy and his son, left New York for Albany, New York by steamboat.

[ERIE CANAL](#)

Bayreuth was annexed by Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 6th Mo// I feel again a good degree of life in my mind, it seems as if the good spirit was near

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 July 1, Sunday: DeWitte Clinton's boat arrived at Albany, New York before daylight. He and the Eddys put up at Gregory's tavern. A meeting of the [canal](#) commissioners was held at the Surveyor-General's office. All of the commissioners were present except Porter, who would arrive that evening. Morris and Van Rensselaer was making the journey by land; the others by water. General North was to meet the boat at Utica.

[ERIE CANAL](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 7th Mo// At Meeting this forenoon Our Dear H Dennis was concerned in a Sweet testimony also D Buffum in a few Words. to me it was a good Meeting – In the Afternoon We (ie) my self & Wife went down to my fathers intending to go from there to meeting but his Clock being much to slow we got deceived in the time of day & when we got into the meeting house Yard the Meeting was gatherd & still. I took out my Watch & found it was half an hour past the time of gathering, unwilling to disturb the meeting we turn'd & came to my fathers again & spent the Afternoon – In the eveng I called at D Ws D Rs & J Es

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 July 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 7th M 1810// Nothing material occurs to insert. The mind in not a very lively state, & not as dull as at some ties

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 July 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 7th Mo// Again the usual rounds. And how long they will continue is a thing sealed & known only to him who sees & knows all things – I feel desirous to be doing my days



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work but Allass how short I come of faithfulness in allmost every respect.

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Our national birthday, Wednesday the 4th of July:¹¹⁷ Steele White of Georgia marveled at the skill with which [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s "illuminated mind could pen a 'Declaration of Independence'."¹¹⁸

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

An entertainment headlined as "Columbias Independence" was presented at the Washington Theatre in Washington City.

After a delay in Albany, New York for the proper celebration of our Independence Day, DeWitte Clinton's party departed at 4 PM, getting precisely as far as Willard's Tavern in the city's 3rd ward.

In Connecticut, New Haven's citizens had a "plowing match."

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Reviewing [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Symphony no.5 for the *Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung*, E.T.A. Hoffmann wrote that Beethoven's instrumental music "opens up to us the kingdom of the gigantic and the immeasurable. Glowing beams shoot through this kingdom's deep night, and we become aware of gigantic shadows that surge up and down, enclosing us more and more narrowly and annihilating everything within us, leaving only the pain of that interminable longing, in which every pleasure that had quickly arisen with sounds of rejoicing sinks away and founders, and we live on, rapturously beholding the spirits themselves, only in this pain, which, consuming love, hope, and joy within itself, seeks to burst our breast asunder with a full voiced consonance of all the passions." He sure had enjoyed the heck out of the performance! Don't you wish you could have been there?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 7th Mo// It has been a day of much noise & parade about streets, being what is called Independance but no accident has happened that I have heard off from any of the Military exercises - A little boy fell from a Chamber Window (Gilbert Chases Son) but was not very much hurt - My H spent the day out at Jonathon Dennis's with Sister Joanna, I took tea with them. -

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117. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 6th birthday.

118. AN ORATION, COMMEMORATIVE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, DELIVERED ON THIS FOURTH OF JULY, 1810 (Savannah GA)

 July 5, Thursday: Phineas Taylor Barnum was born in a manger in Bethel, Connecticut.

We don't know because photography hadn't been invented yet — but this may have been more or less what he looked like as an infant:



There had been rain during the night. While waiting for their captain to return from a trip into Schenectady, New York the DeWitte Clinton party climbed a high hill to view the city and the river valley. They got under way at 9 o'clock, pass the mansion built by Sir William Johnson and then past a decades-old native American pictograph on an elevated rock. They tied up at Cook's tavern for the night.

 Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 7 Mo// This is the first time that I recollect of ever staying from meeting on a week day, on any temporal buisness.

It seem'd as if it was best not to go, being out of town Yesterday Afternoon put me behindhand, but I was glad to find that I did not feel indifferent when the hour came. I found a reluctance at staying at home & hardly knew how to forego my usual practice -- This Afternoon met as one with a committee to consider of selling a lot about Sixty feet on Tanner's Street & 70 deep, to O Williams to build a Tanery on, & tho' I am not convinced of the good policy of disposing of the land, consented to it for various reasons. - Saw Gideon Wilbour an old apprentice of my fathers who low lives in NYork State.

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 July 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, the mind in the usual mood -

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 July 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 7 of 7 Mo// I have been favored with a good degree of Sweetness. – The mind in a state of sensitivity to best things – D Buffum & P Towle happened in the Shop & fell on conversation which did very much interest me & occasioned very pleasant reflections & good feelings

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July 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 7 M 1810// I had two good silent meetings for which I desire to be thankful. I spent most of the day at home except in the morning a call at Aunt M Goulds & between meetings another at my fathers.

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July 9, Monday: Holland was annexed by the Emperor [Napoléon](#)'s France, along, of course, with all its overseas colonies.

The Spanish defenders of Ciudad Rodrigo in Leon surrendered to their French besiegers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 7 Mo// It has seemed as if the good spirit has been hovering about my mind. I have had to reflect on many things of a serious nature, & particularly to recur to seasons when the divine hand has undoubtedly been on me for good. I have no doubt but I have had a good, a very good beginning, but thro' halting & disobedience I have had much to walk in dry places, but I have never seen the time Yet when I thought the strivings of the Lords spirit had ceased with me, having to experience at times the arisings of light & life to the comfort of my inner man. But Alas how painful to insert, there has not been that inward faithfulness that has been required at my hands, hence I have not grown in grace as I might have done, and Oh! that I may renew my covenant, & again shake my self from defilement, that there may be a journeying forward –

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July 10, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at the Ambassador's audience with Sultan Mahmoud II.

British forces captured the islands of Réunion and Mauritius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 7 Mo// The precious life has been sweetly revived



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upon my mind this morning & desires has arisen afresh that I may be enabled to draw nearer & nearer the fountain – It has been a day throughout of more favor than common for which I desire to be thankful – My dear Cousin Alice Gould Junr Daughter of Thos departed this life this forenoon between 11 & 12 O'clock after a long & uncommonly distressing Illness (a Cancer in her breast) Which she bore with great patience & fortitude, being resigned to go hence, & manifested such sweetness of spirit as rendered her company desirable to all that visited her tho' her pain was violent, & the last time I visited her (17 of last Mo) She was so low that she could speak nor bear to be spoken to but little, yet she seemed so sweet & precious in Spirit that I have not forgotten it since.-

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July 11, Wednesday: Macquarie Island was claimed by Great Britain and annexed to New South Wales.

The populace of Santiago, Chile rose in armed revolt against their Spanish governor, who had ordered the exile of the three revolutionary leaders captured on May 25th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 7 Mo// It is a great trial to have to deal with dishonest people, & I have this afternoon been engaged with one that is so which has unhinged me from good feelings –

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July 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 7 M 1810// A pretty good silent meeting - In the Afternoon My dear H & Myself went to Middletown to attend the funeral of Cousin Alice Gould, which was to me a good favor'd season. D Buffum spoke a few words very feelingly & pertinently -After the funeral we staid & took tea with the family & then rode home thankful that we went –

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July 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 7 Mo// Rote to Rowland Greene giving him some acct of the death & buryal of Alice Gould. –

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 July 14, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Constantinople on board the *Salsette* with Ambassador Robert Adair.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds from the shop to the house & from there back again

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 July 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7 Mo// My state of mind seems but indifferent as to life We had silent meetigs but Alass poor me was empty as a begars Cann – Took tea at D Buffums & after tea we fell into Silence which lasted for the space of half an hour in which I felt more real quiet of mind than I had thro' the day -- On my way home called a little at D Williams. –

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 July 16, Monday: The Governor of Chile, Francisco Antonio García Carrasco, resigned his post.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 7 Mo// I have nothing to Say, except that I have lived, & to comply with Wm Penns advice to his children "Keep a journal if it be but a line a day. –

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 July 17, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived at Zea. Hobhouse left for England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 7 Mo// The usual similarity of my life, perhaps the mind a little more lively frame than at some of my deadest seasons

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 July 18, Wednesday: DeWitte Clinton's party arrived at the outlet of Onondaga Lake in New York.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Athens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 7 Mo// My mind was quickened this morning with a little of true spirit of life, which I love to feel, & has lasted in good & comfortable degree thro' the [day], may I be thankful for every revival & renewal of every tendering Season that occurs.

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 July 20, Friday: In South America on this day, the nation of Columbia achieved its independence.

In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, [Amos Freeman](#) and Love Oliver Freeman's infant died at 3 months of age.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 7 Mo// It has been a day of no small seriousness to me I heard it had intimated that a certain dear friend of mine was assailed with a weakness that I had no Idea of - OH! how necessary it is for the very foremost of us to be careful & Watchful over every part of our conduct, & particularly our appetites & propensities to excess in every particular. Who will fail, or fall into evil & become as burden next, is unknown - sure this dear precious friend of mine has known much of religion & advanced much further in it than myself - I feel hurt, yea deeply afflicted, but what shall I say? certain it is a Solemn Warning to me to be Strictly on my Watch for the enemy is forever lurking as in ambush that he may overthrow those that are desirous to Walk in the paths of virtue

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 July 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 7th Mo// I have had some hidden exercises today, but was favor'd this forenoon with a pretty good meeting in which our frd D Buffum was as much favor'd in testimony as I think I ever hear him - In the Afternoone we were silent & to me more roving than in the forenoon - Visited the work & Alms houses & took a walk around the Point After meeting, & in the eveng called at D William' E Hosier's & father R's -

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 July 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 23rd of 7th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds
– & nothing material has occur'd – A little life has been felt
to circulate.*

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 July 24, Tuesday: At the Bridge of Côa near Almeida, British and Portuguese troops produced heavy casualties among the French invaders, delayed their advance into Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 24 of 7 Mo// Sure it is a Solemn thing to die. I have
been in the room several times today with Cousin Elizabeth
Stanton who was dieing & truly my mind was humbled under the
consideration of our frailty & what poor distressed objects we
are when reduced to a bed of Death – She died a little before
5 O'clock this Afternoon & from her peaceful & inoffensive life
I feel no doubt of her being at Peace – She died at my fathers
house where she was brought four weeks ago last fist day. –*

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 July 26, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived in Patras.

DeWitt Clinton, one-time Governor of New York State, was visiting John C. Spencer, who had served as Secretary of War, in Canandaigua. At the local coachmaker's shop, a "plain coachee with leather curtains" with an inscription on its back in large letters **V*F** was in for repairs. This was brought to his attention as belonging to the prophetess [Jemimah Wilkinson](#), who resided with 30 or 40 followers at Crooked Lake some 25 miles to the southeast. "She is opposed to war, to oaths, and to marriage; and to her confidential friends she represents herself as Jesus Christ personified in the body of Jemima Wilkinson."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 7 M 1810// Our first meeting was a dull heavy
time Our friend H Almy spoke feelingly & pertinently to the state
of it as he expressed it, a "Dumb stupid Silence" seemd to
prevail, I thought I was favor'd with ability to wrestle a little
but it was not to much effect – In the last (Monthly Meeting)
it seemd as if I had more life than in the last, & spoke to the
buisness with a good degree of Satisfaction to my own mind –
David Bowen & Elizabeth Folger Chase published their intentions
of Marriage – We had no company at Dinner – After dinner We
attended the funeral of Elizabeth Stanton from my fathers house,
many people attended & I thought it was a good solid opportunity.*



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 July 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that the Day has passed in the usual way, & the mind not very lively. –

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 July 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 7 Mo// Early this morning I felt the precious life to arise very sweetly in my mind which has continued with me thro' the day, & I may say that it has been a day of precious favor Several friends have been in the shop that I love dearly & with whom I have conversed to my help & encouragement

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 July 29, Sunday: In upstate New York, DeWitte Clinton's party left the Genesee River and headed west on Ridge Road.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 7 Mo// Our meeting this Morning Was silent - In the Afternoon D Buffum in a very lively manner repeated the first Psalm with little or no remarks upon it - Both meetings were poor roving seasons to me - After meeting D Rodman & I went to the Work & Alms houses. Sister Elizabeth took tea & spent the evening with us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 30, Monday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) concludes his studies at Eaton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 7 Mo// I believe the mind has not been employed to much if any proffit today, & I doubt whether my body has also. –

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 July 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 7 Mo// Some of our friends have come from S.



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Kingston to attend the Quarterly Meeting, among whom is our friend Peter Hoxie it looks pleasant to see them – I am glad to see them

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August 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 8th Mo// Cousin L Clarke has come over this Afternoon, on seeing him pass by my mind was very pleasantly saluted with the passage of scripture "As Iron sharpeneth Iron so doth the countenance of a man his friend" - he has set some time with me in the shop very pleasantly & I can say the life was raised in my mind. -

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August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 8 Mo// This day was our Quarterly Meeting held at [Portsmouth](#) We left our little Son with Aunts Molly & Hannah Gould & my H & Self took Chaise & having buisness at Cundels Mills stoped there & walked round to view the curiosity of the carding spinning & weaving Machines, also the beauty of the place which my H thought exceeded any thing she had ever seen in nature. I was there at near as I can calculate about 15 years ago in the Winter, & both my Age & the Season procluded much knowledge of the place, but now at a pleasant season & at more maturer years can say it is a place which nature has done an abundance for, & by the hand of Art might be still more improved, but in my mind it does not exceed Lawtons Gulley in the West road – before meeting we stoped a little while at the usual stoping place (Holder Almys) – The Meeting was large & I must add was a favord season as, I was ever witness of - James Green opened the Meeting with a few words which I thought well off being edifying to my mind - then John Casey in a living testimony, then Elisha Thornton proclaimed the truth with life & great Power, I think to exceed any thing I ever heard from him – And I thought & it was the opinion of better judges that truth was greatly in dominion, to the gladening of the hearts of many that have set under depression & that were in doubt with respect to certain doctrines - Our last meeting I have but little to say about, the first part of that Was good, but the latter was hurt by the introduction of a Money Matter which was improperly managed - Thos Howland of [Greenwich](#) was appointed to the Station of an Elder - We dined at Uncle P Lawtons & on our way home Called again at Cundels Mills to settle the buisness we went upon in the morning & brother D & Sister E R riding in company with us, we took another stroll into the Gulley which I believe was reciprocally pleasant to us then rode home & found our little



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boy well & had done well thro' the day, which with our favor at Meeting is cause of real thankfulness – I had forgotten to mention another cause of gratitude in riding home our horse stumbled & came very near to throw us both out of the Chaise, but happily no damage was done –

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 August 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 8 Mo// Several friends have been in town belonging to [Greenwich](#) whom I love – My Mother Aunt P Stanton Aunt Molly Gould & Cousin P Hazard have spent the Afternoon with us the two grandfathers called in the eveng –

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 August 4, Saturday: [Robert Purvis](#) was born in Charleston, South Carolina to [William Purvis](#), a cotton broker, and his mistress Harriet Judah, a free mulatto daughter of the manumitted Moroccan slave Dido Badaraka. The baby was of a wonderfully light complexion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 4 of 8 Mo// It has been a day of exercise, but the cause is hidden & must not be written as there can not possibly be any use arise from it either to myself or any one else – The usual rounds of life as to the outward.

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 August 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 8th M 1810// We carried our little son to my fathers this mornng Which enabled my dear H to attend both meetings which was gratification to her as she has been much confind of late to what she was once – We dined & took tea at fathers – Our Meetings were both Silent & I believe dull Seasons to most present – I may confess that I do not know when I was so tried with drowsiness & particularly in the Afternoon. –

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 August 6, Monday: [William Davis Ticknor](#) was born into a farming family just outside Lebanon, New Hampshire, a cousin of [George Ticknor](#) of Boston.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 6 of 8 Mo// From a very dead State my mind has been aroused this evening with a very close impression of the Language "Why Stand ye all the day Idle?" Surely this is applicable to myself for I am very dull & come short every day of what is required of me. I sometimes fear that my light will grow dimer & dimer untill it finally is extinguished. Oh Lord I desire to thank thee for this little quickening & pray that thou would'st renew thy visits of love in my heart as in days that are past -

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 August 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 8 Mo// The day has passed as usual, except that I have read a few pages in the Journal of our friend John Richardson & have had my mind much animated & strengthened thereby. I read the account of his first visit on [Nantucket](#) & his visit to Lynn & his dispute with George Heath. I hope that as long as I live I shall be preserved in the love of friends writings, for I do consider they are a great help in religious exercise - & Now may insert that my posterity may be inform'd that it is my wish that they may frequently & attentively read the religious writings of ancient friends, for I believe they will greatly tend to confirm & establish them in the right way. I well remember & have cause to be thankful for the benefit I received in reading the journal of that Ancient worthy G Fox in my younger years. The impressions then made were very great, & have, at seasons remained ever since

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 August 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 8 Mo// Time passes with swift wings, & alass how soon do we come to a termination of our flight thro' this World. I feel tho' not yet arrived at the meridian of life that I am hastening with unremitting pace to the House appointed for all living, & Oh! saith my Soul may I be in readiness when the times comes - We daily see the aged, middle aged & even infants called to their long rest, two middle aged & one youth has left time within my knowledge this Week. - Sister Ruth made a Short visit in town this Afternoon

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August 9, Thursday: DeWitt Clinton recorded in his diary a reading of a pamphlet about an interview a Mr. Eddy had had with Universal Friend (he had not himself met her) at her settlement of Jerusalem in upstate New York: "I ... purchased a pamphlet relative to [Jemimah Wilkinson](#).... Mr. Eddy, who visited her at the Crooked Lake, says, that she is about fifty-seven years of age, of Rhode Island, but of what sect he could not learn. That she has about forty or fifty adherents, the principal of whom is Rachel Miller [actually, Rachel Mallin], aged upwards of forty, formerly a Quaker seamstress, of Philadelphia, in whose name the title deeds of the property are held. That she lives in a handsome, plentiful style, and is about completing a very large and elegant house, on a commanding position. That a large tract of land was purchased from Gorham and Phelps for eighteen cents an acre, but what proportion is held by Rachel, for the Friend, as she is called all over the country, he does not know, as some of her followers have receded from her and appropriated part of the land to their exclusive use. That her dress, countenance, and demeanor are masculine in a great degree; and that her conduct is marked by garrulity and vanity; and that when closely questioned she evinces great irritation. That she adopts the [Quaker](#) style of preaching; like them she is opposed to oaths and war, and does not prohibit, although she discountenances, marriage. That her discourses, as well set as conversational, are texts of Scripture combined without regularity or connection, but indicative of a retentive memory. That she has no peculiar creed, unless in relation to herself; that in this respect she veils herself in mystery, and does not distinctly say what being she is, although she represents herself as a spirit from heaven, animating the defunct body of Jemima Wilkinson. But what kind or order of divine being, whether the soul of a departed saint, an angel, or a second Christ, she does not communicate to the profane. Her power is founded on the extreme ignorance of her followers, operated on by her impudence and cunning. Vain, ignorant, and talkative, but shrewd to a degree, she will maintain her dominion, notwithstanding, over some of her sect – a dominion tottering, however, with the decadence of her mind and the failure of her personal charms. When interrogated as to her doctrine, she referred to a book published by Bailey, of Philadelphia, of five or six pages, consisting merely of salutary advice written by her, and full of Scripture quotations, but containing no peculiar creed or dogmas [THE UNIVERSAL FRIEND'S ADVICE TO THOSE OF THE SAME RELIGIOUS SOCIETY]."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 8th Mo// I have just read the account of the death of our friend Deborah Derby of Old England, she with Rebecca Young paid a religious visit to America & attended the Yearly Meeting of New England in the 6th M 1795. I well remember the gospel labors of these Sweet & valuable Women, & to hear of the death of the oldest & most experienced I think is much to be regretted, especially to friends of her own nation

From the (London) Gentleman's Magazine.

"Died at her seat at Colebrook Dale, Deborah Derby, widow of Samuel Derby, Colebrook Dale, Shropshire aged about 58. This worthy woman had been a very acceptable Minister among the Society of Friends for 30 Years. She paid a religious visit to the meetings of Friends in America (having the plenty & accomodations of this World, in which she abounded) with earnest desires to promote the great cause of Christianity in those remote regions"

I had a destitute meeting, & was disappointed for I was in hopes to have felt more of the sap of life to arise than I did, feeling as I apprehended in a pretty good frame of mind before I went –



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 August 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 8 Mo// I feel a little of the precious influence this morning & desire to be Thankful – The life has in measure been with me this the (Day,) but not so much as in the morning. –

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 August 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11 of 8 Mo// "Help Lord for the Godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men" - I have heard this Afternoon that my much loved friend & sister Susanna Barker departed this life last eveng at her residence in [Tiverton](#). She was a friend that I dearly loved & have had many precious opportunitys with her, for in the days of her health she would come to my shop & set a considerable time in familiar conversation on subjects that nearly [closely, strongly] interested us, & I have also frequently happened with her in family settings when she has had a word of comfort or exhortation to those present, which has allways been to me Satisfactory. She had a good gift in the Ministry & about a Year & an half ago was recommended, but was able to attend but three or four Settings of the Select Meeting, & has not been in town but once or twice since we were married & then so unwell that she could not get to see us, so that we have never seen her in our habitation. I believe her health has been such that she had not been at a Monthly meeting since, We were published which was in 7 M at [Portsmouth](#) and was then a representative & waited on us back & forth to the different meetings. The natural urbanity of her disposition renderd her peculiarly useful among the younger class of Society for she could speak to us by way of reproof & yet not give offence, but do much good, & all were willing to call on her for advice, which none were backward about doing, as she was open & free to all – Her kindness, attention & benevolence to all that came within her knowledge that were in distress, & particularly to her indigent neighbors will long live as a memorial in the hearts of many, but most of all to be regretted is the loss of her labors in Society, being invested with a deep concern for the promotion of truth & has often in conversation with me expressed much feeling on account of the little meeting that she attended, where to every appearance she was just opening into a field of usefulness but Alass is now no more -Thus, we go one after another with quick, yea rapid succession to the Grave; the house appointed for all living, & whose turn it will be next, to resign the mortal breath, is unknown to All but Him who knows & sees all things.



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 August 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 8 M 1810// Desirous of paying the last tribute of love & respect to my endeared friend Susanna Barker I took Chaise (my H thinking it best not to go) & sister Elizabeth went with me to the funeral it was at 10OClock at the house & eleaven at the Meeting house. we got there before 10 & I served as a bearer of the remains of my dear deceased friend – At the meeting (which was nearly as large as the house would hold) we had a good favor'd season. Our friend D Buffum first rose with the Scripture querie "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life" he very clearly set forth the way that any one might & hoped none would reject the terms - Then A Robinson rose with the words that follow the text "& he went away sorrowful" & spoke upon the whole text in very pertinent & lively manner & closed by repeating the whole passage – After the meeting had ended we proceeded to inter the remains of our dear Susan which was done after a suitable pause at the Grave -I dined at the house of our deceased friend & staid until towards Night then rode home, very thankful that I went, for many reasons – Found my H & little son had faired well in my absence, of which I was also thankful –

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 August 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 8th M 1810// The day has passed with the usual round & the usual feelings, so that I think there is nothing material on my own acct to insert. - Sister Rebecca is in a very tried situation & is like to have a broken breast & my dear H is threatened with the Disentary

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 August 14, Tuesday: Samuel Sebastian Wesley was born at No.1 Great Woodstock Street in London, the initial of what would turn out to be a total of seven illegitimate children sired by Samuel Wesley upon his housekeeper, Sarah Suter (this musician and composer also had three legitimate children by Charlotte Louisa Martin, from whom he had become estranged).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 8th Mo// Put a letter in the Post Office this morning directed to the care of J Morton Philadelphia for Sarah



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Fish, which I wrote yesterday –

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 August 15, Wednesday: French forces laid siege to Almeida, Portugal.

King Carl XIII of Sweden adopted the Frenchman Jean Bernadotte as his heir.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 8 Mo// My friend & Old Mistress M Williams came to the shop this Afternoon & spent an hour with me in conversation, which turned on many subjects, some pleasant, but most of them were painful, that is, they related to painful circumstances which exist & have existed among us. – And Oh! that I may be more honest & deep in the truth that nothing may draw me away from the little claim I have to a religious profession, that when the day comes that I am to yeald up this body to its parent Earth I may do it without remoss, [sic] Oh! that all impurity may be purged away & Oh! that I may be preserved from falling into the many snares which the Adversary of our Souls has Spread in the World to draw us from Good to evil, & the Sin of Drunkenness is the most of all on my mind with terror at this season, for I believe many that have run well for a Season & indeed Shewed no Small fruit in religious exercise have become captivated with the love of Spirituous liquor & Alass how sorrow ful – I dare not commit to writing all I feel, nor name the object in view, but indeed I am sorrowfully affected – Oh Lord preserve us from this & every other temptation which may eclipse our profession, & wound the tender growth of the precious seed in our hearts.

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 August 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 8th Mo// I have had a little conversation with Brother D R this morning which has been pleasant & edyfing, the mind being in a Serious mood & reflective on several subjects, have had a fresh to examine my own standing which I fear is much more superficial than some of my friends are aware, tho' I believe I have a desire to be honest & do the work assigned me while the Day lasts, but Oh this daily, (almost daily) Death of Mind that so often is upon me & I sometimes think is upon our whole meeting in this town. How shall I arise to newness of life? sure there is no way for any of us to arise untill the great fountain of Love & Life is opened for our reliefe, & that I fear & indeed it is plain that it cannot be opened untill there is more inward faithfulness, untill we live in the daily watch



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against those little things which obstruct the ways of divine Life in the mind. There are many things which are accounted little things in themselves, but alas we find by Scripture testimony that the little foxes spoiled the tender vines, & I have been confirmed by years experience, that those little things that are offensive in the divine sight, do nip the tender buddings of Divine Life in the Mind & thus our journey to the city of religious establishment, is protracted, to a painful degree. -

It was singular to me that at meeting my mind should be full two thirds of the time occupied in reflecting on a certain Man (A. C..) who has not been to meeting five times in 20 Years & never discovered that he was present untill towards the conclusion of the setting when I happened to look in a direction different from what I had done in the meeting & saw him setting - But I know not why I should think it singular, I frequently find that when I am thinking of a person, he suddenly & unexpectedly presents to view or I hear something from him -

In the Afternoon met with the committee appointed at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting to consider of disposing a part of the Medow field in [Newport](#) - We concluded to propose to the Meeting to sell a row of house lots on Farewell street. - When I went home to tea I found my dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah Gould had spent the Afternoon with my H - Daniel Buffington of fall River Dined with us - I was at his house in 1806 with Cousin Zacheus Chase & lodged, as we return'd from the Quarterly meeting at Swansea in the 11th M. -

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August 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 8 M 1810// The day has passed with the usual rounds & I do not recollect any thing that has occurd worth inserting -

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August 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 8 Mo// Attended the funeral of Peleg Peckham son of Thos Peckham this Afternoon. -

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 August 19, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was back in Athens staying at a Capuchin Monastery.¹¹⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 8 Mo// Owing to a want of Zeal in many of our meetings we [were] very small, the weather was wet which I suppose was the reason that many did not attend that does commonly – They were dull heavy meetings to me. I all most said in my heart "There is neither dews nor Rain nor field offerings" Sat most of the eveng at home except a short call at father Rodmans. – Wm Burling saild for NYork this morning –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 8th M 1810// Nothing material to insert - I have this eveng written to Jos Bringhurst at Wilmington Delw in answer to his of Third M last -

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 August 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 21 of 8 Mo// Put a letter in the Post Office to Jos Bringhurst this morning
When the Mail arrived this Afternoon it brought a letter from my friend Micajah Collins, which came at a period when my mind was in want of something to cheer it up a little, or at least divert it from feelings which were depressive - Oh saith my Soul at this season, "how I long to be delivered from the body of this death", this death of mind, with which I am so often tried, & be raised unto newness of life in Christ - but Alass how fluctuating is the human mind, for when a little of the sap of life begins to circulate & the mind brought a little into the enjoyment then Satan renews his attractive influences to draw us therefrom & matters not how much we profess so that he can deprive us of the profession of Religion – Brother D R gave us a call this evening which (as his allways are) was very grateful.
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 August 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 8 Mo// It has been a day of considerable reflection & I think a good day or at least a pretty good day for me - it

119. According to [Lord Byron](#) this was a Franciscan Convent that was being occupied by Capuchins.



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has felt as if the good spirit near to my encouragement, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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August 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 8 Mo// There are several persons who lay sick unto Death in this Town. Elizabeth Cornell an old friend & acquaintance lays low in body & as I hear by my Mother who Watched with her last night is in a very Sweet state of mind, resigned & ready to leave this vail of tears which indeed it has been to her for several years past – Another person, wife of A...G... also lays near her end & I understand is in a very different state, her mind distressed & shocked at the prospect of entering the World of Spirits, for whom I have felt my spirit drawn in mental aspirations that she may yet feel peace & quietness before she comes to the final Chan Change
Another person that I have known from infancy lays near an end of things in this World - her name is Judith Casey, a person guilty of allmost every vice, as Drunkenness Whoredom Theft & lying, my Aunt P Stanton called to see her this morning (as an old neighbor) & found her sensible that Death was near, & her account of her so took hold on my mind that I believe I shall go to see her, before long. –
Our meeting was rather Small, but I must acknowledge that to me it was a comfortable season, altho the mind roved about a little, yet there was that in feelings which was comfortable & encorageing-
Our little boy spent the day at his grandfather Goulds, & was very engaging in many of his little ways. I hope yea pray that he may never be less beloved than he is at this time -

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 August 24, Friday: [Theodore Parker](#) was born in Lexington, Massachusetts. The youngest of 11 children, he was the son of a proud farmer and the proud grandson of the Captain Parker who had commanded the Lexington minutemen.



Two works for wind band by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) were performed for the initial time, in Vienna: “Marsch für böhmische Landwehr” and “Marsch für Erzherzog Anton.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 8th M 1810// Aunt Martha Stanton is about going to NYork having heard of her husbands arrival which seems to occasion some stir in the family, to get her things prepared, but the Wind continues the wrong way – Edward Wanton of Richmond Virg. in [is] a son of Gideon Wanton late of this town Deceased, spent most of the Afternoon with me in the Shop. – My mind is much in the usual mood, except feeling a little more depressed than common

 August 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 8 Mo// I must again acknowledge that I have felt visitation of divine love renew'd upon my spirit this day for which I desire to be renewedly thankful. – Aunt Martha Stanton & brother Isaac Sailed for NYork. –

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 August 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 8 Mo// Our Meeting in the forenoon was large but I thought was not very much favor'd (at least) my feeling were not so. D Buffum had a lively testimony to bear – In the Afternoon we were silent & small in number – I took tea with my cousin Henry Gould – & called in the eveng to Mary Williams jun who is quite sick with the Bilous fever. – Then went home to attend to my own infermities which are considerable, my head & throat is much affected with an heavy Cold, I am feverish & very much debilitated. – I took a tea made of Alder flowers, Sage & Coltsfoot, put my feet into warm Water & took two pills of Assa



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foetida & went to bed

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 August 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 27 of 8 Mo// My cold is much better this Morning, but our little boy had a very uneasy night & is not well which I suppose is the effect of teething. he is now 15 Months old & has gotten but 4 teeth, the two fore upper & under -
Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Cornell this Afternoon*

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 August 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28 of 8 Mo// Our little son had a very restless night, an extream high fever & very nervas, but has seemed thro' the day to be more comfortable & this Afternoon particularly I think has been on the mending hand, for which I am very thankful, for he is at present such an engaging little creatrue that it would come close home to loose him, but I desire to strive to hold him as tho' I did not - that if he should be taken from us, the Stroke may be the less Severe - How such little objects take our affections but I think I can say that I guard against a foolish fondness
I have had many reflections on various subjects today*

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 August 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 8 M 1810// Our dear little son continues very sick he has an high fever & is very weak, but it appears to me his fever is not as high as it has been, we discoverd yesterday that he had one double tooth partly cut through, & he has three others that are much swollen -

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 August 30, Thursday, and 31, Friday: The death of Caleb Gould, as recorded in the journal of his father Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#):

5 & 6 days being 30 & 31 the 8th Mo 1810// Our precious little son seemd on 5 day morning to be comfortable but very much



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reduced in his strength he rested well the forepart of the night but more uneasy toward day so that his Mother was up several times to give him his drink & medicine & also gave him the breast which he took freely - & as he seem'd comfortable except weaknss I considered it best as father & mother Rodman much desired it, to take him down to their house, concluding that my dear H would have company of which she was very destitute at home. I made it up in my mind that if he died I should feel the consolation that I did for the best, & accordingly we wrapped the dear little creature up & brought him down with which he seem'd pleased, - he seemd comfortable after he got there & I saw nothing why I should not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, having some papers which was necessary to be there & the School committee was to meet, I thought it best to go & accordingly I took sister E & we went -

We had a good meeting & H Almy preached at least to my edification, buisnefs also in the last went on in a comfortable way & I thought & still believe it was best & right for me to go. We dined at Isaac Almys & on our Way home Stopped at P Lawtons to see Sister Ruth a few minutes, & then rode homeward & as we got to the corner of Obadiah Williams house in Broad Street, brother David Rodman met us & convey'd the hevy tidings that Our Dear & Precious little Son was no more in this life. We rode home & found him a sweet little Corpse in the Cradle - He continued much as when I left him untill about 2 O'clock in the Afternoon & was then taken more alarmingly ill & died about 1/2 after 4 O'clock. It was remarkable that a child of his age being only One Year, three Months & six days should manifest so much patience as he has since his sickness, he has never been peevish or fretful but allways Mild & placid, he continued to know all around him & about half an hour before he left time he sucked, & his Mother, as was her usual practice told him to kiss his dinner, he kissed her breast & then as usual began to suck & after that kissed his grandmother Gould & several others, apparently looking with his dear little eyes & noticing all around him as long as he lived he died so easy that they could scarcely determine the moment his breath left his body -he was buried in the upper burying ground by the side of his little cousin Wm on Sixth day following, & has beyond doubting gone to the Arms of his Saviour & is now fleeing around the throne of God with Angellic Sweetnefs.

He has been so remarkable observing, & sweet disposition child that many have said that he was not long for this world & indeed there has not been a day pass over our heads but that we have remembered that he was mortal & even before he was born his Mother seemd impressed that the Child was not long for this World & both before & since would frequently weep at the prospect - the dear little fellow whenever he saw his Mother weep would sob & cry as if his heart would break & his countenance could not be changed until hers was. -

He has been a remarkable healthy child & has enjoyed as much happiness as possible for him too, he would amuse himself by the hour together with his little play things, & every fly, very Dog, Cat, Duck, Hen Pigeon or what ever else that was animated,



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he would seem delighted with, & want to have them in his hands – he had just got so as to lisper a few Words, would imitate the Dogs barking, the ducks & utter many monosyllables, which with his very numerous little endearing ways rendered him a very desirable Object – but he is taken from the evil to come, Our loss is his gain. & tho' we may be blest with other Children, it will be a long time before we shall have one that will arrive to his very agreeable Age – & he is our All, we have no other to turn our attention too, hence We shall feel the loss of his company the more & will render the trial harder, but I greatly desire we may profit by the dispensation & deepen in our devotion to the Cause of truth, for this cause I have no doubt he was taken from us & Oh saith my soul may it have the right effect –

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September 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 9 M 1810// We are still at father R's & expect to be for several days – It has been a lonesome day particularly to my dear H – Whenever we eat a meal we think of our dear little Caleb, how he would watch for us to be done that he might have his turn at the table & if permitted to set up with us in his little cheer how solidly he would set & watch our countenances until our pause was over, & how sweetly he would ask for MORE observations but out of the abundance of the heart, the Mouth speaketh. – Neighbor Towle & wife very kindly came & set the evening with us –

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September 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 9 Mo// A week this day our dear little boy was well & enjoyed himself as well as at any time in his life. he is now in the silent grave at rest – We attended meetings which were silent & reflective – Our Dear Sister Ruth return'd to her Post of school keeping this afternoon which was a renew'd trial to us all for her company is very desirable. She has been on many occasions very useful to us, & we love her dearly, but pleasant things are often withheld from us for our Benefit, & I hope we shall in this, as in all other similar occasions, IMPROVE –

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 September 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 9 M 1810// Our dear little boy often turns on the mind, his dear little actions rush on the mind & also the monysillables which he uttered -- I endeavor to keep in quiet, resigned State of Mind

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 September 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4 of 9 Mo// Brother Isaac arrived this morning from NYork, whither he went to accompany Aunt Martha Stanton. he says they recd the news of the decease of our little son while at breakfast yesterday morning & were much surprised. The day has passed pretty much as our days commonly do, except the Vacancy of our dear little Caleb - In the eveng My H went to see Sister Joanna & while she was there I called to see G B Robinson & Wife who have latly become housekeepers

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 September 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 9 Mo// Nothing material has occur'd to insert, the mind in a serious frame, tho' I think I do not feel the loss of our dear little son as fresh as I have done, yet his enticing & very endearing ways rush hard on the mind at times

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 September 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 9 Mo// I am just going to meeting & greatly desire it may prove a season of divine refreshment, tho' at this moment I feel very barran of that life which is the Crown & diadem of our Assemblys - David Bown & Elizabeth Folger Chase will be married & I suppose our meeting will be large - Our Meeting was large, the Young people spoke & appeard in a very becoming manner, David Buffum preached excellently, & the ground of his testimony was forn'd on these words from a Certain Author (I believe Watts) "No moment granted Man but for Account" I don't recollect that I ever knew a more solemn meeting at the time of marriage - But the life did not rise much in my mind, yet I thought I was favord to partake in measure of what was circulating among us. -



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 September 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 9 Mo// This morning put two letters in the Post Office one For Sarah Fish directed to the care of John W Kimm or Evan Thomas Baltimore & the other to Thomas Ladd Richmond Virginia in which I wrote a few lines to Isaac Austin & requested Thos to give it to him, he being in the State Penitentiary & Thos is one of the Managers I have felt a concern to address Isaac for sometime & knew of no other way to get a letter to him but to send it that Way The day has passed with some Serious thoughts, & my mind has very often turn'd on Our Dear little boy

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 September 8, Saturday: The *Tonquin* sailed from New-York for the mouth of the Columbia River, with the nucleus of the Pacific Fur Company.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 9 Mo// I have felt my spirit very sweetly tenderd this Morning, & desires raised that I may be found in the faithful discharge of Duty – This eveng My dear H took a Walk down to Fannys, a black Woman that was very fond of our dear little boy, & with whom he was as quiet as with his Mother & on our return called into our habitation, which looked lonely –

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 September 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 9 M 1810// This morning visited the grave of our dear little Son his spirit was not there, it has fled to heaven, yet the place that his remains are deposited awakes the tender sensations We felt at parting with him – We had silent meetings & both pretty large. The morning meeting was to me a very good one, being favor'd to keep the mind in a proffitable train of reflections & to feel a good & comfortable degree of life. We dined & took tea At My fathers & in the eveng & took a pleasant Walk around the Point with Brother David. – In the eveng recd a very sweet tho' short letter from Sister Ruth. –

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 September 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 9 Mo// This morning recd a letter from Sarah Fish dated at Philadelphia 7M 14 where it has been between here & there all this time I cannot tell, but notwithstanding it was written allmost two months ago it was very acceptable. – My friend O Williams Called at the Shop the Afternoon, we had much interesting conversation together & I believe that both our minds were quickened with a right feeling – After having spent about 12 days at father Rodmans we this evening return'd to our solitary home renderd so by the loss of our precious little boy, whose loss we have felt deeply & shall much more so on returning home as every thing allmost about the house form'd a part of his amusement & he allmost the whole of ours for I may repeat it again he was a sweet engaging little fellow as I ever saw – My dear & truly affectionate H was very heavy in heart & could scarcely forbear to weep the Whole evening – Father R gave us a call & smoaked his pipe which helped us a little. –

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 September 11, Tuesday: [Mount Vesuvius](#) erupted: “Effusiva — Bocche alla sutura del 1631. Lave a W, SE verso Ercolano, Boscotrecase ed Ottaviano. Danni ai campi coltivati.”



MOUNT VESUVIUS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 9 Mo// Jonathan Dennis's daughter came to live with us a little while this morning, for the benefit of J Rodmans School who will probably be agreeable company for my H. – Several friends called at the Shop to see me this mornng among whom was Samuel Thurston who inform'd me that A Woman friend was every day expected to arrive in NYork from England on a religious visit – he also mentioned that he had heard that Our friend John Hall of England had departed from this World. I remember him well he was in this Country in the time of my apprenticeship & lodged at David Williams's with whom I lived. – I well remember the Savor of his Ministry – Thus the Ancient Standard bearers are removed & who are there among us to rise up in their places, Surely I believe they will be found, however low the State of Society may get in particular places, yet Truth I believe will not only hold its own but increase in the World-



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 September 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 9 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, except that Our friend D Buffum & Wife & E Hosier spent the Afternoon with us & in the eveng my H & myself went to J Peckhams to see John's Child -

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 September 13, Thursday: Horace Morison was born, the 3rd of seven children of Nathaniel and Mary Ann Hopkins Morison, in Peterboro, New Hampshire.

In Tuscany, Grand Duchess Elise suppressed more than 100 religious houses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 9th M 1810// Our meeting was pretty large, & to me a season of Some favor - Our friend Holder Almy was with us & broke bread in a lively & feeling manner, - Our friend H Dennis dined with us & spent part of the Afternoon, her company was very sweet
In the eveng waited on my H to T Peckhams to Watch with Johns Child. - Our dear little Caleb is still the very feeling companion of my mind, in passing by the ground in which he lays he was brought very affectingly to mind. -*

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 September 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 9 Mo// Recd a very acceptable letter from Cousin L Clarke dated yesterday - It has been a day of feeling & some sweetness

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 September 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 9 Mo// I have had a good & comfortable degree of life. The mind raised a little above the State of death & barraness that I am tried with at seasons. I desire to be thankful & believe I am so, whenever my mind is tenderd by the



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love of Truth

Our beloved friends Sarah Robinson & her daughter Abigail set the Afternoon & forepart of the evening with us - they are both friends & relatives that I set store by - And very valuable many ways, particularly in Society - This is the first visit they have made us since we were housekeepers & I am very apprehensive it will be the last we shall ever receive from Sarah as she goes abroad but seldom & is quite Aged. -- My Mother also took tea with us -

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September 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 9 Mo// Our Meetings were silent - & the Afternoon was a very dry time to me - I went to J Dennis's to tea & on my way stoped at D B's to see a flock of Merino Sheep - When I came home in the eveng found my Dear H alone at home, & in a depressed State of Mind. I did deeply sympathise with her & was almost sorry I left her so long -

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September 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 9 Mo// Nothing Material as I recollect to insert -The mind in a thoughtful serious frame - Molly Rogers spent the day with

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September 18, Tuesday: An assembly in Santiago, Chile created a national government for the first time (this would eventually be celebrated as Chile's independence day).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 9 Mo// I have just returned from the Episcopal Church where Dr Waterhouse & Dr Fansher are innoculating the inhabitants of the town for the Kine Pox. To be sure to any one that may read this but myself it may savor quite as much of human weakness as may be deemed manly, but to see large numbers of dear little babys brought in to be Vaccinated was a very affecting scene to me & allmost as much as I could well bear - Some weeks ago when it was first concluded to innoculate the town, Our dear little Son was alive & well & I had concluded to carry him to the places agreed upon by the committee of the town to have him innoculated, but alass he has it not now to undergo,



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*he is freed from that & every other human Malady, & is now I have no doubt a little angel in heaven - but I can but feel the loss of his precious company, & I came as near Wishing him back to us again when I was at the Church as I ever did (& I think much nearer than I ever did) since he was removed from Earth - it was but for a moment, for as soon as I could recollect the weakness, (I might have said the wickedness) I immediately checked the desire with censure upon myself - but who at all times can check the -effusions of human weakness - Surely I cannot & I doubt if there are many that have arrived to that State of christian fortitude but that it is a State attainable I have no Doubt
Our neighbor Saml Towle set most of the evening with us*

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 September 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 9 M 1810// The mind in a reflective Mood on divers subjects, & I dont know but I may say I have had a good share of best feelings -

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 September 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 9 Mo// Our Meeting was large for the middle of the Week & to me a season of good favor - In the Eunice Earl called to see us & set a couple of hours -

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 September 21, Friday: Robert Fulton showed a model of his improved torpedo boat in New-York's City Hotel.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 9 Mo // At about half past 2 OClock this Afternoon I went to the [Baptist](#) Meeting house of which John B Gibson is Minister & was vaccinated in my left Arm by Dr. Fansher who is employed by the Town to inoculate the inhabitants -
In the eveng brother David set with us - But I must not forget to insert that in the Afternoon I had a very precious visit at the Shop from our friend & Brother [Paul Cuffe](#) which did indeed seems as a brook of refreshment by the Way -*

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September 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 22 of 9 M 1810// I am going this morning on buisness to Narragansett, where I hope my mind will be enabled to feel the precious spirit of truth to go & be with me
Arrived at Narragansett about 11 OClock AM - Walked up to Cousin Peleg Gardiners & in the Afternoon Cleaned his Clock, the purpose I went for - Cousin L Clarke & I took tea & spent the evening with Cousin Casey -*

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September 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*(First Day) Rode with cousin Lewis from Peleg Gardiners towards the meeting house in S Kingston but found it rained & thunderd so violently that I thought best to turn off & go to Cousin John Hazard in North Kingston where I spent the day which was a very stormy one aftermeeting cousin Lewis returnd to J Hazard & in the Afternoon Set out again for Hopkintown to attend their Moy [Monthly] Meeting there the next day I lodged at J Hazards & the next morning 2nd day [Monday] went back to P Gardiners, it rained nearly all day & the Wind was so violent that the ferry boats could not pass, so I stay'd there & lodged again - the next 3rd day I went several times to the ferry but the Wind & seas raged so violently that altho' the ferry boats passed several times, My faith was not equal to the task, so I returnd & went to the Widow Carpenters on a little buisness & there dined, then returnd again to P Gardiners where in the eveng Cousin Lewis joined me of which I was truly glad for my spirits had gotten quite low, & had I have given way to my feelings thro' the day I should have conducted very childish, but the Manhood within me supported me - being so much longer from home than I expected when I went away, was no small trial to my feelings -this morning 4th day I arose by daylight & crossed the field to the ferry, found a favorable opportunity & came over & found My dear Wife & all things at home, as well as I left them, for which I trust I am thankful
Altho this visit has been attended with unpleasant weather & I have been obliged to join in some kinds of conversation that was not my eliment or appear unsociable, yet I have had Some precious feelings, & view of some Subjects which were proffitable*

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September 27, Thursday: French troops attacked a combined British/Portuguese force at Buçaco and were repulsed with great losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 27 of 9 M 1810// It is our Monthly Meeting day - & presently I expect to attend -- I feel the operation of the spirit of Truth in my mind, but I also feel a mixture of evil, which I hope to keep under, but Alas how weak is human Nature, how easily does the enemy, work himself into those places where he ought not to be admitted. —

I had a very good quiet meeting both in the first & last, being favor'd with the precious arisings of Life - Our friends Holder Almy & Abigail Robinson were very acceptably engaged in Public testimony - And in the last we had a considerable buiness in the transaction of which I felt a Quiet Solemn covering A Robinson & H dennis expressed a concern to pay a religious [visit] to [Smithfield](#) Moy [Monthly] Meetg & some meetings in that Quarterly Meeting which was united with & a copy of a Minute granted them - Also it was propesd of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting's giving forth a testimony concerning Our Ancient & venerable friend Mary Mitchell deceased of the Island of [Nantucket](#), but formerly of this Island - We had the company of Caty & Nancy Almy at Dinner whose company was very pleasant - I have indeed had a very comfortable day for which I desire to be thankful - How pleasant it is, yes, how rejoicing it is, to feel the arisings of life & light upon the mind - My dear friend & Brother Philip Dunham spent the evening with us very sweetly on our part -

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September 28, Friday: It was suggested in the Herald of Gospel Liberty that Calvinism provoked in some cases a condition of melancholy so extreme as to produce self-hatred leading even to suicide.¹²⁰ In a few years the famous case in point would become that of the self-murdering Reverend Joseph Buckminster (1751-1812), the one who had courted the Elizabeth Whitman and who was later to be fictionalized as Reverend Boyer in Hannah Webster Foster's account of the Whitman tragedy, THE COQUETTE. Whether Whitman's fate had any bearing on Buckminster's suicide is unclear, for according to Cathy Davidson, Buckminster had been known even in his prime to have been prone to fits of depression. Leon Jackson's doctoral dissertation has deals very extensively in this regard with the Unitarian controversy and quotes an *ms* letter (original now in private hands) which suggested that the minister's death was the result of (Calvinism-induced) madness: immediately prior to his death Buckminster "was oppressed with religious melancholy, which became absolute derangement, and he made an attempt to destroy himself."¹²¹

What cheer can the religious sentiment yield, when that is suspected to be secretly dependent on the seasons of the year, and the state of the blood? I knew a witty physician who found theology in the biliary duct, and used to affirm that if there was disease in the liver, the man became a Calvinist, and if that organ was sound, he became a Unitarian.

SUICIDE
CALVINISM

Suicides enumerated in THE DIARY OF MARTHA BALLARD, 1785-1812 (Camden ME: Picton Press, 1992)

Date	Sex	Method
March 5, 1786	M	<u>hanged</u> self
July 5, 1790	M	<u>hanged</u> self
ditto	M	shot self
March 29, 1791	F	method not stated
October 11, 1796	M	cut throat
March 15, 1807	M	cut throat
April 16, 1807	M	<u>hanged</u> self

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 9 M 1810// It is a Month this day since we followed our dear little precious Son to his grave the remembrance of him is indeed very lovely, & it is affecting to reflect on the loss of him, but the confirmation that we have received that it is all right & in the Wisdom of Providence that we Should be deprived of him is very consoling, Still when I reflect that he is gone forever gone from us in this World, it is almost as much as my manhood is master of -

120. "Melancholy Effects of Calvinism, or the Human, Killing Doctrine of Fatality."

121. Also: did the Reverend Joseph Hawley of Northampton end his life (and the revival that was going on) by cutting his throat with a razor?



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Our dear friend P Dunham has spent a considerable time with me in the shop today & I trust our minds were mutually comforted & Strengthened in the company of each other – In the eveng we called to see our kind friends & neighbors Saml Towle & Wife. –

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 September 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 9 Mo// My mind has this morning been brought into tender feelings, & desires raised for my advancement & establishment in that life which is in the Truth. I sometimes feel as if there was a growth, but alass how soon does death & dryness, possess the place of more lively emotions, & I am left in a State truly hard to bear, but I suppose those seasons are proffitable, we are not to experience a continual feast in the mind any more than in the body. –

I have been informed since my return from Narragansett, that our dear friend Jonathan Dennis for the first time appeard in a public testimony in our mmeting in the Afternoon on first day last being 23 day of this Mo - & I wish his encouragement very sincerely & hope that as his mind becomes rightly impressed with a message to the people that he will be faithful in the discharge thereof. –

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 September 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 9 Mo// Perhaps owing to the symptoms of the Kine Pock I have had a very dull day & poor Meetings - In the forenoon Our friend D Buffum was engaged in testimony, & those I esteem as judges said it was very much favor'd - My dear H being quite unwell did not go to meetings - I went to the Alms House & in the evening with father R to Thos Robinsons. -

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 October 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 10thM 1810// It has again been a dull day, my body & mind have been depressed –

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 October 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 2 of 10 M 1810// The mind I think a little raised from yesterday, but I feel very poor & low, in every respect - I received a letter this afternoon from David Smith which I thought was a little reviving - Brother D Rodman set the evening with us

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October 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds - We spent the evening at J Earls - My mind been reflective on various subjects & the pleasant hours we had with our dear little boy has many times come across me with feeling. I forbear to complain of his loss but we do miss him very much indeed

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October 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4 of 10 Mo// We had a Silent Meeting & to me it was a pretty good one, tho' the enemy was near to step in when opportunity offered with his suggestions - I was carried back to my child hood, to recount the many visitations of the divine spirit in those day upon my mind, which I found were many & that if I had acted in Strict conformity to the monitions of truth & should have been further advance in religious growth than I am at present - I should not be so weak, so vulnerable to the shafts of the enemy -
My H spent the Afternoon & eveng with D Williams & Wife & I took tea with them & spent the evening - Sarah & Abigail Robinsnon also spent the Afternoon there -*

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October 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 5 of 10 Mo// My mind has been brought under various important reflections, which I hope will prove useful - My H spent the evening at her fathers -

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October 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*7th day 6th of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds
-The mind in its usual mood of late, Sometimes better * sometimes worse*

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October 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were silent, & to me seasons
of much barrenness, the mind on a continual rove from the right
thing
We dined at my fathers - & my H took tea at her fathers while I
went to see Saml Thurston who expects to be absent three or four
weeks with A Robinson & H Dennis who are going to [Smithfield](#)
Quarterly Meeting on a religious visit. -*

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October 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 8 of 10 Mo// The mind in a dull state as to the Life of
Religion, & as to the outward nothing out of the common course
has transpired -*

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October 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 9 of 10 Mo// Recd by the Afternoons Mail a letter from
my friend Jos Bringhurst Junr of Wilmington Delaware, & one from
Thos Ladd of Richomnd Virginia & one annexed thereto from Isaac
Austin, which was all very satisfactory - My Mother & Wife Spent
the Afternoon with the goodly Widow Bird & I took tea with them -*

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 October 10, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) began studies at University College, Oxford, where he would soon be meeting Thomas Jefferson Hogg.

Cassius M. Clay was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th M 1810// The mind in a dull lifeless state, poor & destitute of every living thing. Oh! when shall I be raised, when shall Life be more raised into dominion in my tabernacle of clay - Brother David called in the eveng -

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 October 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 10th Mo// A poor dull meeting again destitute of all good, I hope others that were at meeting was in a more lively frame than I was, or I believe the Lord was not acceptably Worshipped - Our meeting was quite as large as common for the day of the Week - Sister Ruth spends the day in town her company is very acceptable indeed & my H spent the Afternoon with her at her fathers - In setting with my Dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah Gould this eveng my mind was raised from that dead state in which it was most of the day. Our dear precious little son was in part the subject of our conversation, they mentioned with affectionate emotions the several very pleasant days that he spent with them & the comfort & satisfaction his company was to them. They loved him dearly, as well as we did ourselves, indeed every body loved him that was with him, his many & uncommonly endearing & attracting ways drew their affections imperceptably



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- but Alas he is gone, & Oh that I may not grieve for his loss, beyond what is right, I feel a care on my mind, but his remembrance is daily renew'd & I think is brought closer home than at the period of his death, that is the way things operate with me in a general way, when trouble is immediately upon me I do not feel at [it] as I do Sometime after.

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October 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 of 10 Mo// Cousin Anne Greene Dined with us & in the Afternoon my H went out to Saml Thurstons on buisness of Society & came in & spent the evening at Aunt Patty Goulds - I took tea at my fathers A Greene being also there - In the eveng I met Thomas Cottrell in the Street & had a little religious conversation with him he seem'd very tender in spirit & promised to come & see us tomorrow if the Wind did not favor his going home to NYork. when I went to Aunt P Gould for my H I found my father there, it so occur'd that our conversation turn'd on incidents of my childhood & some occurrences in the family before my father was married which were interesting to my feelings & my mind being preciously quickened with a feeling of life was able to enter into the conversation with a degree of pleasantness for which I desire to be thankful - Oh Lord preserve me, be yet with me & leave me not, but renew the visits of thy holy Spirit upon me. -

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October 13, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Athens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 10 M 1810// It has been a day of considerable favor to me - my mind has been led into reflections of a very serious nature -

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October 14, Sunday: Two vocal trios by Luigi Cherubini were performed for the initial time, at Chimay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were both pretty well attended, & to me were seasons of deep reflection, we had no public offering. Edward Lawton took tea with us, his company was very pleasant -This evening I was called to father Rs to converse with a committee appointed at our last Preparative Meeting to



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report the names of Overseers for the coming Year & strange as it may appear, they had thought of me for one to Stand in that Station. My mind is humbled under consideration of being held as one to oversee my brethren, & many times Since the subject was committed to my consideration (which was several days ago) It hath been often reiterated in my mind "Overseer, oversee thyself" but however imperfect & weak as I am, I considered it best to leave it with the committee to do as they thought best, which I hope will be to look for some other friend in my place. -

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 October 15, Monday: Cantate auf die Einweihung der Berliner Universität by Johann Friedrich Reichardt to words of Brentano was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, the mind deeply reflective on various subjects, & desires have been raised for newness of life. Oh that I could feel more of the enlivening spirit of truth that the body of Death & poverty with which I am often surrounded may be removed -

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 October 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 10 Mo// Aunt Nanny Lawton dined with us, & in the evening we went & spent it at my fathers - The mind in rather a depressed state -- Neighbor Nicholas P Tillinghasts daughter Patience arrived

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 October 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 10 Mo// I hardly know what to Say of the state of my mind it has not been in a very stupid state nor yet in a very lively one - We took tea with Neighbor Vinson & in the eveng she read a letter from _____ Smith of [Providence](#) to his sisters & brothers on the subject of his late conversion from Deistical principals to a belief in the Christian religion which was very extrardinary & altho there is some things in the manner of his convincement that does not altogether accord with my experience of the nature of the progress religion in the Mind yet I am inclined to believe he has had a remarkable visitation of Divine



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Providence & if it does not evaporate by too many words or blow away in the whirlwind he may make a noble advocate for the precious cause of Truth -

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October 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 10 Mo// Our first meeting was silent & a season of but little proffit to me tho' I think I may say that there was not that hardness that I sometimes feel - Our last (Preparative) was very uncomfortable on account of the cold, yet we had a considerable buisness - The committee appointed at the last to report suitable persons names for Overseers, reported Richard Mitchell, Sam Thurston & Jon Dennis who are the same as last Year I was truly thankful that my name was left out for I dreaded the task extreamly - Our old neighbor Mary Donaly set the eveng with also Sister Eliza & brother David --

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October 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 10th M 1810// Loy'd Green dined with us & my dear father & mother came up to Set the evening with us. My mind has been in rather a low frame, but not very uncomfortably so -

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October 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert - the mind about as usual of late, poor & barran of allmost all that I want-

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October 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were large as usual, and I dont know but what I had a degree of life setting in them - both were Silent & no one present that would be likely to speak in the line of the Ministry D Buffum having gone to Salem & A Robinson & H Dennis to [Smithfield](#) - We dined & took tea at my fathers & in the eveng I went a little while to D Williams -



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Recd letters from Aunt P Stanton. -

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 October 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 10 Mo// My H spent the evening at Brother Ds - I went to Wm Pattens to meet with the Directors of the African Benevolent Society. - The mind I think more free from depression than for several days —

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 October 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 10 Mo// Engaged in piling some Wood which tires my body - The mind in a pretty cheerful frame, but I am suffering with the tooth Ach -

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 October 24, Wednesday: In [Concord](#), Gaius Proctor's house burned, with a loss amounting to \$800.

Provision Against Fire. - The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818. A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.¹²²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 10 Mo// I am indeed a poor thing today, being much afflicted with the Ague in my face, but hope to be favor'd with patience

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122. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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October 25, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), John S. Roby of Concord & Hannah Whitman of Groton filed an intention to marry.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 10 Mo// I thought this morning that as my face was less sore & painful than yesterday that I might go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetg, but on going out found the Air Sharp & cold concluded to get O Williams to take my dear H in a Chaise & for them to go together which he was very willing to do but in the course of the Day I have almost regretted that I had not have risked it, as the weather has been very pleasant & moderated since morning – On the return of Obediah & Hannah she stoped at Os & spent the evening I also went & found it had been a very exercising meeting especially on the mens side of the house, & strange as it may be, a man whose initials are I...A... objected to one of the Overseers proposed by our preparative Meeting which cast such an obstacle in the way that the matter was referd for further consideration – Oh when shall we get to be what we ought to be, & this occurrence has excited desires afresh in my mind that I may give double dilligence to the subjugation of my Will & Passions.

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October 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 10 M 1810// My mind has been much occupied with a serious subject Vizt the Occurrence in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting yesterday, but I hope it may be ended without much difficulty – Went this afternoon with the committee of the Directors to the African School to see the childrens progress & dismiss it for the season – We were highly gratified with their improvement & solid deportment, & offerd them such Advice as occured & left them –The committee also met at C J Tennys to agree on an eveng School but could not come to a conclusion at that time – Set at home in the evening recording Certificates

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October 27, Saturday: The Prussian government issued a Finanzedikt promising certain liberal reforms such as equalization of the tax burden, freedom to start businesses, tariff reform, secularization of Church lands, and sale of state owned lands.

President Madison annexed the western part of West Florida (between the Perdido and Mississippi Rivers) to the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 10 Mo// My mind has been favord with a precious degree of life for which I desire to be thankful – I rode this eveng to [Portsmouth](#) with Isaac Almy, & arrived at my very affectionate & much beloved cousins L Chases where I ate some supper & spent the evening very much to my satisfaction, We being very glad to see each other in Morning 1st day [Sunday] I went to P Ls & I A's a little while before meeting – At meeting we were silent & to me not a very bad time but nothing to boast of as to Life – I dined at I A's & called at P Ls in the Afternoon, took tea at Cousin L C & walked home in company with Brother D R who walked out in the morning on our way home we stoped at Saml Thurstons – We found our wives Well & also the rest of our friends – I am glad I have been to [Portsmouth](#) & spent a little time with Cousin Chase who seemd truly glad to see me – I have spent much very pleasant time with them in that House, more than I ever expect to again, & they are very near my heart she being a near relation (my fathers own cousin) when I was a boy & even in infancy my dear Aunt Patty Gould used to take me there so that the intimacy has been of long standing – but I am thinking it is not long ere it will be broken, my dear cousins are aged & infirm & the probability is that they are drawing to the conclusion of terestial things & that the pure spirit of truth may so operate in them as at the final chance as to enables them to sing the triumphant song "Oh Death where is thy sting Oh Grave where is thy victory" is my fervant breathing – But Alass who knows but they may live to see my days numbered long before theirs are. –

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October 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 10 Mo// My spirits have been low, perhaps the dulness of the weather may contributed something to it, but I think it is not wholly owing to that I set the evening at home, & almost finished recording the Certificates of public travelling friends which I began some time ago.

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October 30, Tuesday: Robert Fulton demonstrated a model of his torpedo ship.

The Prussian government nationalized both Catholic and Protestant lands and assumed control over them.

Mexican revolutionaries overwhelmed Spanish troops at Monte de las Cruces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th 10 M 1810// My dear father & mother have this day made a visit to our dear cousins Zacheius Chase & family & while setting with them this evening my mind was affected with the consideration that they are all old folk & before many revolving suns will be numbered with the dead. they expressed much Satisfaction which amounted to joy that they had made them one more visit --

I had an opportunity of performing what I thought was a religious duty toward W—C— he seemd much affected & deeply sensible of his situation. I encouraged him to Close in with the present visitation for he knew not how soon the thread of life would be cut, to seek retirement & be faithful -

My H spent the Afternoon with Aunt A Carpenter -

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October 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 10 Mo// Here endeth the day & the Month, & that is the principal that I can say about it - The time has passed & is gone & fear to but little purpose. - Oh how lean & poor I am in every sense -

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November 1, Thursday: At New-York's Corlear's Hook, Robert Fulton successfully demonstrated his underwater cable-cutting knife.

As of this date Napoléon's Berlin and Milan decrees were revoked in regard to the United States of America. Normal commerce between the two nations was resumed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 11 M 1810// Our number at meeting was Small & several of our heads absent, attending the Quarterly Meeting this day held at Somersett

It was to me a dull season as to life tho' I had some proffitable reflections - I forgot to mention in yesterdays insertion that I spent the eveng at C J Tenny's our conversation was on various religious Subjects & our African School - I believe it was a



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Satisfactory opportunity to him & it was to me as I had an opportunity of explaining some of our customs & doctrines which he was not acquainted with.

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 November 2, Friday: Jacob Freeman and [Nancy Freeman](#)'s son Jacob Freeman, Jr. died at the age of 19.

Friedrich Hermann Otto replaced Hermann Friedrich Otto as Prince of Hohenzollern-Hechingen.

The Prussian government issued an edict ending the restriction of certain trades to guild members.

President Madison decreed that as of February 2d of the following year, trade with France would be restored and trade with Great Britain ended.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 11 Mo// The day passed away in rather a dreary manner, it was a severe snow storm in consequence of which I did not go home at noon & dined at my fathers - notwithstanding the severity of the weather many of our friends that went to Somerset Quy Meeting returnd.

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 November 18, Sunday: [Asa Gray](#) was born in Sauquot, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Went to meeting & on my way thither heard of the decease of Cousin Alice Gould widow of Thos Gould of Middletown - We had a silent meeting which was to me a good one for which I desire to be thankful - Dined at Cousin Chases & in the Afternoon went with him to Middletown to see the family of my deceased cousin & his own Sister. we found them in a comfortable Situation, & I have no doubt but the dear old woman has gone to rest. She has been a woman of a very exemplary life & meek in spirit & if she had not known the support of religion I think she could not have been borne up under the many & complicated trials that have Awaited her expecially in the latter part of her life. She died about 10 OClock last evening - After tea I walked to Saml Thurstons & set there a while & then home



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 November 19, Monday: Piano Concerto no.1 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Mannheim, with the composer himself at the keyboard, on what might well be his 24th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 11// It has been a day of some feeling for which I desire to be thankful.

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 November 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 20 of 11_Mo// I had some conversation with a young man this forenoon (E W L) which was Somewhat to the relief of my mind Brother D R was present & spake to my help - D seems to be well engaged & I hope that both he & I may know & increase in Wisdom. -I regret that I cannot attend the funeral of my dear Cousin Alice Gould which is this Afternoon, but as it rains fast & I cannot Walk & as my wife thinks her self not fit to go I think I cant afford to hire an horse for myself
The funeral I understood from those that was there, was large & well conducted - Aunt Patty Gould went with Abigail Robinsnson in the Chaise. -*

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 November 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 11 M 1810// The usual rounds, & the mind in a the usual frame - I am a poor lean creature -

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 November 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 11_Mo// A Silent meeting, but to me a pretty good one In the last (preparative) R M suggested the convenience of having an Horse which was submitted to the considerations of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting

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 November 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 23 of 11 Mo// Sister Ruth spends the day with us - My feelings have been very lifeless, if I attempt to turn the mind inward it seems as if I could feel nothing of good. -

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November 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 11 Mo// I have this morning been dipt into feelings which are good, & I hardly tell any thing that gave rise to them, only on a sudden I felt them arise - Times & seasons are not at our command, we cannot command one good thought or raise one heart felt sigh for help, only as we are assisted by the Spirit of Truth, And Oh! saith my Soul at this time may I be more favor'd with ability to press forward for the mark of the prise & high Calling, for with my continued leanness & poverty I am Sick -Well there must be a cause that good is thus withheld that cause is within mine own heart, it is for the want of an inward labor when thus brought into feeling, to dwell under it - My H & Sister R spent the day at Jonathan Dennis's - I went & spent the evening & at the usual time of coming home we concluded to stay all night.

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November 25, Sunday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) began his 1st voyage from [Westport](#) to Freeport, Sierra Leone in his 69-ton *Traveller*.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 11 Mo // We breakfasted at Jonathans & then came home & prepared for meeting - At Meeting D Buffum broke Silence which has not been broken for many weeks before, he spake lively to the necessity of a religious life - Between meetings my dear father came up to see us & mentioned that he felt much fatigued with the walk, but thought that he felt as it was very pleasant, as perhaps it might noon [soon?] Snow & he should not come again very soon if ever -Our Afternoon meeting was silent, after which I visited the Work & Alms Houses - Set most of the evening at home -

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November 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 11 Mo// The usual rounds at trade but this Afternoon & evening the mind has been brought into a feeling



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*exercise on acct of a difficult case that exists in Society
& desires begotten in my heart that it may be rightly ended -
My H set the evening at Neighbor Towles*

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November 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 27th of 11th M 1810// My H & Sister Joanna Spent the
Afternoon at D Buffums. Brother D & myself took tea with them &
at night they came home in the Chaise & we continued the evening
which was an agreeable one. J Dennis was also there -*

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November 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 28th of 11 Mo// Pretty much the usual rounds - the mind
under exercise which I hope may prove profitable. -*

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November 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 11 Mo// In our first meeting Cousin Anne Greene
appear'd in testimony twice Our friend D Buffum was also engaged
in testimony & I thought I never heard neither with more
Authority -*

*In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) we were much favor'd untill
the last subject came before us which was an exercising one
indeed, but I can say my mind was favor'd with a calm thro' the
whole & I dont know that the enemy got any hold of my mind during
the whole trial for which I desire to be thankful It was the
subject of the contested overseer - Anne Anthony & her Son &
daughter dined with us & in the evening I went over to Thos
Robinsons a little while.-*

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 November 30: Oliver Fisher Winchester, rifle maker, was born.

Carl Maria von Weber drew up statutes for the Harmonische Verein in Darmstadt — an organization to promote new musical works.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 30 of 11 Mo// The mind reflective on divers important subjects
In the eveng Brother D R Set with us our time was principlly spent
in reading Letters of R Shackletons &c - My dear father keeps
about but his health is very low & seems hardly able to Set up,
tho' still he sets on the board and works considerable I think
& feel much about him. -*

 December 1, Saturday: Mexican revolutionaries captured the Pacific port of San Blas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 1st of 12 M 1810// Father seems more comfortable than
yesterday - This afternoon the committee in the difficult case
at our last Moy [Monthly] Meeting met, the result was trying, &
the agreed to meet next day.*

 December 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 12 M // This morning before meeting by a miss step
I fell down Stairs & how ever it happened I cannot tell but I
came head foremost came very near putting my shoulder out hurt
my arm, nearly sliped out both my knee pans scraped both shins
& strained the cords in my right instep very much - I got on my
feet & felt myself much bruised & felt very faint but took some
safron drops & felt better, went to meeting & dined at my fathers
with my Wife -in the Afternoon went to meeting again tho' very
sore, particularly my knees & when meeting broke was scarcely
able to rise, walked home, took tea & set the evening at reading,
at betime took some Salts had my bed warmed & got into it - &
was thankful I was no worse, tho' more hurt than I have been in
Years -*

 December 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 3 of 12 M 1810// I continue better of my hurt of
yesterday, & feel thankful it is no worse - Sister Mary spent
the day with us & Brother D set the evening -*



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 December 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 12 M // It has been a very Stormy day & when i came to the Shop I did not return home untill evening & dined at my fathers. When I went home found my dear H & Sister Mary who continues with us has been pretty well thro' the day -

 December 5, Wednesday: President [James Madison](#) got up on a platform so he could be seen (he was shorter than our Senator Paul Wellstone) and addressed both houses of the federal Congress.

"Among the commercial abuses still committed under the American flag, ... it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil." HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 11th Congress, 3d session, VII. 435.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Undoubtedly, the Act of 1807 came very near being a dead letter. The testimony supporting this view is voluminous. It consists of presidential messages, reports of cabinet officers, letters of collectors of revenue, letters of district attorneys, reports of committees of Congress, reports of naval commanders, statements made on the floor of Congress, the testimony of eye-witnesses, and the complaints of home and foreign anti-slavery societies.

"When I was young," writes Mr. Fowler of Connecticut, "the slave-trade was still carried on, by Connecticut shipmasters and Merchant adventurers, for the supply of southern ports. This trade was carried on by the consent of the Southern States, under the provisions of the Federal Constitution, until 1808, and, after that time, clandestinely. There was a good deal of conversation on the subject, in private circles." Other States were said to be even more involved than Connecticut.¹²³ The African Society of London estimated that, down to 1816, fifteen of the sixty thousand slaves annually taken from Africa were shipped by Americans. "Notwithstanding the prohibitory act of America, which was passed in 1807, ships bearing the American flag continued to trade for slaves until 1809, when, in consequence of a decision in the English prize appeal courts, which rendered American slave ships liable to capture and condemnation, that flag suddenly disappeared from the coast. Its place was almost instantaneously supplied by the Spanish flag, which, with one or two exceptions, was now seen for the first time on the African coast, engaged in covering the slave trade.

123. Fowler, HISTORICAL STATUS OF THE NEGRO IN CONNECTICUT, in LOCAL LAW, etc., pages 122, 126.



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This sudden substitution of the Spanish for the American flag seemed to confirm what was established in a variety of instances by more direct testimony, that the slave trade, which now, for the first time, assumed a Spanish dress, was in reality only the trade of other nations in disguise."¹²⁴

So notorious did the participation of Americans in the traffic become, that President Madison informed Congress in his message, December 5, 1810, that "it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil."¹²⁵ The Secretary of the Navy wrote the same year to Charleston, South Carolina: "I hear, not without great concern, that the law prohibiting the importation of slaves has been violated in frequent instances, near St. Mary's."¹²⁶ Testimony as to violations of the law and suggestions for improving it also came in from district attorneys.¹²⁷

The method of introducing Negroes was simple. A slave smuggler says: "After resting a few days at St. Augustine, ... I agreed to accompany Diego on a land trip through the United States, where a *kaffle* of negroes was to precede us, for whose disposal the shrewd Portuguese had already made arrangements with my uncle's consignees. I soon learned how readily, and at what profits, the Florida negroes were sold into the neighboring American States. The *kaffle*, under charge of negro drivers, was to strike up the Escambia River, and thence cross the boundary into Georgia, where some of our wild Africans were mixed with various squads of native blacks, and driven inland, till sold off, singly or by couples, on the road. At this period [1812], the United States had declared the African slave trade illegal, and passed stringent laws to prevent the importation of negroes; yet the Spanish possessions were thriving on this inland exchange of negroes and mulattoes; Florida was a sort of nursery for slave-breeders, and many American citizens grew rich by trafficking in Guinea negroes, and smuggling them continually, in small parties, through the southern United States. At the time I mention, the business was a lively one, owing to the war then going on between the States and England, and the unsettled condition of affairs on the border."¹²⁸

The Spanish flag continued to cover American slave-traders. The rapid rise of privateering during the war was not caused solely by patriotic motives; for many armed ships fitted out in the United States obtained a thin Spanish disguise at Havana, and transported thousands of slaves to Brazil and the West Indies. Sometimes all disguise was thrown aside, and the American flag appeared on the slave coast, as in the cases of the "Paz,"¹²⁹ the

124. HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, page 32.

125. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11 Congress 3 session, VII. page 435.

126. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 15th Congress 2d session, IV. No. 84, page 5.

127. See, e.g., HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11 Congress 3 session, VII. page 575.

128. Drake, REVELATIONS OF A SLAVE SMUGGLER, page 51. Parts of this narrative are highly colored and untrustworthy; this passage, however, has every earmark of truth, and is confirmed by many incidental allusions.



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"Rebecca," the "Rosa"¹³⁰ (formerly the privateer "Commodore Perry"), the "Dorset" of Baltimore,¹³¹ and the "Saucy Jack."¹³² Governor McCarthy of Sierra Leone wrote, in 1817: "The slave trade is carried on most vigorously by the Spaniards, Portuguese, Americans and French. I have had it affirmed from several quarters, and do believe it to be a fact, that there is a greater number of vessels employed in that traffic than at any former period."¹³³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 12 M // Pretty dilligently occupied at trade, in the evening wrote to my Aged friend Jos Bringhurst.-

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December 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 12 M Our Meeting was Silent, & a season of a little Life to me, at least I felt it to arrise a little in my mind for which I desire to be thankful – My H spent the Afternoon & evening at E Hosiers & I took tea with her –

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December 7, Friday: Theodore Schwann, physiologist, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 12 M // My mind has been much occupied respecting an enlargement of my buisness. Many plans suggest themselves, but which or whether any different from my present, is best to persue I am unable to determine. I wish to be directed arightly & feel the danger there is in lanching out largely into the concerns of the World, I know that a wordly disposition is the bane of religious life, but my present buisness is scarce sufficient to bring the Year reputably about, & I think it better indevoavor to apply myself a little closer to the concerns of life than be negligent with respect to a competent maintainance – I believe I can say from experience that we may apply our selves closly to buisness & yet not have our minds buried in the earth being dilligent in buisness, fervant in Spirit serving the Lord –

129. For accounts of these slavers, see HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, pages 30-50. The "Paz" was an armed slaver flying the American flag.

130. Said to be owned by an Englishman, but fitted in America and manned by Americans. It was eventually captured by H.M.S. "Bann," after a hard fight.

131. Also called Spanish schooner "Triumvirate," with American supercargo, Spanish captain, and American, French, Spanish, and English crew. It was finally captured by a British vessel.

132. An American slaver of 1814, which was boarded by a British vessel. All the above cases, and many others, were proven before British courts.

133. HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, page 51.



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But Oh that I may not plead an easy excuse for Gain. I think if I know my own heart I can honestly say, I do feel a very anxious Solitude, to be a Sincerely religious Man & have lived on Small means a long time because I could be as much as possible unincumbered with many worldly cares, but it seems necessary that Something further be done to get daily bread, & I am now trying to fix upon the Safest way of enlarging my buisness -

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December 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 12th M 1810// The mind occupied on various Subjects & this evening a little life is raised. I hope that I may be favord to see & feel aright, both as reposescts spirituals & temporals, & not blunder into any thing without duly weighing the consequences

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December 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 12 M // Our meetings were Silent, in them there was in my mind a Strong contest between the World & the Master. The latter of which I wrestled hard against, but whenever there was the least relaxation of watchfulness, it would come up against me with boldness, but I cannot call them bad meetings as there was not that hardness which I so often feel to my Sorrow & wounding -We spent the evening at brother D Rs very agreeably. Edw Lawton was also there -

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December 10, Monday: Bentheim and Holstein-Oldenburg were annexed by France.

Lüneburg was attached to the Kingdom of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 10th of 12 M // Nothing material to insert -
In the evening neighbor Vinson & Wife set with us -*

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December 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 12 M // Mt Mother & Wife set the Afternoon at Thos Robinsons. I took tea & set the evening with them, & while Setting there my mind was lead into reflections of a Serious nature, particularly that there was several aged people present, & we none of us, knew whoe turn might be first to be summoned to our long home, it it pretty certain that a few more revolving Suns will bring the aged to a conclusion in this World & yet they may live to see us that are younger, first in our graves Our visit was pleasant & instructing -

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December 12, Wednesday: Lucien Bonaparte, brother of the French emperor, and his wife, having been captured by the British while attempting to escape to the United States, were brought into the harbor of Plymouth, England.

[Mary Ann Thoreau Billings](#) was born to Caleb Callender Billings and [Nancy Thoreau Billings](#). She would get married with Charles Lowell of Bangor on October 2, 1834.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 12 M // The day has passed pretty much with the usual rounds, except that I dined at Aunt A Carpenters as the weather was Stormy -

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December 13, Thursday: [Napoléon](#) annexed the north coast of Germany (Bremen, Hamburg, Lübeck, Aremberg, Münster) to France in an attempt to tighten his blockade against Britain. Parts of the Kingdom of Westphalia were also annexed by France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 12 M // I staid away from Meeting, as a man that was going many miles off wanted his Watch clean'd & was to call for it while meeting was setting, but as it happened I might have gone, he did not come untill the Middle of the Afternoon, & I may now say that I believe, there is nothing lost by dedication of heart to the good cause - I got the Watch done time enough to have gone to meeting, & ought to have gone -

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December 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 12 M 1810// The day passed as usual. In the evening my mind was refreshed & quickened with life by reading



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in the journal of our Ancient friend Stephen Crisp, for which I feel thankful – Sister Ruth spent the night with us

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December 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 12 M // Sister Ruth Staid with us last night & part of this forenoon – This morning when I came down to the Shop I saw much people around the Watch house, & on enquiry found a Woman had been taken there, who was apparently crazy & had beaten & bruised old Abram Easton a black man. she lived with him in the house late the property of Old Gideon Wanton. he lays dangerously ill of his bruises & she is confind in Jail. --

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December 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 12 M // Last night old Abraham Easton Died, as I came down to go to meeting I was warn'd to attend as one of the Jury of inquest at 11 OClock, which deprived me of Meeting in the forenoon – We found a bruise on the left side of his forehead about two inches above his eye quite dinted in by which it appeard his Skull was broken, another place appeard cut over his right eye but not so deep a bruise as the other, his right jaw was much Swollen, & his right ear was cut thro', Our verdict was that he came by his Death by those bruses by some person unknown –

At meeting in the Afternoon we had a Silent meeting, after which I visited the work & Alms Houses in company with R Taylor & D Rodman – I set the evening at home & rote to Micajah Collins – - This evening Brother Isaac was Married to Sarah W Hammet Daughter of Nathan Hammet, by Caleb J Tenny

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December 17, Monday: [Professor Carl Phillip Gottfried von Clausewitz](#) got married with [Countess \(Gräfin\) Marie Sophie von Brühl](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 12 M // Read this evening in the journal of our Ancient friend David Hall, by which my mind was a little quickened with life

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December 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 12 M // Attended the funeral of Old Mary Anthony In the 86th Year of her Age. She was a presbyterian, her father & Mother & two of her Sisters were Members of our Society. She was inter'd in the upper burying ground in friends meadow field -

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December 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 12 M // We have this day had a meeting with brother Isaac & his Wife at My fathers. it is the first time I ever saw her & it is remarkable that She nearly exactly answers the Idea I had receivd in a Dream the night that they were Married. She has the same cast of countenance, but is a little Differently Dressed. -I have felt my mind introduced into a feeling exercise & concern that I may renew the Watch that thereby become an example of Sobriety, & by Life & conversation become a preacher of Righteousness. Oh that the truth may reach to the hearts of the people, as I now feel I can say I long that my heart may be renewd before the Lord - -

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December 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 12 M 1810// A Silent meeting & some of our friends absent waiting for the Corpse of Philip Chases Wife to Little Compton where it is to be inter'd tomorrow. She died at Tamany Hill farm where she has lived 2 years past - In the Preparative meeting we had no buisness for the Moy [Monthly] Meeting but raised a little money to purchase an Iron basin to Set on the Stove with water for the benefit of the head, a pair of tongs &c.

This evening father Rodman recd a letter from Uncle Wm Mitchell at Nine Partners informing that Joseph Rodman was in that vicinity & had met with a Severe bruse in his leg & had been very like to Die, but was a little better. If a thorough reformation was wrought in his mind it would be a mercy to him if he was removed from time for the danger of a relapse into former wickedness would be very great -

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December 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 12 M // We were in expectation of Brother Isaac & Wife to take tea with us, but the wet weather prevented their coming
Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening with us. -*

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December 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 12 M // My Mind has been reflecting on various Subjects, among which is the necessity of keeping the mind in a State of Watchful care, so regulated as not to be ruffled at the petty incidents of life, for I believe we are often rendered very unhappy from circumstances which in themselves will weigh nothing in the scale of trials. I have often found myself much annoyed by them to the dimunition of my spiritual Strength, they may be compared to the little foxes which nip the buds of life, but they are little things & may by attention be kept out from the enclosure of our mind -.

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December 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 12 M // At meeting H Dennis preached & D Buffum rose with her subject & improved upon it with much feeling
In the afternoon Silence prevailed, my mind in both meetings was roving, but it seem'd as if a little life was underneath -between meetings I stoped with the committee that purpose to hear the testimony that they have prepared concerning our frd Mary Mitchell, & think it a very suitable One - After meeting D Rodman & myself went out to Saml Thurstons, took tea & Set the evening very agreeably & I trust not unprofitably -*

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December 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 12 M 1810// My wife spent the Afternoon at Brother J Rodmans, I took tea with them & set part of the eveng -Also in the evening I visited Brother Isaac & Wife having this day Commenced house keepers in the Widow Potters House in Clarke Street. -



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December 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 12 M // Last evening we hear'd some heavy Guns fired & were at a loss to know the meaning of them. This morning it proves that a large armed Spanish Brig or a Brig owned by Americans under Spanish covering was cast away on Brentons reefe. She fired about 7 OClock in the eveng about 5 Guns, & in five minutes after the last gun was fired the Masts went off & lay in that condition untill about 12 OC at night & then went to peaces the people 21 in number got on deck, eleaven of them were washed of & drown'd including the Captain Mate & Super Cargo, the other 10 reached shore about 5 OC this morning & are now at a house in the neck in a very brused condition It appears that She was fitted out for the purpose of going to Africa for Slaves, but has been thus brought up. It appears to me that the divine hand is very pointedly turned against that traffic & will continue to work against them untill a thorough stop is made

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December 26, Wednesday: Raùl di Créqui, a melodramma serio by Simon Mayr to words of Romanelli, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 12 M // Nothing material. The mind not very lively, & the usual rounds of each day of my life – I had however forgotten to say the Brother Isaac & Wife, My mother & Sister RR set the afternoon & evening with us –

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December 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27 of 12 M // Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M Mtg The first was silent in the last we succeeded in appointing all the overseers which were proposed for [Newport](#). The determination of which has occasioned much execrise, as one of them was opposed by a certain individual possessing more Will than Grace.
A testimony concerning our friend Mary Mitchell was presented & refered to next meeting - We dind at cousin Z Chases - In riding out this morning I know not when I suffer'd more with the Cold –*



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 December 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 12 M 1810// In the eveng Set a little while at Rowse Taylors. My mind rather on a low key. -

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 December 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 12 M // Went this morning to Narragansett on buisness; took an horse from couisn P Gardiners & Rode to cousin J Hazards where my buisness lay & there staid all night -

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 December 30, Sunday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer), Carl Maria von Weber, and three others founded a private musical association, the Harmonischer Verein, in Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Rode with Lewis Clarke to South Kingston lower meeting house were I found an agreeable meeting & was all owing to my measure comforted - Return'd to J Hazards & dined, then crossed the Ware & took teas with cousin Casey then rode to Cousin P Gardiners & lodged. -

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 December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd// About 1// 2 past 2 OClock this morning I was awoked as with a "voice long & loud" & a stamping over my head which before I was fairly awake thought it was my cousin L Clarke who Slept in the chamber above me, but when I was fairly out of dose, I found my head much affected with a ringing - I concluded I was hag-ridden & thought I would turn over & it would soon go off, but in a few minutes I felt an uncommon feeling in my head as if my blood was running into it & pressing upward from my feet & legs attended with a numbness, & had three turns of this kind which quite alarm'd me & I was ready to conclude & do still believe I was threatened with an Apoplectic fit - I awoke some



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of the family who readily & kindly came to me & administer'd a little medicine, but I could get no more sound sleep for as soon as I verged toward sleep this rising & numbness would come on & It would awake me in a fright. I attribute it to fulness of habit dining late riding much more on horse back than common & drinking Some Strong tea the evening before - all the day I felt my head much out of order - In the morning I found the wind was high & a driving snow storm & was unable to get home or go abroad. -

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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1811. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE FARMERS' [ALMANACK](#) FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1811. Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Published by Charles Tappan. Sold at his Bookstore, No. 1, Market-street.... In addition to hints as to the best mode of taking honey and of the management of pigs, this provided detail about various counterfeit bank bills in circulation at the time and about "uncurrent bills" that could be accepted only for "a part of their nominal or original value."

 In [Rhode Island](#), William Jones was in charge (This isn't the Sir William Jones of the British East India Company).

 There were 17 [cotton](#)-mills in the vicinity of [Providence](#), and 5 more were under construction. There were 8 in nearby [Rhode Island](#) towns, and 5 more were under construction.

 [Brown University](#) established a medical school of sorts in [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#) at which three local physicians –Dr. Solomon Drowne, Dr. William Ingalls, and Dr. William C. Bowen– could offer lectures. (It has been reported by a son of Professor Parsons that his father made certain secret arrangements to obtain the needed "anatomical material" for such studies.)

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 January 1, Tuesday: The Grand Duchy of Berg was annexed by France.

As of the end of the year William Parkman had been replaced as postmaster of [Concord](#) by John L. Tuttle.

Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) and his crew of nine black seamen set sail in the *Traveller* from Philadelphia, bound for Sierra Leone, a colony that the British had created on the west coast of Africa as a dumping ground for poor blacks from London as well as for black Loyalists who had come to despair of their existence as free people under the conditions of Nova Scotia. For three months Cuffe would be meeting with government officials and with local chiefs, visiting schools and Methodist meetings, and distributing Bibles, while forming estimates of the prospects that would be faced by any black Americans who might choose to emigrate there.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 1 Mo 1811// Still confind at cousin Peleg Gardiners by heavy Wind no ferry boats passing. The mind as quiet as could be expected considering how much longer I am detained from my buisness than I expected & how much my buisness at home is in want of me-¹³⁴

134. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// This morning a fine opportunity presents to come a cross the ferry which I did after breakfast at cousin Gardiners - was detain'd an hour & upwards on Connanicut which gave me time to call & see my Aged Cousin Joseph Greene who is now in the 87 Year of his Age - Cousin Anne was gone to meeting so that I was deprived of her company - I arrived in town before dinner & found my dear H was well & my buisness as well off as it could be without me - My H having been mostly at her fathers in my absence we concluded it was best to stay there all night -

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January 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day// After breakfast we again commenced house keepers having been long absent from my buisness & of course much behind hand in my Watch Work & thought best to stay from meeting which I was very loth to do, but customers was pressing - This (I think) is the third time in eight years that I have staid from meeting on account of buisness, which I know is not many but more perhaps than is right - I am desirous of doing right, but fall far short -

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January 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 4th of 1st M 1811// I have been much engaged & perplexed with various things, I yet live in hopes that things will be better with me in every sense, - but here I am, turnd of 29 Years of age & got no further yet, the prospect is Small. Oh Saith my soul at this season, may I be more watchful & dilligent. - Called this evening to see our goodly neighbors Saml Towle & Wife -

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January 5, Saturday: [George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales](#), began to serve as Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland due to the incapacitation of his father [King George III](#) (it is now inferred that the father's incapacitating illness, an illness which had turned his urine blue and had resulted in episodes of insanity, had been porphyria). For most of George's regency and subsequent reign, Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, as Prime Minister, would be in de facto control of the British government, while George, as "His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," gave himself over as always to self-indulgence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

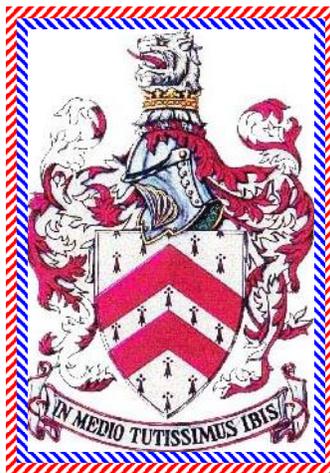
7th day 5 of 1 Mo// Occupied at Trade Sister Eliza & Mary were our visitors today. -

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January 6, Sunday: In the Hermitage of St. Petersburg, Rien de trop ou Les deux paravents, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Pain, was performed for the initial time.

Charles Sumner was born in Boston.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 1 Mo// Silent Meetings, & tho I wrestled hard was unable to obtain what I wanted, yet I thought I felt a little of the good spirit as it were running underneath - Edwd W Lawton



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& Saml Potter ?a young men from [Smithfield](#) took tea & set the evening very pleasantly on our part.

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January 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th of 1 Mo// This evening visited the African school & found that the improvement of the schollars was a compensation for our labor with them - the called at J Earls & set a little while -

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January 8, Tuesday-10, Thursday: In what has been the largest slave revolt in the United States, Louisiana [slaves](#) revolted in two parishes. The leader of the revolt was [Charles Deslondes](#), a buggy driver from St. Domingue, property of the widow Deslondes. At a plantation about 35 miles from New Orleans the Andry family and their overseers were attacked, killing Mr. Andry's son Gilbert Thomassin Andry and putting the family to flight. The servile insurrectionaries were able to supplement their hoes, machetes, and clubs with a few firearms and some ammunition and set out downriver. At another plantation, Jean Francois Trepagnier was killed. The slave army by day's end had gotten almost 25 miles in the direction of the city by the time the wounded Mr. Andry returned with a local militia of some 80 white men. Communication had been made to Claiborne and US troops were approaching, under the command of General Wade Hampton. Troops from Baton Rouge were also approaching. The slaves were immediately overwhelmed by this firepower. Those who hadn't simply been shot down, including Deslondes and his leaders, were summarily executed and decapitated, and 45 heads were mounted on pikes. At the Destrehan Plantation, there were quick trials in which 21 of some 30 accused were found guilty and immediately executed, and their heads added to the long row of pikes along the levees.

SERVILE INSURRECTION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 1 Mo// The usual rounds of the day. Rote in the eveng a letter to David Smith of Bolton -

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 January 9, Wednesday: Lieutenant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) was surveying the [Rhode Island](#) harbors when, through faulty piloting and bad weather, his *USS Revenge* was wrecked on a reef off [Watch Hill](#). The commanding officer himself would, however, be exonerated, to the point of finding himself being commended — for having attempted to salvage government property.



(Divers would discover the wreck during August 2005, but not identify the vessel until January 7, 2011.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 1 Mo// The usual buisness of the day. in the eveng call'd to see a couple of friends a little while & then went home & read James Montgumires Poem called the West India's it is an enchanting performance; the slave is treated in a point of view that cannot fail to awake the feelings of its advocates into an utter abhorance of it.

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 January 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 1 Mo// Our friend Edward Brooke & his Companion John Pennock from Pennsylvania were at meeting, which owing to



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the Days being very stormy was very Small, tho' I suppose some of us exerted our selves more on his account as he (Edwd) appears to be a sound & weighty friend & appeared in testimony, I trust to the edification & instruction – for my own part may add that to me it was a better meeting than common – Recd a letter from Micajah Collins this forenoon –

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January 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 11 of 1 Mo// Our friend E Brooke & John Pennock are still in town the wind is so high that they cannot get over the ferry to Connaicut. – The usual rounds as respects myself. –

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January 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 1st M 1811// Our friends E Brooke & J Pennock went over the ferry today & are to be at meeting at Connaicut tomorrow – nothing material to insert as respects myself

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January 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 1st Mo// We had silent meetings & small one tho' in the forenoon we had a respectable gathering. In the Afternoon only 10 Women but three of them were not members. I felt my mind a little drawn forth to them in love & thought of taking an opportunity with one of them – The weather was very stormy –In the evening brother David set with us

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January 14, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) sent his valet, Fletcher, home.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14 of 1 Mo// A very hevvy Snow Storm again today - I did not go home to dinner & in the evening when it abated we stepped into neighbor Vinson & set with them. –

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 January 15, Tuesday: [Abby Kelley](#) (Abigail = “Father’s Joy”) was born in a farming family of Pelham, Massachusetts. The family would relocate to Worcester during this year. Her mother was a birthright [Quaker](#), considered “the strictest of Orthodox Friends.”

In a secret session of the US Congress, the federal government determined to annex Spanish East Florida by entering into a Secret Act and Joint Resolution “against the Amelia Island smugglers on the Atlantic coast of Florida” (STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 471 ff).¹³⁵

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 1 Mo// Recd a very acceptable letter from my Aged friend Joseph Bringhurst of Wilmington (Del) dated 12 M 10 1811 which was as a pleasant Brook by the way – Sister R set the eveng & lodged with us

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 January 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 1 Mo// The mind has been engaged in various reflections, & that of an enlargement of my buisness in the Spring has been of most weight. I think it necessary that I should try to acquire a little more property - or at least to get a little more too Answer present needs, as what I now get is but a very scanty pittance - I feel every fear of the consequence of an extention of trade that it seems to me, is possible for any to feel & whether my fortitude is equal to it I do not know, but my friends advise me to it & think there is no danger of a failure, but Oh! how I feel the dread of a Debt which it will be out of my power to pay, unless a Sale of goods beyond what my present fears lead me to apprehend will be in my power to make.- I desire in this as in all other undertakings to keep an eye to "Wisdom which is proffitable to Direct" - but Alass it sometimes Seems as if it is with me as in the days of Israel of old when "there was no open vision". I crave that my mind may not sink below hope or if favord with something in addition to my present income, not rise above a fear, but in all things keep the middle path, which consistent with Agwis [?] Prayer is much the most safe to walk in, but as I have hinted it is hard to foresee what will be the issue, if I can but be favord to feel a permission I think it is all I can expect -

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135. Amelia Island is on the Atlantic coast of Florida, at the point at which the peninsula of Florida joins with the mainland of the continent.



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 January 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 1st M 1811// Our meeting was Silent, & I think it was not the worst of times with me altho the mind was inclined to rove yet it was not so hard to get it to its center again as at Some seasons, when indeed I become as a Ship driven to & fro in a tempest. – We took tea at Brother Isaac’s which is the first time we have broken bread with them - While setting with them in the evening I took but little part in the conversation but set musing & was introduced into feelings of a very serious nature, that of Death was brought close home, the solemn Scene of parting with a near & dear friend or relative was so impressingly brought to the view of my mind that it seem’d as if it was all most real. I know not why my mind was thus turnd except it was for my own benefit

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 January 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 1 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds.

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 January 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 1 Mo// Our friends Rowse & Mary Taylor took tea & set the evening with & Father & Mother Rodman with them - Rowse & Mary are about moving to Ohio, so that as this visit is the Alpheia I fear it will be the Omega, they are valuable friends & acquaintance of ours, & their loss will be great. I regret that any of their description Should leave us, that can Stay. --

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 January 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 1 Mo// Our morning meeting was Silent but a very comfortable Season to me - Jonathan Dennis dined with us – In the Afternoon Our friend Sarah Fish preached very sweetly & we had a good meeting - Set the eveng at home with my dear H –

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 January 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 1 Mo// Our beloved friends Susannah Freeborn & Sarah Fish Dined with us & set a part of the Afternoon. My H went with them to D Williams where we took tea together -- Their visit to us was a very comfortable one & I can say that the life was very precious raised in my mind

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 January 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 22 of 1 Mo// Nothing material has occurd thro' the day - In the eveng I set at home transcribing the manuscript Journal of our friend Mary Mitchell deceased, at the request of Saml Thurston who wants it done to carry to the next meeting for suffering - being well acquainted with the deceased I was very willing to undertake the task. It was very comfortable to read the account of her convincement, it appears that she was much helped & strengthened by reading a book which was very precious to me when I first was visited with the day Spring from on high Viz Elizabeth Bathhursts "Truth Vindicated" Oh how has that book tended to strengthen & enliven me in the days of my Childhood -

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 January 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 1 M 1811// Again this evening engaged in transcribing the manuscript Journal of our friend M Mitchell.-

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 January 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 1 Mo// In the first meeting Our fr H Dennis preached Sweetly to us - In the last (preparative) Some weighty & pertinent remarks were made on the first & second Querys by D B - Sister E & M set the evening & lodged. Sister M has been with us Several days. -

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 January 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 1 Mo// I dont think it best to say much at this time but the mind has been much in a reflective Mood today – We set the evening at Brother D Rs.

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 January 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 1 Mo// My H & Sister Ruth Spent the day at their Uncle Job Almys – I went out & spent the evening with them.

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 January 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 1 Mo// Silent meetings, & to me seasons of much famine After meeting in the Afternoon visited the Work & Alms houses –

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 January 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 1 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds – & the mind in a dull state. –

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 January 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 1 Mo// This evening I finished transcribing the first 20 pages of manuscript Journal of our friend Mary Mitchell deceased which has occupied Several of the last evenings since I began it –

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 January 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 30 of 1 Mo// Our friend Peter Hoxie has come over from Narragansett to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting tomorrow. It was very refreshing to see him & hope his company may prove to us as it did to the primitive Church at the coming of Titus – "God that comforteth those that are cast down comforted us by the coming of Titus" 11 Cor 7 chap 6 Verse. – This evening I had a little Struggle to know what was best to do – I was in the Afternoon invited to attend a lecture on complexion to be deliverd by Dr. Coleman. I felt some little doubts of its being best to go, but however on looking it over I could see no hurt in it. Yet on looking about for the advantage I apprehend it was but little to me

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 January 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 1 Mo// We have indeed had a very precious meeting & the coming of our friend P Hoxie has, I have no doubt been a peculiar blessing to us. he was concern'd in a very weighty testimony & supplication in the first meeting & Holder Almy was also concern'd in testimony which I have no doubt was applicable to many states present I know it was to mine – In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) Our friend Peter was useful in his remarks – much weighty buisness was before us. The testimony concerning Mary Mitchell Deceased was Sign'd & forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting – George Dennis & Peter Lawton dined with us. –

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 February 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 2nd M 1811// Nothing material to insert, except that it has been a very Stormy day & I did not go home to dinner, & dined at my fathers. Set the evening at home with my dear H who has been very lonely thro' the day –

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 February 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 2nd Mo// Last night I had another turn similar to the one I had a few weeks past at P Gardiners in Narragansett. I dont know exactly what it is but, am fearful the effect will one day or another be serious. The day has passed as usual.

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 February 3, Sunday: [Horace Greeley](#) was born in Amherst, New Hampshire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 2 Mo// The day was very stormy, but our meeting on the mens side of the house was pretty well kept up only three Women in the forenoon & in the Afternoon but two - of the three in the forenoon two were not members & of the two in the Afternoon One was not a member. This I thought must be a little mortification to Some that were not there who might with exercion gone - In the forenoon our friend D Buffum was very lively in testimony - I set the evening at home & wrote to Micajah Collins. -

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 February 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 2 Mo// I did not go home to dinner because it was very Stormy & bad walking & dined with Aunt A Carpenter - my mind was feelingly in sympathy with my dear H. Whenever she is left alone her mind is much occupied with thoughts on our dear departed little Son - Set the evening at home -

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 February 5, Tuesday: [William Henry Harvey](#) was born at Summerville near Limerick, [Ireland](#), the youngest of 11 children of Friend Joseph Massey Harvey and Friend Rebecca Mark Harvey. His father, Friend Joseph Massey Harvey, was a prominent merchant. He would start his education at Ballitore School in County Kildare (a [Quaker](#) institution, emphasizing science). Upon leaving school he would join the family business.

In person I am tall, and in a good degree awkward. I am silent, and when I do speak say little, particularly to people of whom I am afraid, or with whom I am not intimate. I care not for city sports, or for the diversions of the country. I am equally unknown to any healthful amusement of boys. I cannot swim nor skate. I know nothing of the delight of these, and yet I can amuse myself and be quite happy, seemingly without any one to share my happiness. My botanical knowledge extends to about thirty of the commonest plants. I am very fond of botany, but I have not much opportunity of learning anything, because I have only to show the plant to James White, who tells me all about it, which I forget the next minute. My mineralogy embraces about twelve minerals, of which I know only the names. I am totally unacquainted with foreign shells, and know only about two hundred and fifty native ones. As to ornithology, I have stuffed about thirteen birds. In chemistry I read a few books, and tried some experiments. In lithography I broke a stone and a printing press. These are my pretensions to science.



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King George III of England having been legally declared to have become in some unknown manner incapacitated –insane– George, Prince of Wales set his signature to documents making him regent for his father. He was 48 years old while his whacko daddy was 72. (Although by strict interpretation the Regency Era begins in this year and ends in 1820 with the death of George III and the crowning of the Prince Regent as King George IV, in common use the term often describes a broader era, to wit the period between the end of the Georgian age and the beginning of the Victorian age, many of what we term “Regency” romances actually being set during the previous decade.)

In America, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 2 M My mind has been refreshed this Afternoon with the precious savor of the spirit of life, it is as food to an hungry Man - Set the eveng at home except a short call at Neighbor Towles



February 6, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber performed a farewell concert in Darmstadt at the palace of Grand Duke Ludwig. In need of funds, he was leaving the tutelage of Georg Joseph Vogler.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 2 Mo// The last five days has been a continual storm of Snow & rain with high Winds, which has prevented our friends from setting away for [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, a few have however this morning attempted to get there tho' it is Still very Cloudy & Windy. - Sister Mary set the Afternoon & eveng

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February 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 2 Mo// Our meeting was as large as usual considering that divers are absent at Quarterly Meeting - & I believe it was a comfortable season to some & perhaps to some others, a season of poverty. to me it was pretty good & this afternoon my feelings have been Sweetly quickened with life. -

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February 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 2 Mo// My H having been so long confin'd by bad weather came down to her fathers yesterday morning, where we staid last night.-



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 February 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 2nd Mo// We went home this morning after a visit of two day & two nights at father Rs where they were glad to have us & where I was glad my H was as it is very lonesome at home in stormy weather to have none to speak to for Several hours together.

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 February 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 2 M 1811// A Stormy day & meetings small & silent. In the afternoon my H being At her fathers I went & took tea with Aunt Patty Gould & in the evening set a little whhile at D Williams's

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 February 11, Monday: On or about this day, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Thomas Jefferson Hogg](#) wrote on [THE NECESSITY OF ATHEISM](#).



For the 3d time in 4 years, President Madison prohibited trade with Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 2 Mo// Our neighbors Sam Towle & wife & Daughter took tea with us & set the evening. Brother David also set the evening. -



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 February 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 2 Mo// Our neighbors Saml Vinson & wife took tea with us & set the evening with us – My H recd a letter from Hannah Collins –

 February 13, Wednesday: [Pierre Jean Édouard Desor](#) was born at Friedrichsdorf, near Frankfort-on-Main and Homburg, son of Christine Albertine Foucar Desor and Jean Desor, a manufacturer. (The family was of Huguenot descent, chased out of France in 1685, and its name had originated as “Des Horts,” meaning “of the gardens.” He was an autodidact who studied paleontology and glacial phenomena. He studied at the University of Giessen and then at Heidelberg before studying in the College of France at Paris. In early years he was an associate of [Professor Louis Agassiz](#), and his contributions to glaciology derive from Agassiz’s Ice Age concept and from summers he spent with Agassiz on the Unteraar glacier. He studied echinoderms of the Jurassic period. He investigated the old lake-habitations of Switzerland. He made observations on the physical features of the Sahara desert. He would visit the locale in France from which his Protestant ancestors had been exiled during the great diaspora. Eventually he inherited property, retired to Combe Varin in Val Travers, Switzerland, and died on vacation in Nice, France.)

The publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek’s Three Piano Sonatas C.240-242 was entered at Stationer’s Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 2 Mo// My feelings have been Sweetly tendered for which I desire to be thankful - Oh how I love to feel tender in Spirit - Sister Ruth set the eveng

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 February 14, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber left Darmstadt, intending to engage in a long concert tour.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14 of 2 Mo// Our meeting was as large & I think larger than usual, & I believe it was a comfortable Season to divers present - but I labor’d under a bodily infirmity which prevented me from much enjoyment –
My H spent the Afternoon at my fathers –*

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 February 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 2 Mo// We spent the eveng & took tea at Uncle Sam l Thurstons It was a very agreeable time & I believe they were glad of our company



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 February 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 2 Mo// Sister Eliza spent the evening & Staid all night with us

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 February 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 2 Mo// The day was unfavorable to a large gathering at meeting as a considerable snow fell last night, our number however was respectable.
We set in silence - father R took tea & brother David sent [spent] the eveng with us*

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 February 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 2 Mo// Avery [sic] stormy day, - so that I did not go home to Dinner but dined at my fathers - set at home in the evening with my precious wife & wrote to Joseph Bringhurst --

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 February 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 2 Mo// Nothing material thro' the day - In the eveng We read in the Memoirs of Elizabeth Smith which is the first time I ever saw it & think there are some excellent things in it & some that had better never have been printed - Sister E is with us

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 February 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 2 Mo// The day passed as usual. in the eveng I took some tools from the Shop & Sat very pleasantly at home &



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heard E Smith read – Sister E is still with us

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 February 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 2 Mo// Our meeting was of its usual size & Silent -In the last (preparative) the overseers reported that they had visited Henry Anthony for marrying out of society, neglect of Meetings & retailing spirituous liquors - Our dear brother Rowse Taylor also requested a certificate of removal - My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers & the evening at Brother Davids -

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 February 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 2 Mo// Mine heart hath been made thankful & humbled under a sense of the many favors which I receive - It is a distressing season of the year & many poor people are destitute of food & fuel, & I have both to a very comfortable degree, & Oh how unworthy I am, I feel myself a poor thing, dull & lifeless -

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 February 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 2 M 1811// Nothing material, except Sister Ruth has been with us whose company is allways acceptable. -

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 February 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 2 Mo// At meeting this forenoon our frd D Buffum was very lively in public testimony, & very sweetly addressed the Youth In the Afternoon we were Silent. We dined & took tea at my fathers

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February 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 2 Mo// My mind has been introduced into serious reflections & had to feel a precious tenderness of Spirit. – Mary Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & eveing with us.

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February 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th of 2 Mo// John Price a late Slave Trade was this afternoon committed to the grave, he died the day before yesterday - far very far be it from me to judge the poor man, but I think I may hazard the desire that the sin which he committed in the traffic in human flesh has gone before hand to judgement - He died of the peripnumony. [difficulty breathing ?] I have heard nothing of the state of his mind during his illness.

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February 27, Wednesday: [Fenda Freeman](#) of Brister's Hill in [Concord](#) died of "dropsy" at the age of 60.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 2 Mo// Nothing material to insert – perhaps I may say that my mind has been favord to experieence a Sweet little current of life running as it were running by the way - I dare not speak very highly of my experieence as in these days it is a low time indeed & therefore seldom of late insert much in that head -I desire to be thankful for the little - Brother David Set the eveing with us –

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February 28, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) wrote Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia that, because he'd opened his ports to British ships, and because he'd raised duties on French imports, it might be appropriate for them to consider that the existing alliance between their two countries had run its course and come to an end. (Translation: if I invade you, remember that you were asking for it.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 2 Mo// I am this morning going with my beloved H to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#), & I feel a little prayer to assend from my heart that it may prove a season of favor to us both, even a season of renewal of covenant with the Lord - Oh Lord help us –



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Our ride to [Portsmouth](#) was attended with more peril & danger than I ever experienced by land before. The banks of Snow were deep in many places which occasioned us to ride sometimes in very bad places - but we went & return'd safe for which I desire to be thankful, & I may also thankfully acknowledge that I have experienced a season of favor, tho the first meeting was not the most lively Season I have experienced yet it was a good Silent time, & in the last, buisness was conducted with good & becoming order, & I may acknowledge that I was glad I went - We dined at Richd Mitchells. -

 March 1, Friday: When [Muhammad Ali Pasha al-Mas'ud ibn Agha](#) had come to be pasha of [Egypt](#) in 1806, [Mameluke](#) factions had retained control of much of the nation. Under their ancient baronial rights they had been able to stonewall many of his measures. Consequently, on the occasion of a celebration in honor of his son Tusun, implying that he wanted to come to terms with them, Muhammed Ali Pasha invited Shahin Bey and the other leading Mameluke lords (accounts differ as to the guest list, all the way from 64 to 700) to a banquet at the Citadel of Cairo. After the reception, as they were departing ostensibly to serve as a rear-guard in a parade, they mounted up and rode out of the citadel down a sloping corridor toward Roumaliya Square — only to have the huge brass-bound external doors suddenly slam shut in front of them. Trapped and rendered defenseless in the citadel's Bab al-Azab gateway complex, they were then picked off by a squadron of



Albanians firing down upon them. During the following weeks the Pasha's followers would search out and exterminated thousands of caste members in various locales, so that only a small group would manage to escape into the Sudan.

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Reportedly only one of the warrior guests, named perhaps [Amin](#), survived this Cairo massacre, by urging his horse to leap over the parapet of the citadel wall and down some 30-40 feet or more (the horse being killed in the fall) — which story would lead to [Henry Thoreau](#)'s remark "...till I am ready to leap from their court-yard like the Mameluke bey":



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WALDEN: I live in the angle of a leaden wall, into whose composition was poured a little alloy of bell metal. Often, in the repose of my mid-day, there reaches my ears a confused *tintinnabulum* from without. It is the noise of my contemporaries. My neighbors tell me of their adventures with famous gentlemen and ladies, what notabilities they met at the dinner-table; but I am no more interested in such things than in the contents of the Daily Times. The interest and the conversation are about costume and manners chiefly; but a goose is a goose still, dress it as you will. They tell me of California and Texas, of England and the Indies, of the Hon. Mr. _____ of Georgia or of Massachusetts, all transient and fleeting phenomena, till I am ready to leap from their courtyard like the Mameluke bey. I delight to come to my bearings, - not walk in procession with pomp and parade, in a conspicuous place but to walk even with the Builder of the universe, if I may, - not to live in this restless, nervous, bustling, trivial Nineteenth Century, but stand or sit thoughtfully while it goes by. What are men celebrating? They are all on a committee of arrangements, and hourly expect a speech from somebody. God is only the president of the day, and Webster is his orator. I love to weigh, to settle, to gravitate toward that which most strongly and rightfully attracts me; -not hang by the beam of the scale and try to weigh less, - not suppose a case, but take the case that is; to travel the only path I can, and that on which no power can resist me. It affords me no satisfaction to commence to spring an arch before I have got a solid foundation. Let us not play at kittly-benders. There is a solid bottom every where. We read that the traveller asked the boy if the swamp before him had a hard bottom. The boy replied that it had. But presently the traveller's horse sank in up to the girths, and he observed to the boy, "I thought you said that this bog had a hard bottom." "So it has," answered the latter, "but you have not got half way to it yet." So it is with the bogs and quicksands of society; but he is an old boy that knows it. Only what is thought said or done at a certain rare coincidence is good. I would not be one of those who will foolishly drive a nail into mere lath and plastering; such a deed would keep me awake nights. Give me a hammer, and let me feel for the furring. Do not depend on the putty. Drive a nail home and clinch it so faithfully that you can wake up in the night and think of your work with satisfaction, -a work at which you would not be ashamed to invoke the Muse. So will help you God, and so only. Every nail driven should be as another rivet in the machine of the universe, you carrying on the work.

AMIM, THE MAMELUKE BEY



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WALDEN:

Like the Mameluke bey

I gravitate toward

the only path I can

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 3 M 1811// The day has passed as usual as to the occupation of time - but mine heart has been brought to remember some things that are past with deep feeling, & Oh Saith my soul may I deepen in the root of Life -

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March 2, Saturday: In the series of events that would lead to the War of 1812, Britain having rejected President James Madison's ultimatum of November 2, 1810, the United States Congress put into effect the President's embargo against trade with Great Britain.

Mary Russell Mitford's "Ode to Consumption" mock-heroically lauded the all-too-familiar terminal stage of phthisis or what we now know as [tuberculosis](#) — understood as the victim's being "consumed" by this mysterious debility.

ODE TO CONSUMPTION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 3rd M 1811// Nothing material had occur'd. How do I go from day to day in one line without advancement in any respect

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March 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 3 Mo// I thought the state of my health was such that it was best for me to take a portion of Physic, which prevented me from attending meeting, it made me very sick especially in the Afternoon, but I hoped it will do me good, - My dear H went to meeting in the afternoon supposing as I did myself that I should be better -

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March 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 3 Mo// My feelings have been sweetly enlivened particularly this evening & I have rejoiced in heart that the bonds of heaviness have been a little broken –

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March 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 3 Mo// My heart hath again witnessed the renewal of life & the mind has been dipt into exercise on account of my own deficiencies, & those of Some others, if I could do any thing for them, I think I should be willing – My mother set the afternoon & evening with us –

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March 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 3 Mo// I wrote this forenoon to my dear friend Philip Dunham of Little Compton as follows –
"It seems as if mine heart hath been for several days engaged to Salute thee in this way, & inform thee that I believe I am "yet alive", at least I may say the good spirit seems yet to circulate in my mind, & is at this time revived with a degree of sweetness, for which I desire to be thankful, & close in with every tendering season vouchsafed in tender Mercy from Him who is ever merciful to the Workmanship of his hands – I have heard that thou art contemplating a removal from thy present place of abode the first view of which was not very pleasant to my feelings, but on looking it over & recollecting some conversation I have had with thee in times past I grew more reconciled to it, & am now ready to conclude, that perhaps it is all for the best. I greatly wish that in what ever situation thou may be placed that thy mind may be preserved in that innocent symplicity in which I have no doubt thou hast in good measure kept, & that thou may deepen in the root, & shoot forth lively & green in the branches of Truth. – I have also heard that thou hast lately buryed a little innocent babe of a few days old, on which account there is but little to be Said. Such disappointments are doubtless intended for our instruction, & if rightly apply'd will (I believe) tend to humble the creature, & teach, that all is in Wisdom, that is permitted of that Nature –I hope thy dear Wife is doing well, both in the inward & outward, & that the present dispensation may be Sanctified to her. I thought when I saw her, & many times since that there was



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something good at work in her, & that if She abode in the patience untill the Whirl wind had passed by, & the Small still voice heard, she would see things of a Spiritual nature with greater clearness than can possibly be discover'd while there is a contention of airy clements of human policy in the mind, here is a ground on which the enemy takes great advantage, & in many instances choakes the good seed Sown in the heart"
Stepn Gould

I have this Afternoon recd a long & acceptable letter from my cousin Z L Clarke - My H set the eveing with our old neighbor Mary Donnally - I also was with her a little while

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March 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 3 M 1811// Our meeting was silent & small, only one Woman owing to the abundance of Snow that fell last night -

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March 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 3 Mo// The day has passed as usual except my H spent the Afternoon & eveng at her fathers & I called a little while at D Ws in the eveng

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March 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9 of 3 Mo// The mind somewhat introduced into feeling. I heard that Cynthia Coggeshall appeared in a Short testimony at [Portsmouth](#) meeting last 4th day - & some weeks ago I heard that -- Hall (who was not then a member but has since requested), appeard in a meeting there - This is encouraging & I hope the dry bones of [Newport](#) may yet be shaken, & arise to life among us -
Met with the committee appointed at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting to consider of some more illygible mode of assisting the poor of Society -- I also heard that Betsy Almy is very low & near her end to all human appearances*

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March 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 3 Mo// Both meetings silent, the walking was so wet that my H did no go in the Afternoon. I went to the Ams house to visit the poor & in the evening was sent for by old Capt Daniel Hollaway who appears to be declining fast, & was desirous of making a Will & of putting my name into it as an executor, to which I consented, & we had a little conversation on religious concerns. I then left him, desiring his welfare -

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March 11, Monday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)'s 69-ton *Traveller* arrived at Freeport, Sierra Leone. He would trade his goods, visit the British governor, meet native leaders, and make himself familiar with the situation in that British colony.

He would establish there a "Friendly Society" of traders who dealt only in trade goods, and not at all in human beings.

Near Nottingham, England, a group of workers began a wild protest against the new textile machinery (knitting frames) that was impacting their jobs. They would be termed Luddites or "Ludds" (reputedly after a Ned Ludd). By the following year Luddites would be active in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, and Leicestershire. Although the Luddites avoided violent acts against persons, government crackdowns would include mass shootings, hangings, and deportations. It would require 14,000 British soldiers to quell the rebellion. The movement would effectively die in 1813 except for a brief resurgence at the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1816.

The Spanish defenders of Badajoz surrendered the city to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 3 Mo // My H has been engaged in assisting brother David in removing from his house (which he has sold) to one owned by John Williams in Thames Street - I have been occupied as usual-

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March 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 3 Mo// I have this day began to move from the house (which I have occupied ever since We commenced house keepers) belonging to Saml Gibbs, in Church Street, to one owned by Jethro Brigs in Spring Street, commonly called the Redwood house - our object in moving is, that the one we have lived in is further from my shop than is convenient, & the one we are moving to is more convenient in Several respects - Much fatigued this evening



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with the labor of the day – moving is hard work.

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 March 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 13 of 3 M 1811// We have this forenoon got all our things from our old to our new residence, in leaving our habitation the various scenes that have passed Since we lived there is brought fresh to view. There we experienced the new feelings of house keepers, the weight & exercise of which is no small matter to encounter, there we were blessed with a precious little Son & while living there we were deprived of that blessing, to our great and lasting grief - & there we have had many precious seasons of divine favor * there also we have had many low discouraged feelings al which scenes and many more I have no doubt has been designed for our good, which on my part has not been wwell improvedt Oh Saith my soul now while writing may the past be a warning, & may my mind be more fully dedicated to what is manifested within, to the gently reproofs of instruction -- Sister Mary spent the evening with us -*

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 March 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 3 Mo// We felt at home in our new habitation this morning when we arose – Our meeting was silent & I believe not the worst of times This Afternoon recd a very acceptable letter dated 1st m 2nd & 3rd M 13th from R Greene & this eveng visited Daniel Holloway who appear'd very glad to see me –

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 March 15, Friday and 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7th days// Nothing material to insert. The mind in its usual state & things of the outward has moved in their usual way –

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March 17, Sunday: A setting of the 98th Psalm for chorus by Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 3 Mo// Silent but pretty large meetings. My thoughts have been much turn'd towards [Paul Cuff](#) who has gone on a religious account to Africa. I should be very glad to hear where he is & how he fairs – Between Meetings & this evening read Lealand against the Deists

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March 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 18 of 3 Mo// I have omitted to mention the decease of my much valued friend Elizabeth Almy daughter of our friend Holder Almy of [Portsmouth](#). She departed this life the 12 inst after a confinement of many months, I believe more than two years, and on the 15th her remains was taken to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting house where was a very large gathering & a lively testimony born by our friend David Buffum, & after meeting was decently interred in the burying ground near the meeting house – I was not at the meeting nor have I seen her since last 12th M, but I am inform'd that she has made a very happy conclusion. She was a young woman invested with much concern for the promotion of truth & was careful that her own conduct comported with her profession & for several of the last days of her life she was engaged in Sending messages to, & for individuals to see her that she might discharge what was on her mind towards them – At 12 OClock the night she departed this life she sent for J Fish who came between 12 & 1 OClock, She impressed what she felt on her mind towards him & when the conversations ended, he left the room, & in a few minutes asked to be turned over & died immediatly which was about 3 OClock in the morning – this is working to the last minute, & may her labors prove useful to the individuals She was concernd for & her example stimulate all to a faithful discharge of Duty
I have been much unwell with a rheumatic pain in my side & shoulder all day - there is so much of the Pleurisy about that I feel affraid how it will turn – Set the eveng at home, read Lealand.*

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March 19, Tuesday: Andrew Preston Peabody was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, a descendant of the Lieutenant Francis Peabody of St. Albans who had in 1635 migrated to the Massachusetts Bay colony aboard the *Planter*. He would learn to read before he was three, would enter Harvard College at twelve, and would graduate with the Class of 1826 as the 2nd-youngest graduate ever (that single younger graduate having been Paul Dudley of the Class of 1690).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 3 M 1811// The pain in my side is much better this morning, for which I desire to be thankful. Molly Rogers spent the Day & Sister E & Mother R the evening

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March 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 3 Mo// Nothing material has occur'd, the mind in a reflective Mood -

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March 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 3 Mo// Our meeting was Silent & a pretty good time in the last (preparative George Gould requested a certificate to proceede in Marriage with [left blank] a woman of Swansea Moy [Monthly] Meeting. I was glad of this hoping it may be the means of keeping my dear cousin in Steady walking --

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March 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 3 Mo// It has been a good day to me, having experienced much Sweetness of Spirit, indeed it has been a renewal of favor for which I desire to be thankful. Benj'm Freeborn has been in town & called a little while at the Shop -

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March 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 3 Mo// My feelings of yesterday has been sweetly renew'd this Morning & has continued at Seasons all day - My H



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He and Thomas Jefferson Hogg were expelled from University College for refusing to answer questions about the authorship of THE NECESSITY OF ATHEISM.



That evening in Viviers, France, Honoré Flaugergues noticed without a [telescope](#) a [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) in the area of the sky covered by a “constellation” that we no longer use for such purposes, one then termed [Argo Navis](#).

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 3 Mo// Nothing material thro' the day except that my H spent the Afternoon at my fathers



March 26, Tuesday evening: Honoré Flaugergues again viewed the [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) he had noticed on the previous evening, low in the south, and it was moving northward and brightening. He estimated its orbit to be RA=8h 01.7m, DEC=-29° 03' and such an orbit indicates that it was being discovered while still at the distance of the asteroid belt, 2.72 AU from the sun.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 3 Mo// Recd this forenoon a very acceptable dated 14th in answer to mine of the 6th inst to Philip Dunham of which I was very glad - Aunts Patty, Mary, & Hannah Gould spent the day with us - & Sister Elizabeth Set the evening -

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March 27, Wednesday evening: Honoré Flaugergues found the [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) again, in the constellation of Puppis. He would view his comet on succeeding nights until, on the night of April 1st, the light of the waxing moon would begin to interfere with observation. The moon would reach full phase on April 8th and then it would become possible to view the comet again, on April 11th, despite the moon's waning interference.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 3rd// 1811// Richard Wilbour son of Joseph was this day committed to the dust the funeral was held at the meeting house David Buffum had a short testimony – Brother Isaac & Wife Set the evening with us also - Sister Elizabeth

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March 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 3 Mo// Our first meeting was Silent - the last being our Monthly meeting held in town, was very long, & one case particularly was very painful or at least some circumstances attending it - Obadiah Williams & Benjamin Mott were nominated to the Station of Elders the former was unanimously agree'd to, the latter was very largely approbated by a more than common number of voices, but One friend whose initials ar JA said he objected to the nomination which threw the meeting into the most painful State I ever felt, but by dwelling in the patience & working in the Wisdom, we were favor'd to get along with the Appointment; & Benjamin is to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting as a candidate for the Station of an Elder – Several other cases labor'd but on the whole we got along pretty well considering all things – Peter Lawton & Benjamin Anthony dined with us – In the eveng I called to See old Capt Holloway who appears to be wearing out of time – O Williams & Wife & father & Mother Rodman Set the eveng in out House whose company the little time I was with them was very agreeable

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March 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 3 Mo// Nothing material to insert - Sister Ruth spent the Afternoon & evening with us –

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 March 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 3rd Mo// I have been lead to reflect on my many preservations from evil in my younger days with a degree of thankfulness of heart to him who I have no doubt was with me & kept me out of many hurtful things by the inspiring of his light in the mind. I will remember the tender rebukes of concience when tempted to Sin, & those rebukes Still follow me

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 March 31, Sunday: Robert Wilhelm Eberhard von Bunsen was born (he would become a chemist and invent the "Bunsen Burner").

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 3 Mo// Our meetings were Silent - The State of mind, bad enough especially in the Afternoon. -

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 April 1, Monday: The town of [Concord](#) directed that the woods on the ministerial lot, and on one in Carlisle, should be cut and sold so that pews could be created in the meetinghouse, and sold. The proceeds from this was to be handed over to a group of trustees as a fund for the support of the town's minister.

FINANCES.— In the early ages of the town, several lots of land were reserved for the "public good," and donations were made by individuals for the same purpose. Most of them, however, were disposed of without producing much permanent benefit, or accomplishing the wishes of the donor. Captain Timothy Wheeler,¹³⁶ in 1687, bequeathed to the Rev. Edward Bulkeley and the Rev. Joseph Estabrook, who were then the ministers of the town, 20s. apiece; and to the town about three acres of land, with a house standing on the same, to be improved, all but half an acre (which was "laid out to the training place" at the northwesterly end of the public common), "for the furtherance of learning and the support of a school in the said town." This lot was that on which the grammar school-house now [1835] stands, and then embraced nearly all which would be included in a line drawn from the north side of the house recently built by Ephraim Merriam, to the brook and by the brook round to the Middlesex Hotel and the common. These premises were several years leased and the rents applied according to the wishes of the donor; but piece after piece was unfortunately sold, till the school-house lot was contracted to its present [1835] highly

136. Captain TIMOTHY WHEELER died July 10, 1687 aged 86. He came to [Concord](#) in 1638, tradition says from Wales. Besides holding, at different times, most of the important trusts in various town affairs, he was captain of a military company, and represented the town *eighteen* years in the General Court, between 1653 and 1672. In all stations he appears to have conducted himself with great propriety. At his death he was possessed of a very respectable estate. His will, which is recorded in the Suffolk Probate Records, was dated the 1st of March next before his death. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Captain Thomas Brooks. They had no male issue. One of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Ebenezer Prout, some time clerk of the House of Representatives; and another, Rebecca, married James Minott, Esq., and was the ancestor of many distinguished individuals.



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inconvenient dimensions. Captain Wheeler also bequeathed to the town 40 acres of woodland, "to be improved from time to time for the use and benefit of the ministers of the said town." This was the present [1835] ministerial lot; and the people were long accustomed to hold a bee, when a sufficient quantity of wood for the minister's annual consumption was drawn from this lot to his door.

The town directed, April 1, 1811, that the wood on this lot, and on one in Carlisle, should be cut off and sold; and that pews should be erected on some vacant floor in the meeting-house, and also sold; and that the proceeds should be vested in the hands of trustees, as a ministerial fund. Their first report was made November 7, 1814, and shows the following results.

Proceeds of sales of wood on the ministerial wood-lot	\$2,566.13
Proceeds of sales of wood on a lot in Carlisle	364.27
Proceeds of sales of pews in the meeting house	1,365.55

Total on interest from January 1st, 1814 \$4,295.95
 The first trustees were [John White](#), [Francis Jarvis](#), and John L. Tuttle; and they and their successors were incorporated by an act passed February 27, 1813, as "The Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Fund in Concord." This fund has since been accumulating; and it received the additional legacy of Humphrey Barrett,¹³⁷ in 1829, of \$500. No appropriations were made from it till 1830; and on the first of January, 1831, it amounted to \$11,431.45.

In 1732, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Whiting, James Minott, Jr., John Fox, and Samuel Heywood, to make sale of the common and ministerial land in the town, and vest the proceeds in other real estate. A "ministerial pasture and plow land," was accordingly bought west of the almshouse and some time used as a "perquisite" lot. During the Rev. Mr. Emerson's ministry, it was sold for £75, or \$250, and the annual interest, \$15, applied for the benefit of the minister. In consequence of losses sustained during the revolution, it became reduced to \$100 nearly. In 1819, the town voted that the minister should receive \$15, the original perquisite; and the balance \$9, has been annually raised by a tax.¹³⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 4th Mo// I know not what to say. I have sinned & I have repented but whether the Atonement is Sufficient for the offence I know not - sure the mind has been deeply baptized -

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137. HUMPHREY BARRETT was the son of Lieutenant Humphrey Barrett, and died without issue, March 13, 1827, aged 75. Abel B. Heywood inherited, and lives on [1835], his real estate.

138. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 April 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 4 M // I feel better than yesterday on some accounts - Caty & Mary Engs & sisters Ruth & Eliza Spent the Afternoon with us -

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 April 3, Wednesday: A combined British-Portuguese force defeated the French at Sabugal southeast of Guarda. This would compel the French to completely leave Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 3 of 4 M [April]// Our dear Brother Philip Dunham came over today to make a little visit before he removes from Little Compton to a place near [New Bedford](#) where he expects to carry on the carding of Woll by a machine - he spent the eveng with us very agreeably, & I regret that I was obliged to leave him a little while to meet with the Directors of the African School

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 April 4, Thursday: The Spanish Viceroy of New Granada (Colombia) was overthrown by citizens acting in the name of King Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 4th M 1811// Anne Greene was at meeting also Philip Dunham D Buffum A Robinson & H Dennis, all of which are ministering friends But we had nothing vocally communicated - And to me it was a very dull, dead Season - Set this evening with my H at OWs.

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 April 5, Friday: Robert Raikes, founder of Sunday Schools, died.

Heinrich Baermann performed the premiere of Carl Maria von Weber's Clarinet Concerto J.109 in München. This was well received and King Maximilian, in attendance, ordered two clarinet concertos from the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 4th Mo// This morning the unpleasant information



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was circulated about town that Mein & Rogers had fail'd in trade, but I did not hear of it untill I came from dinner. I was very sorry for it particularly as I had a more than common respect for Robt Rogers

Although my Situation as respects pecuniary affairs are low, yet I could but feel thankful that they are no worse than they are at present. I Desire that I may be preserved in the quiet & move cautiously in every thing, particularly at this very precarious time. - Cousin Anne Greene has this day commenced visiting the familys of this Preparative Meeting in company with Hannah Dennis - Philip Dunham Spent the evening with us, his company is very pleasant we love him dearly.

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April 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 4th Mo// Philip Dunham dined with & then went Directly homeward - Anne Greene & H Dennis have proceeded in their work I understand to good Satisfaction -

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April 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 4th Mo// Our meeting was silent but very dull seasons. I thought indeed that there was neither "dews nor rain nor field of Offering." Anne Greene, Hannah Dennis & Jonathon, took tea with us & had a precious setting & they expressed good Satisfaction with the opportunity, & to us it was precious, the life & sweetness was evidently to be felt - from our habitation they went to see the old widow Lydia Dennis, & from thence I waited on them to D Williams, where we agreed on the familys they would visit tomorrow. & I spent the remainder of the evening in giving notice. -

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April 11, Thursday night: Franz Xaver von Zach of the observatory of St. Peyre near Marseille was in the process of confirming Honoré Flaugergues's discovery of a new [comet](#) (C/1811 F1). By accident, in Marseille, Jean Louis Pons, although not alerted, also noticed it.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 4th Mo// Our meeting was silent, but pretty well



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attended. Wm S Wall & John Burlingham attended - Aftermeeting [sic] we dined at my fathers & spent the Afternoon & evening -

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 April 12, Friday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) wrote to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe for the initial time.

Colonists from New York landed at Cape Disappointment (Washington) after a voyage around Cape Horn. This would be the first white settlement in the Pacific northwest.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 4th Mo// The weather was so very stormy & Snowy last evening that We lodged at my fathers which is the first time I have lodged there Since I was married -- We have also spent the day there as the weather has been inclement

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 April 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 4th Mo// We lodged again at fathers last night, & this morning went home - Sister Ruth set the evening with us.

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 April 14, Easter Sunday: Pierre Bruno, comte Daru replaced Hugues Bernard Maret, duc de Bassano as Secretary of State (chief minister) of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 4 M // Our meetings were Silent. Sister Sarah attended which is the first time since she was married & I believe the first she was ever at our meeting After meetings I went with Ewd Lawton to D Buffums & set the evening

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 April 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 4th Mth// This Afternoon the Town was alarm'd with the cry of Fire which proved to be the Stable of our friend David Buffum, whic was soon sonsumed with his crib &c containing corn, grain farming utensils of allmost every description. The loss is estimated at about 700 Dollars, & no conjecture has yet been made how it could have taken, unless by the hand of an



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incendiary, it is ver remarkable that on the 11th & 15th of this Month we should have fires in town the first was Irishes Slaughter house & the Second a stable in broad Street the porperty of the late John Pitman, & no account has been given of the manner in which they commenced - As soon as the fire was out of danger this Afternoon I came back to attend the funeral of Daniel Hollaway, O Williams & myself were appointed to by himself a few days before he died to attend as bearers, also Saml Thurston & James Taylor but they I expect were so fatigued at the fire that they could not attend - After I returned from the funeral I set down & wrote to Wm Rotch Junr giving him account of the fire which happened this Afternoon, as his father own the buildings. -

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 April 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 4th Mo// This evening I called to see my old Neighbor Saml Gibbs, found him quite sick & feeble, & I fear not as much in the patience as is best - Also called to see neighbor Towle a little while

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 4th Mo// My mind is under some degree of depression. The situation of my corporeal system is such that I am apprehensive, a fit, if not Sudden Death may be the consequence. I have great difficulty in my Sleep & awake with very distressing feelings, perhaps it may be in a measure hypocondrical but when a person feels as I do, I have no doubt but the case is Somewhat Alarming, last night I had one of those turns - Sister Ruth & Ew Lawton Set the evening with us --

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 April 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 4th Mo// Our meeting was Silent but larger than usual. At the preparatory the Queries were all answer'd, & B Anthony reported by the overseers as having married a woman not in membership. by a priest & without being previously published - The school committee met After which Benjm Mott Dined with us also Mary Ann Smith daughter of John Smith of Wickford. -



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 April 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day of 4th Mo// The day has passed away much in the usual way the mind in the usual State - Sister Eliza set the evening with us --

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 April 20, Saturday: First [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) "Table Talk" recorded by John Taylor Coleridge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 4 M 1811// In reading in the Psalms of David this morning my mind was caught with a passage which reads somewhat in this Wise, "Consider us O Lord & redeem us for thy mercy sake." it introduced my Spirit into a tender frame for which I desire to be thankful -

This Afternoon I went in to the Post office & took up a news paper & under the head of Deaths, read that our valued friend James Simpson an eminent minister in our Society departed this life the 9th day of this Month at Frankfort Pennsylvania - Aged about 68 Years, after a short illness - He visited this Yearly Meeting in the year 1803 & again in 1804 each time accompanied by his Wife (Martha) he was a man of a Singular turn of expression but very powerful in the ministry, & I have no doubt did much good in these parts -

On reading his death my mind was struck with a Solemn impression, the loss of him will be great where he lived, & to see such pillars of our Society removed is cause of humbling, where are those that are to supply their places? sure they are few. And oh that more may be found who are willing to espouse the cause of truth, & hold forth by the powerful preaching of example as well as precept -

Cousin H Gardiner & daughter Isabel has been over several days & this forenoon Cousin Lewis came over to wait on them home - Father & Mother R went out to see Richard Mitchell this Afternoon who is very sick & my H kept house for them in their absence

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 April 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 4th Mo// This morning walked around Newtown, & called at D Williams's on a little business - Russel Davis was at meeting this forenoon & preached to a considerable length After him Hannah Dennis preached a little sweetly - Rusel



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preached again in the Afternoon I thought better than in the morning We dine & took tea & spent the evening at my father's –



April 22, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Athens aboard the *Hydra*.

Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)'s trading during his 1st visit to Freeport, Sierra Leone had been completed, and in accordance with a letter he had received his *Traveller* set sail for London rather than for America:

The commercial side of his trip has been disappointing, but he had accomplished much in other areas. He had been able to gather colonists together to work out a petition for the African Institution in London with the hopes of having the document presented in Parliament. Cuffe also had taken the first steps in forming a Friendly Society, which he hoped would one day be the core of his future endeavors "for the betterment of Africa." The *Traveler* was loaded and ready to return to America when Cuffe received a letter requesting his presence in London to meet with members of the African Institution....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 4th Mo // An hint from a friend is good when spoken in a manner that can give no offence, – a friend of mine spoke to me this Afternoon that did me much good, or at least put me, on looking into my Spiritual condition to find the cause of my "great dearth & poverty," which is no doubt owing to a want of going down daily to search after Stones of memorial. Oh that I may be renew'd in Spirit & live nearer the fountains of life –



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April 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 23 of 4th Mo// Our dear friend Richard Mitchell is this morning more ill & has sent for Dr Sweet a man that is in town from N York State his illness gives me much concern as he is a friend that feels very near to my best life – Neighbor Towle & Wife called to see us a little while this evening. Sister Eliza & Mary were also with us –

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 April 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 4th Mo// Lewis Clarke & his neices Martha & Hannah came over today whose company are quite acceptable –

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 April 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 4th Mo// Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting in the first H Dennis preached sweetly & A S tried a few Words – In the last we had much business. we received two into membership Vis Darius P Lawton & Primary Pease – & granted our dear & well beloved brother Rowse Taylor a certificate directed to friends in the State of this or parts adjacent – he is one we are very loth to part with, being very useful in Society & under a concern for the promotion of truth; it was a solid good meeting & I hope was proffitable to some – Before meeting We stoped at Holder Almys & read a small Diary that dear Betsy has left behind which was edifying – After meeting we dined at Peter Lawtons & then roder directly home –

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 April 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 4th Mo// Nothing material as to my own particular, but I think it may be said there is trouble in town – the house of Lopes & Dexter have fail'd & this day shut up, in consequence of which the Bank has attached the property of several of their endorsers among which is Job Sherman, much stir & talk about the Street – I have thought "Blessed is he that expecteth nothing for he shall never be disappointed." & on the Same ground I think it may be said blessed is he that hath nothing for he hath nothing to loose which is nearly my situation – Lewis L Clarke took tea & spent the eveng with us –



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 April 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 4 M // L Clarke went home this Afternoon – Dry & barran as to any thing respecting myself –

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 April 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 4th Mo// Our meetings were Silent & to me very destitute of life - Dear Richard Mitchell is very ill, & is thought to fail very much.
I feel much on account of his indisposition, but am unable to do any thing for him – Joseph Wilbour took tea with us & brother David set the evening –*

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 April 29, Monday: [Jacob Whitman Bailey](#) was born in Ward, which is now Auburn, Massachusetts, in the manse of the Reverend [Isaac Bailey](#), his grandfather and that town's first minister. During his infancy father [Isaac Bailey](#) and mother [Jane Whitman Bailey](#) would relocate with him to [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 4th Mo// Richard Mitchell continues to grow more poorly & has sent again for the advice of a physician - Nothing particular of my own -

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 April 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 4th Mo// A number of Friends have sail'd this morning in the Packet for [Greenwich](#) among whom is my Wife They have had a very pleasant day to be on the Water & my mind has been often with them, but so it is I so situated that it is improper for me to be long from especially at a time when it is so Public as the present it is a great day among the freemasons, & tomorrow is Election & I feel insecure to leave my Watches in the Window & no one in the Shop, besides which there is generally a considerable many Watches at such times, & my pecuniary situation is low & needs all I can get –



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 May 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 5th M 1811// Days of General Election are allways days of much stir & bussel, but I believe this has passed with as little & about as innocently as any I recollect, my mind has not been moved from its usual state by anything that has passed as I have set at work in the Shop. - I have thought much of our absent friends at [Greenwich](#) & indeed I have had occasion too, for this forenoon I rec'd a letter from Saml Thurston who inform'd me gone & forgotten the Manuscript of Mary Mitchells journal & wished me to go to Abigail Robinson & get the original & to his house & get the Copy & send them up this Afternoon by Capt Northrup - which occasioned me a long fatiguing Walk in the heat of the Day - but I was willing to serve them & tho Sorry for the occasion was glad it was in my power to assist in forwarding the Work in any way -

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 May 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 5th Mo// I am very sorry to find that the [Greenwich](#) Packet alluded to yesterday did not sail till this morning - Our meeting was very well attended considering there are so many absent, & to me it was a season of considerable favor, things that were unprofitable would now & then obtrude, but on the whole I feel thankful for the little Spiritual life afforded -

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 May 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 5th Mo// It is now 1// 2 past 2 O C P M & time to expect our friends from [Greenwich](#). I have been on the house top with a Spy glass several times since dinner & saw three sloops coming down the river & thought one of them was the bearer of them but as they came nigher I was mistaken A quarter before 4 OClock the packet arrived after a passage of seven hours down the river, they were all well & been so since their absence. I was very glad to see them & particularly my dear H who never left me for so long before, Since we were married - Sister Joanna being much unwell with the ear Ach my H went there in the evening. -



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 May 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4 of 5th Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that I have this afternoon rec'd a letter from Isaac Austin, which I hope was written in Sincerity, & that his present Seclusion from Society may prove the greatest blessing of his life, I believe he has gone widely from the paths of rectitude but yet the hand of divine Mercy is yet extended

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 May 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 5 Mo// Our friend D Buffum made public testimony from the text "Trouble rises not" – In the Afternoon we were Silent & after meeting [corner torn] – home with J Dennis & took tea with him – My H did not go to meeting being engaged in taking care of Davids [child?] while Joanna went to see her father –

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 May 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 5 Mo// I have been much engaged in outward concerns, have attended Counsil & accepted the appointment of Executor to Daniel Holloways will with Saml Thurston & Obadiah Williams

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 May 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 5 Mo// This Afternoon rec'd a letter from Betsy Purinton dated in Darby Pennsylvania. She appears to get along in her religious labors to pretty good satisfaction, & I hope will be favor'd to return in peace to her friends –

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 May 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 8th of 5 Mo// The day has passed to but little account in any respect - my mind has been affected with a renew'd sense of my own nothingness of my poverty, weakness & short comings, so dead have I been this day that tho' I have endeavor'd to turn the mind inward & feel after life yet was unable raise even a sigh for help -

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May 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 5th Mo// Silent meetings - This Afternoon my dear friend & brother Rowse Taylor call in at the Shop, & as it is nearly & perhaps the very last interview I shall have with him of an length Our minds were tender'd under to prospect, which feelings lasted me all the evening - he sets out on second day morning if nothing occurs to prevent, for the State of Ohio where he intends to fix his future residence

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May 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 5th Mo// It has been a day of much seriousness especially the after part of it - Was engaged this forenoon in removing the Books of Records & papers of the Monthly Meeting from Rowse Taylors to David Williams's who is appointed Clerk in Rowse's place. - My H spent the Afternoon at my fathers & in the evening we went over to Thos Robinsons & was thereby a little refreshed but felt concern'd to find them so very unwell

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➡ May 11, Saturday: Birth of the conjoined twins Chang and Eng (the source doesn't state their family name) Chinese parents near Bangkok. They were joined stomach to stomach. They were bright babies.

BILLY BUDD: Now envy and antipathy, passions irreconcilable in reason, nevertheless in fact may spring conjoined like Chang and Eng in one birth.



Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 5th Mo// Nothing material to insert, save that the mind has been in a serious mood, on some subjects of importance.

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➡ May 12, Sunday: William Emerson, Ralph Waldo Emerson's father, died at the age of 42. Later, the son recollected only that his father was harsh with him, for instance forcing him to dip in the salt water of the ocean when he was six to cure a skin condition he had acquired. Emerson entered Boston Latin School at eight years of age. Notice that the following account is off by a day: "His HISTORY OF THE CHURCH, a posthumous publication, and the Massachusetts Historical Collections, Vol. I. p. 256, (Second Series) contain full notices of his character, to which the reader is referred."

WILLIAM EMERSON [of Concord], only son of the Rev. William Emerson, was born May 6, 1769, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1789. He was ordained at Harvard May 23, 1792, but was dismissed on being called to a greater field of usefulness, and was installed over the First Church in Boston, October 16, 1799, where he obtained a distinguished reputation for talents, literary



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acquirements and piety. He died May 11, 1811, aged 42. His History of the Church, a posthumous publication, and the Massachusetts Historical Collections, Vol. I. p. 256, (Second Series) contain full notices of his character, to which the reader is referred. Four of his sons, William, Ralph Waldo, Edward Bliss, and Charles Chauncey, were graduated at [Harvard College](#) with distinguished rank.¹³⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 5th Mo// Silent meetings – In the forenoon my mind was much tried with roving, but in the Afternoon a little more settledness was experienced – O Williams & I went out to Sam'l Thurstons & took tea & spent the evening –



May 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 5 M 1811// Met this evening at C J Tenny's with the committee of the Directors of the A B Society & concluded to set a summer school on foot. –

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May 14, Tuesday: Paraguay declared itself independent of Spain under a 5-man junta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 5th Mo// Saw in a Jersey Newspaper the Death of our friend Rebecca Wright in the 73 year of her Age. She had twice visited these parts on a religious account, the last time was in 11 M 1794, at which time I well remember her, & some things which she driped [dropped?] in her testimony particularly, some expressions of a young woman whom she said she well knew that had lived pretty well but when she come to her death had cried out "What a Woman might I have been had I have been faithful to the truth." & I frequently think of it, & at inserting of it, my mind is renewedly humbled under a sense of my short comings. Our dear friend & brother Rowse Taylor left town this Afternoon for [Portsmouth](#) on his way to his long intended residence the State of Ohio, he went off without taking a formal farewell of any of his near friends except those immediately around him. The cause of which was, as he told me, he was afraid he should be so much affected that his mind would become weakened beyond what is manly. I could not blame him for leaving us thus silently, as it is the way I should do myself on a similar occasion. –

139. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)



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 May 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 5th Mo// Thought have turn'd much on dear Rowse & Mary this forenoon. I do sincerely wich them well & feel much interested in their weelfare -- This Afternoon the mind has been crowded with suggestions of the Adversary. It is said, "To know ones self diseased is half a cure" but I am sensible it will not do for me to Stop Short with half a cure, I must endeavor to work a radical cure of all evil in the mind, but Oh! how poor how needy & I had almost written how miserable I am. I feel as if I needed help, best help, in order for my furtherance in the truth I hope I may yet be favor'd to get along safly to my journeys end, & not become an open reproof or an entire dead formal professor. Sometimes it seems as if I am a little favor'd & then again entire emptiness issues - this is a poor place to be upon --

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 May 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 5th M 1811// Silant meeting, my mind was favor'd with a little arising of life - My H Set the Afternoon at Capt Eng's, & tho' I am as intimately acquainted with them as with any body in town, I never before broke bread with them at their own table, - the girls have frequently visited us. I wrote a letter to this afternoon to Jos Bringhurst -

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 May 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 5th Mo// Our friends Rowse & Mary where are they? I suppose traveling along somewhere in Connecticut state -I have had them many times in my mind, & hope they are well - H's Aunt Lydia Dennis spent the day with us Aged 89 years -

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 May 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 18th 5th Mo// It has been a day of feeling & serious reflection. I hardly know what to say, I feel low & poor in allmost every respect -

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 May 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 5th Mo// Silent Meetings but pretty well attended. Spent pretty much of the vacant time today recording the Monthly Meetings minutes Rowse left them much behind & I am to finish what he left -
Called & set a little while in the evening with my H at Brothers Isaac's -*

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 May 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 5th Mo// I called at J Earls this evening & set a little while very plreasantly - O Williams was there, & Sarah just returned from N York.

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 May 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 5th Mo// The day has passed with the usual Rounds, - the mind in rather a depressed State, I hope not to get to low -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22nd of 5th Mo// My head has been much out of order all day but has felt better this Afternoon, I had those unpleasant sensations last night which I have been of late subject too - I know not what they may terminate in. I sometimes think a fit, sometime a lethurgy, from my strange feelings I fear something unpleasant will be the issue. I think an abundance upon it & am sometimes ready to conclude that the days of my years are not far from being numbered. -



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 May 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 5 Mo// A portion of physic last night, has made my head feel better this morning, but I feel far from right.- Cousin Nathan Hazard took tea with us -

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 May 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 5 Mo// The mind in a low condition, - I want to be low & humble & withall be good, innocent & clean in all things, but Oh that I may keep my confidence in God, & not let in unprofitable discouragements

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 May 25, Saturday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 8th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 5th Mo// My Mother, Sister Sarah & My H spent the Afternoon at father Rodmans - I took tea with them - I think that Sarah seems to be a very clever woman & will to all appearance make Isaac [his brother] a very good Wife -

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 May 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 5th M 1811// In our forenoon meeting H Dennis was uncommonly favored in public testimony. D Buffum was also very lively in an engagement for the Young & rising generation -In the Afternoon we sat in Silence - George Engs & Sister Ruth & Eliza took tea with us & were very acceptable visitors -



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 May 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 27 of 5 Mo// The mind in a state of exercise on Several Subjects. -
Mary Williams Junr spent the afternoon & took tea with us -*

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 May 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 5 Mo// The mind again under depression, I have thought that my way, both outwardly & inwardly, might be said to be like that of transgressors HARD

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 May 29, Wednesday evening: Honoré Flaugergues last detected the C/1811 F1 [comet](#), at 54 degrees from the sun. Naked-eye observations were difficult because of the comet's low altitude as well as because of its entrance into the twilight sky.

SKY EVENT

French troops stormed and captured Fort Olivo at Tarragona in Catalonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 5 Mo// It has again been a day wherein my mind has been very low, & depressed. I know not what to say but that it is so

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 May 30, Thursday: Kantate zum Geburtstag von Jacob Beer by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Wolfssohn was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 5 Mo// Our first meeting was silent, & I endeavor'd to get into a quiet & believe I was favor'd with it in good measure -In the last (MoMeeting) we had some trying occurrences & on the whole things ended better than we could have a reason to expect



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 May 31, Friday night: There was an extreme conflagration in Newburyport MA, beginning in a stable on Merchants' Row and proceeding before a dry wind toward the market house and the ferry wharf. The "most ancient, wealthy, and commercial" part of town was consumed despite a long line of citizens passing buckets of water. Then an abrupt change in the wind drove the flames across State Street and into the large brick buildings which the townspeople were counting on to shield the lower end of the town. Many of the refugees gathered at Farnham's and at the Tracy mansion which serves now as the Newburyport public library:



The five-year-old William Lloyd Garrison would never forget being held aloft to watch the leaping flames that seared the sky. The glare of light was intense, yet smoky clouds obliterated the moon and the night air became as sultry as a summer's noon. Firemen's trumpets rang out over the crash of chimneys and the cries of distress, while explosions of stored powder and spirits from the wharveside distilleries gave off thunderous sounds of war. Shortly after dawn, when a cooling fog helped quench the blaze, the fire at last came under control, and Newburyport stared devastation in its grimy, acrid face. Two hundred and forty buildings destroyed, thirteen wharves consumed, ninety families homeless, every dry goods store a wreck, the town library a ruin, and the Baptist meetinghouse in shambles. A visitation without parallel, the fire burned the heart out of the town and broke up forever the possibility of family life for Sister Garrison and her children.

The sympathetic neighboring town of Ipswich would vote \$1,000 to these sufferers by fire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 5 Mo// Nothing Material to insert - except that we had the agreeable company of Sisters Ruth & Eliza in the evening -

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 June 1, Saturday: Jonathan Fay of [Concord](#) died.

The Allgemeines Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch, the new Austrian Civil Code, was announced (this would go into effect on the following January 1st).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 5 M 1811// This morning with an high Wind Crossed both ferrys to Narragansett & got ther about 10 OClock did what business I had to do at Sila Caseys (cousin L Clarke accompanying me) & came across the ferry again under an hevly blow to Conanicut & lodged at Cousin J Greene's -



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 June 2, Sunday: That evening [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Malta for England aboard the frigate *Volage*.

Cantata per la nascita del re di Roma by Simon Mayr to words of Muletti was performed for the initial time, in Bergamo for the benefit of the Pio Istituto Musicale. On the same day, Mayr's cantata Numa Pompilio to words of Carrara-Spinelli was performed for the initial time, in Bergamo for the christening of the King of Rome.

That evening William J. Burchell (who was in Cape Town, South Africa from late 1810 until mid-1811) wrote in his journal that many of the people there, who had recently felt an earthquake, "coupled the [comet](#), which had been seen every night since the 12th of the foregoing month, and the earthquake together, and drew from this two-fold portentous sign, the certain prognostics of the annihilation of the Cape." On this night Franz Xaver von Zach of the observatory of St. Peyre near Marseille last detected the comet at an elongation of 52 degrees.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Rose early & began to Work. - at the time Went to meeting, returned & Dined at cousin Greenes, finished what I had to do there, & went to the Widow Weedens to rectify her Clock & returned to cousin J G's & lodged - It is disagreeable to me to work on first days but it seems as if there was no other way for me to get along - It is what I disapprove of as being made an unnecessary practice of tho' when necessity requires it I can see no iniquity in it: first I was away from my Shop & no one to answer to my mail in my absence, & further I was obliged to be at home, to attend the vendue of D Holloway as executor to his Will -

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 June 3, Monday: Henry James, Sr. was born in Albany, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Came across the ferry in the first boat, being quite Calm we rowed the whole distance which fatigued me much but I got home seasonally to the vendue alluded to & found my H well, & all the rest of our connections. -

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 June 4, Tuesday: Abu Hassan, a singspiel by Carl Maria von Weber to words of Heimer after A Thousand and One Nights, was performed for the initial time, at the Residenz, München. The work enjoys a good success in spite of the fact that a fire alarm was sounded during the first act, requiring the hall to be emptied.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 6th M 1811// Nothing material to insert. -Sister Ruth spent the evening with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 6 Mo// Much occupied in arranging for our insuing Yearly Meeting time

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 6 Mo// This afternoon several public friends have arrived from N York among whom are Evan Thomas & Asa More, the others I have not yet learnt their names. if they had have arrived in the morning perhaps we should have had a rather more lively meeting.-

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 6 Mo// Much occupied at trade & but little time to attend to any thing but that which immediately concerns me. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 9, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber's four guitar songs (J.110-113) for Kotzebue's stage play Der arme Minnesinger were performed for the initial time, in München.

Componimento sagro musicale by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 6 Mo// Evan Thomas was at Meeting & preached in the forenoon but in the Afternoon we were Silent. A Robinson was also at meeting in the forenoon, the first time in many weeks,



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she seems to be much better in her health -- "Man here today & gone tomorrow" This eveng Benj Pitman departed this life of the Pleureysy he was taken a week ago today After having been out in the morning came home complaining - he has left a family of small children & an Afflicted widow - I assisted in laying him out & was much affected with serious considerations - Oh how uncertain is time I feel it so as respects myself & the present instance of a man in the prime of life & flower of his days being thus suddenly removed from time is a loud Alarm to be on the Watch for we know not in what day or hour we may be called to render our accounts to him who lent us the Talents to improve.

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 June 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 6 Mo// Evan Thomas is at [Tiverton](#) today - nothing material to insert.

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 June 11, Tuesday evening: Don Jose Joaquin de Ferrer last determined, from Havana, Cuba, the C/1811 F1 [comet](#)'s position, and would last see the comet in conjunction with the sun on June 15, by which time its elongation would have decreased to 41 degrees.

SKY EVENT

Grand Duke Karl Friedrich of Baden died and was succeeded by his grandson, Karl Ludwig Friedrich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 6 Mo// Again nothing material to insert except that I have been much engaged in various ways. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 12, Wednesday: Spanish forces were able to retake Astorga in Leon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 6 Mo// In setting alone in the Shop this Afternoon, Mine heart is exceedingly touched & humbled under a sense of my short comings to the standard of truth, & the consideration of the uncertainty of time, the longer I live the more I am confirmed that there is nothing that will stand us in stead in the Last Day but the substantial truth, & faithfulness to its pointings. - Oh that I may experience an increase therein & finally arrive to the fullness - but alass, how is the mind prone



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to instability & weakness, that when the least gale of temptation is suffered to blow upon us, we suffer the mind to go withersoever it goeth as a ship with no rudder. – Several friends have arrived from N York today

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June 13, Thursday: Clarinet Concerto no.1 J.114 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in München along with the premiere of Weber's Adagio and Rondo for harmonichord and orchestra J.115.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 6 M 1811// We had an excellent Meeting - Soon after I took my seat it seem'd as of Something better than common was among us, first on looking round I saw my much loved cousin Bathsheba Gould was present & began to conclude perhaps she was a help to us, recollecting many precious seasons I have had in her company - but soon after I saw on the first rising seat a couple of friends that were strangers to me that attracted my attention & a degree of Sweetness arose in my mind toward them, one of them proved to be Susanna Smith of Burlington N Jersey. She is a young woman of about 25 year of age, daughter of Isaac Collins of N York - about the Middle of the meeting or a little after she stood up & preached for the space of half an hour in a very Authoritative manner evincing that she was well taught in the School of Christ calling on the Aged Middle Aged & Youth to fill up their rank in righteousness with acceptance to HIM who had called us all to Serve under his holy guidance, to see one so young in years standing in meeting calling with such Authority & impleading with such earnestness with the Youth particularly to Surrender their necks to the Yoak & shoulders to the Burden of Christ was a sight & sound which was moving to many minds present.- I may acknowledge on my own part that my spirit was quickened with desires to be increasingly dedicated & renewedly concerned to be watchful & faithful -- I believe she is an instrument designed for much usefulness & hope she may receive no harm by flattery

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June 14, Friday: Born in Litchfield, Connecticut, poor little Harriet Beecher started out as the daughter of a New England Congregational preacher (the Reverend Lyman Beecher) and would live through five of her brothers becoming preachers (Henry Ward Beecher was only the most famous one), and would then marry a theologian (the Reverend Calvin Ellis Stowe), and would exist in “a kind of moral heaven, replete with moral oxygen — fully charged with intellectual electricity.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 6 Mo// I have had such a lame back for several



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days that I have gotten most low spirited fearing that some complaint is seating on my kidneys. I have apply'd a Strengthening plaster today & taken oil of juniper - & is a little better this evening -

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June 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 6 Mo// Friends have come & are pretty well arranged at the Boarding houses, & mine heart has been much affected with the account of the decease of our friend & faithful brother Thomas Watson of Bolton, here again we have a fresh instance of the uncertainty of time. I loved him much & in tended to have had as much of his company as we could this Yearly meeting, but here again we see how little there is to be calculated upon in this world, from the fatigue of the Afternoon I am now ready to take rest. -

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June 16, Sunday, in strong twilight: Alexander von Humboldt, in Paris, made the final observation of the C/1811 F1 [comet](#) before its being masked in sky glow due to its conjunction with the sun, with an elongation of 40 degrees.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 6 Mo// Our morning meeting was large, orderly & sober[?] J Green (as usual) opened the service with a short testimony, which would do no hurt & might do some good - Then E Thornton [Elisha, the educator?] in a short but sweet sweet communication - Then R Mott was very lengthy pretty sound, & a considerable degree of baptism attended - Susanna Horne concluded in Solemn Supplication - This Afternoon Our meeting was much larger than common & I think was more quiet & solid than common. J Green again opened as in the morning & after a long space of silence R Mott stood up & appeard to be well engaged, indeed I never heard him with more acceptance untill the two last sections of his testimony, when he advanced something relative to a future state which he nor no one else could prove & which he had better let alone, from that section his authority ceased in my opinion & in the opinion of may others - Aged Mehitable Jenkins concluded the meeting with a devotional prayer, & I believe the weight & purity of her offering was generally felt over the meeting, tho' perhaps not generally understood from the feebleness of her voice & brokenness of delivery - Abijah Purinton & Wife & Easter Newhall & Daniel Johnson have become our company



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 June 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 6 Mo// We have had good meetingd today, in the forenoon we had acceptable testimony from Tho Scattergood Benjm White Richd Mott & others. The subject of the the School fund was reported to the committee appointed last year by which it appears that it Amounts to about 8000 Doll! They recommended an enlargement of the sum by subscriptions & a school opened under the care of the Meeting for sufferings – This subject drew very animated remarks from T Scattergood, but nothing was concluded upon & it was referred to a future setting – In the Afternoon the State of Society was enter'd upon much preaching was thereby occasioned. R Mott, Thos Scattergood, Benjm White, Wm Williams, Even Thomas, E. Thornton, D Buffum, all were engaged & Some worthy remarks were made by [Moses Brown](#). The subjects of detraction Love & Unity & Spiritous Liquors, mostly affected the Meeting & I think divine favor was near, & hope the excellent advice & council bestowed may not be lost but remembered & proffited by for a long time to come –

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 June 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 18 of 6 Mo// This day has passed with but one setting of the Yearly Meeting, the time of which was taken principally in reading & disproving of the testimony of R T & [Nantucket](#) Moy [Monthly] Meetings concerning our friend Mary Mitchell deceased – an exercising time it was.–
We have had a pretty large share of company & got along to pretty good satisfaction, for which I feel it in my heart at this point to give thanks. –*

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 June 19, Wednesday: Death of Samuel P. Chase (born April 17, 1741), Supreme Court Justice since 1798, revolutionary, attorney, Declaration of Independence signer. Justice Chase had been served with 6 articles of impeachment for political bias by the House of Representatives in late 1804 and then a couple more articles had been added. The Jeffersonian Republican-controlled Senate had begun its impeachment trial in early 1805, and on March 1, 1805 he had been acquitted on all charges (he remains the sole Supreme Court justice to be impeached — which is something we should all bear in mind as we stare in amazement at Justice Clarence Thomas).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 6 Mo// I have had an exercising job to do this



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morning but got along better than I expected & was measurably relieved relieved from a depressive exercise. Our meeting was occupied principally on the subject of the School fund, this forenoon. Nothing done but to recommend to the Several Quarterly meetings to enlarge the general fund, & the care of it left as in 1803 to the Meeting for Sufferings - R Mott Spake largely in the subject of education - Dear Thos Scattergood spake sweetly & powerfully to the dear Youth, reciting his experience of his younger years, & observed that his first commencement of public preaching was in these parts ([Portsmouth](#)) while travelling with a beloved Aged friend in these parts, many others spake a little which helped the meetings.

Afternoon Met by Adjournment (2 O'clock) Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings were presented & were the only business - towards the close Mehitabel Jenkins came in to pay us a little visit which was very sweet & salutary. She called upon us in the name of the Lord & in a very tender frame of spirit to be faithful, testifying to us (particularly the youth) that she had found the good effects of it from long experience, very soon after she took her seat Thos Scattergood kneeled in Supplication which was very solemn & impressive on behalf of the Aged, but the Youth was remembered also - after he arose, the dear old Woman pronounced her blessing upon us & as she went out she says, "farewell, farewell my dear friends farewell" to which Thos Scattergood rply'd "farewell in return", This witnessed, & I believe affected many minds with deep impression, particularly to see so aged so devoted & living friend come in & take leave of us with such feeling concern for our welfare, & more particularly as she is just setting out on a journey to Nine Partners & perhaps as far as Canada -- After she went out R Mott W Williams expressed a few words & the meeting closed with a very solemn covering. -

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June 20, Thursday: Elisha Reynolds Potter, Junior was born in [Little Rest](#) (now [Kingston](#)) as a son of Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior (1764-1835), a member of the federal House of Representatives. He would attend the Kingston Academy and would then graduate from [Harvard College](#) in 1830, would study law, and would in 1832 be admitted to the [Rhode Island](#) bar and would establish a law practice in South Kingstown Township. He would rise to be the state's adjutant general during 1835-1836, would become a member of the state's House of Representatives during 1838-1840, would be elected as a Law and Order Party candidate to the 28th federal Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845) where he would serve as the chairman of its Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business, would be an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the 29th federal Congress, would serve in the state senate during 1847-1852 and during 1861-1863, would be the state's Commissioner of Public Schools from 1849 until his resignation in 1854, and finally would become an associate justice of the state's Supreme Court from March 16, 1868 until his death in Kingston on April 10, 1882. His grave is in the Potter family burial ground in Washington County, Rhode Island.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 20 of 6 Mo// This day I expect will finish our attention to friends at this time. They have mostly gone off this morning



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*-some staid to Meeting - All or foreign friends were present,
in the public Meeting - In the last Preparative Benjm White spake
with much power calling us to faithfulness -
This eveng - My H & myself were in at J Earls, & R Mott preached,
& I am free to say that I believe he was in a better state of
Mind than I was -*

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 June 21, Friday: After a siege of six weeks, French forces began the final assault on Tarragona.

John Adams, who had served on the drafting committee of the Continental Congress for the preparation of a [Declaration of Independence](#) along with [Thomas Jefferson](#) and others, was feeling resentful at the claims that were being made that Jefferson had authored the document. “The Declaration of Independence I always considered as a theatrical show,” he wrote at this point. “Jefferson ran away with all the stage effect ... and all the glory of it.”¹⁴⁰



“The United States of America had human slavery for almost one hundred years before that custom was recognized as a social disease and people began to fight it. Imagine that. Wasn’t that a match for Auschwitz? What a beacon of liberty we were to the rest of the world when it was perfectly acceptable here to own other human beings and treat them as we treated cattle. Who told you we were a beacon of liberty from the very beginning? Why would they lie like that? [Thomas Jefferson](#) owned slaves, and not many people found that odd. It was as though he had an infected growth on the end of his nose the size of a walnut, and everybody thought that was perfectly OK.”



- [Kurt Vonnegut](#), FATES WORSE THAN DEATH, page 84



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 6 Mo// There is a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today which

140. Schultz, John A. and Douglass Adair, eds. THE SPUR OF FAME: DIALOGUES OF JOHN ADAMS AND BENJAMIN RUSH, 1805-1813. San Marino CA: 1966, page 182



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R Mott, Phebe & Hannah G Field attends - Our friend Susanna Horn & Thos Scattergood have commenced a little family visit about town this morning, & were at tea with us this Afternoon Thomas's testimony was cautionary & encouraging he hoped we should be able to with stand temptations & endure Baptisms, Susanna was principlly encouraging, & a very sweet & precious visit it was. Susannah is truly a precious Woman - In the evening I went to Thos Robinsons & after they had agreed on the familys they would visit tomorrow, I took the list & inform'd them all of it over night

 June 22, Saturday: The United States and Portugal entered the opium trade when the American brig *Sylph* docked at Macao with a cargo of opium from Turkey.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) decreed that all members of his family currently reigning as kings were reduced to princes of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 6 Mo// It has been a very warm day which relaxes the body & mind. - Thos Scatteergood & S Horn are persuing their visits.

 June 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 6 Mo// In our forenoon Meeting Thos Scattergood was feelingly concern'd in testimony then Susanna Horn, then Thos in solemn supplication -- In the Afternoon Susanna was sweetly engaged in testimony - A meeting was appointed at 6 OClock for black folks which was very generally attended by them & a very solemn favord opportunity it was as I allmost ever witnessed...D Buffum first opened the service with a short address to the people of colour, then Thos was engaged in a lively & impressive Gospel testimony, then Susanna like namely, also in solemn Supplication, then Caleb Shrieve Said a few Savory words - Then Thos dismissed the meeting in a few words suiting the Occasion -
I must acknowledge that altho I have many times stood as door keeper on similar occasions, yet never did I so fully experience, that it was better to be a door keeper than to set in higher places, for my spirit was much refreshed, & felt the force of preaching remarkably, & was favor'd to hear allmost every word, tho' I did not take my seat untill the meeting was more than half over.*

 June 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 6 Mo// Our friends left town this morning, intending to spend the day in visiting a few in [Portsmouth](#) & appoint a meeting there tomorrow & be the next day & [Tiverton](#) &



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from thence go to Bedford –



June 25, Tuesday: The Earth's steady motion away from the [comet](#) culminated when their distances had increased to a maximum of 2.4142 AU. Thereafter, the distance between our planet and C/1811 F1 would decrease. Meanwhile, the comet's angular distance from the sun would continue to decrease and would be reaching a minimum of just under 10 degrees during the last days of July and first days of August. A parabolic orbit computed for the comet during this month was predicting that C/1811 F1 would pass perihelion on September 15th at a distance of 1.134 AU from the sun. On the basis of this calculation, Heinrich Wilhelm Matthäus Olbers, in Bremen, predicted that in October this comet would be very bright.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 6 Mo// I understand that our friends T Scattergood & S Horne had an highly favor'd meeting this day at [Portsmouth](#). – Last evening about 9 OClock departed this life at the house of her Brother Benjamin in Portsmouth Mary Freeborn, She was a friend that promised usefulness in Society & her loss will be felt therein. Her [funeral] will be tomorrow at 3 OClock at the Meeting house. –

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June 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 6 M 1811// This morn I put a letter in the Office to my friend Jos Bringhurst. – The mind is under depression Oh that I may experience help, but help must be on the condition of more faithfulness. This even took a walk around the Point & got in interesting conversation. –

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June 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 6 Mo// My dear H & myself a going this morning to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#). I feel poor & low, very poor & low indeed, yet it seems as if there is something good underneath. – At our first meeting we had a pretty good time. O Davis spoke pretty lively his Wife also was concern'd to persuade & encourage us to love God & one another [blank] Hall wife of Parker Hall was concern'd to utter something which I thought came with good gospel Authority. She was rec'd into membership about 4 months ago & spoke in meeting once before she was received. –Before meeting we stoped at cousin Z Chases, & after we dined at Richard Mitchells. I was



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very glad to see him, having never been in his house since his confinement. -

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 June 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 6th Mo// I am very sorry indeed to hear that cousin John Gould of Middletown has gotten in a very poor way in his mind, & is like to if he has not already lost his reason, his family will be a very distressed one as he has a son already in the same condition. -

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 June 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 6 Mo// My H spent the Afternoon at my fathers -In the evening I called a little while at D Williams's -

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 June 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 6 Mo// At meeting this mornng I had a dull & Dead season tho D Buffum preached a little very good - In the Afternoon It seem'd as if my mind was entirely shut out from good Silence was kept -- Hear'd that Our beloved friend R Taylor reached Isaac Manchesters the 16th of this Mo. All Well -

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 July 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 7 H// Much engaged in the forenoon in taking the inventory of D Holloway - We took tea at Christp Almy's in company with a number of friends. it was a very pleasant visit. I thought if I was favor'd with any right sense of feeling, there was a very good degree of inosency to be felt under Christophers roof -rec'd a few lines from L L CLarke -

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 July 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 2 of 7 Mo// pretty much engaged at trade, thro' the day
- the mind in rather a dull state but not wholly devoid of
feeling*

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 July 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3rd of 7 Mo// Occupied as usual, but the weather has
been so oppressively warm that I could not labor very hard -Cousin
Mary Mitchell & father & Mother Rodman dined with us & spent the
day. -- Cousin Patty & Mary Ann Gardinerr also made us a short
visit in the Afternoon. - & Abby Dennis came to live with us*

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 Our national birthday, Thursday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 7th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

The initial national congress of Chile opened in Santiago.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 7 M 1811// We had a meeting as large as usual, &
some attenders who of late, has rarely been seen at our Meetings
-but such was the noise of Guns drums & Bells, that we had but
very little stillness, yet I thought on coming out the
meetinghouse door It was better for me to be there, than to be
away feeling a little degree of sweetness to arise near the
close, accompanied with an hope that there had been some proffit
derived from the Opportunity to others beside myself -
It is the day Celebrated as INDEPENDENCE which occasioned the
noise alluded to, how much better is stillness, then all this
muster & bustle, which can do no good -*

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 July 5, Friday: A revolutionary congress in Caracas declared Venezuela independent from Spain — the initial South American colony to do so.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 5 of 7 Mo// The weather continues very warm & dry,
debilitating man & beast - I feel allmost good for nothing -
unless we are favor'd with rain soon it seems at present as if
vegetables will entirely dry up -*



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 July 6, Saturday: Muzio Clementi got married with his 2d wife, Emma Gisborne, family unknown, at St. Pancras's Church, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 7 Mo// My heart is indeed much comforted this forenoon with visit in the shop from Dear Richard Mitchell. This is the first time he has been to town for about three MOths, he appears much recruited from his late painful indisposition, for which I rejjoice as he is a very useful father in Society, & one that if he should be removed from us would be a hevly loss – This Afternoon attended the funeral of Mary Goddard. –

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 July 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 7 Mo// We had Silent Meeting & to me dull seasons. After Meeting in Afternoon, took a Walk out to D Buffums, –

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 July 8, Monday: Josef von Spaun took Franz Schubert to see his first opera, Weigl's Die Schweizerfamilie, at Vienna's Kärntnertortheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 7 Mo// Had this forenoon an opportunity of conversing with J W son of O on subjects of importance, during the interview my mind became quite enlarged & was favor'd to set things forth in a manner Satisfactory to myself & I believe acceptably to him –How do I feel interested for those that are just budding in life, that they may form right Ideas of things & come up with usefulness in Society & to their own peace, advancing in grace as they do in years – in this interview I was carried back to my own first convictions & advances in right things, how then was my mind often tendered, & instructed many ways, how fearful of doing wrong & while my pen is thus engaged my mind is renewedly desirous that I may still further advance, but Alass how poor & lean I very often am, from the effects of disobedience & short comings I feel my want & need, & pray that the life of religion may increase in me. –



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 July 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 9th of 7th Mo// My mind is affected with low feelings, I feel poor weak & dependant in every sense - & peculiarly has my mind been lead to feel in the prospect of parting with a young friend from Society. It is now pretty fully known that E W L has engaged in matrimonial connections with M E, no objections to the young woman she is nearly as much a friend as himself, but to think of parting with one on whom I had indulged the hope would rise in Society has been very affecting to my mind. I pray that they with myself may yet further advance in religion stand as ensamples to the flock. -
Sister Eliza returnd this Afternoon from [Nantucket](#), we were very glad to see her - in the eveng she entertained us with reading her well kept journal - My H & Mother R spent the day at Jon Dennis's*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 10, Wednesday: Johann Nepomuk Hummel's pantomime Der Zauberring, oder Harlekin als Spinne to words of Angiolini was performed for the initial time, at Vienna's Theater-an-der-Wien.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 7 M 1811// The day has passed pretty much with the usual rounds, in the eveng I called at D Williams on buisness My mind Under a good degree of good feelings -

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 July 11, Thursday: The *Volage* arrived at Portsmouth with [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) aboard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 11 of 7 Mo// It was (tho small) a good meeting to me, being favor'd to get on the spot where prayer was breathed forth for help & strength, & when the meeting concluded I found my mind in quite a sweet frame for which I desire to be thankful I heard this forenoon that John Weavers Wife died night before last in the evening & is to be inter'd this Afternoon - I should have gone to Connanicut to attend the funeral but my buisness was such that I thought best not to leave it especially as I felt no special drift in my mind to go. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 12 of 7 Mo// My dear H watched last night with Mary Vernon daughter of Saml. My bodily feelings this day are unpleasant feeling a return of those sensations which I was troubled with last Winter - I hardly know what to make of them, or how they will terminate. - Took tea at E Hosiers with my H, a large company there.-

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 July 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 7 Mo// I again had a return of those distressing feelings last night - I am very apprehensive that my existence may terminate in one of them, at some time or another. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 14, Sunday: The *Volage* arrived at Sheerness and [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) set his foot upon English soil for the first time in 2 years and 12 days. He stayed at Reddish's Hotel on St. James Street.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 7 Mo// I feel better today on some accounts & others not so well - In our forenoon Meeting we had a new appearance in the Ministry. it was Lydia Almy wife of Christopher. She spake low but those who set near her inform me that her words were nearly these "Altho the enemy is on one hand & the red sea on the other, yet the Lord is able to open the way for the ransomed & redeemed to pass through"- . and I think I may bear this little testimony to her first appearance, that altho I could not hear what she said, yet my mind was solemnized, & raised from a dull state to lively feelings, at only, the sight of her standing & the sound of her voice. -Sarah Fish & Hannah Dennis attend Connanicut Meeting today - In the Afternoon D Buffum had a short communication.

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 July 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 15 of 7 Mo// The mind in a feeling state, many things to reflect upon, & I do at this moment desire that all offensive weeds may be kept down, those hurtful things which have so many times retarded my progress & silenced better feeling be done away. -

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 July 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 7 M 1811// My bodily health is poor, in consequence of bad feelings in my head, I was this Afternoon bled, for the first time in my life, & had about 20 oz of blood taken by Dr Hazard. -

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 July 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 7 Mo// I had but a poor nights sleep, last, & have felt quite uncomfortable about my head this forenoon, but I feel thankful yes humbly thankful that I feel much more comfortable this Afternoon & evening, & my spirit refreshed with the incomes of life & love in a manner that has been very encouraging - We visited neighbor Towle as little while this evening. -

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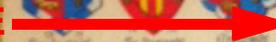
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 July 18, Thursday: William Makepeace Thackeray was born in Calcutta, [India](#), as the only son of Richmond Thackeray, a Collector in the East Indian Company's service. After the death of his father he would be sent home and educated at Charterhouse School in Godalming, Surrey and then at Trinity College, Cambridge (he



would abandon his studies without taking a degree, having lost some of his inheritance through gambling).



TRINITY COLLEGE 

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 7 Mo// I again may thankfully acknowledge that I



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feel much better, but my head is not yet entirely releaved, after trying the effect of another dose or two of physic, & find the cause not removed, I think to try a second bleeding. I slept well last night.-

Our meeting was well attended on the womens side of the house, the mens was rather small. The first meeting silent but to me favor'd in a good degree the mind feeling especially in the forepart of the precious arisings of life, in the last (Preparative) nothing particular engaged the meetings attention but the Answers to the Quarries & the appointment of D R as Clerk --Brother J Rodman & Wife spent the Afternoon with us, & brought little Thomas.-

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 July 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 19th of 7 Mo// We heard Yesterday that Uncle Stanton had arrived in N York of which we were very glad, yea thankful, particularly as at this time as Aunt PAtty gas been for a long time very much unwell, & we are in hopes that his coming may be a revival to her strength -
This evening Sarah & Dennis Earl set with us very agreeably.*

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 July 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 7th Mo// I have felt desires to renew my labor after a meek & quiet spirit, & to presevere after it above all other things. Oh how desirable is a meek & humble quiet spirit, far to be valued above rubies & Gold -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 7 Mo// Silent meetings, & to me rather dull seasons. Walked out to Uncle Saml Thurstons & took tea.

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 July 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 22 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, save that the Mind has been dull, in consequence of the dull prospects before me, both from within & without, as respects my buisness I know not when I have rec'd my Money, & have every day spent a little.

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 July 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 7th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds nothing remarkable - Sister Ruth set with us in the evening -

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 July 24, Wednesday: [Mary Thoreau](#), daughter of the late [Jean Thoreau](#), died in [Concord](#) at the age of 25.

Thoreau Deaths

Name	Death Date	Age	Buried
John	March 1801	47	Concord
Mary	July 24, 1811	25	Concord
Sarah	August 1829	38	Concord
Miss Betsey	November 1839	60s?	Concord
John	January 1842	27	Concord
Helen L.	June 1849	36	Concord

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 7 Mo// I have felt comfortable both in body & mind, for which I desire to be thankful, yea humbly thankful, & ascribe unto the Lord all that I receive, as respects my body it seems released from some symptoms that were alarming, but I know not that they have entirely left me. - as respects the mind, I have said it was comfortable, but Alass how destitute I am, & how I long for a fresh descending of the heavenly Manna, yesterdays is all consumed

How Oh Lord shall I present myself that thy holy bread may again be afforded, be pleased oh holy father to renew in me a right spirit, & incline me unto thy gentle Calls-

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 July 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 7 M 1811// Our Monthly Meeting this day was held in town, the first meeting Silent. Mary Morton present, her looks was enough to do us good – In the last our buisness went on pretty well - & I may thankfully acknowledge that my spirit was in good measure seasoned with life, & if in one instant I had said less I should have had nothing in the least degree to have felt unpleasant about, & as it is I dont feel much & rather am inclined to believe no hurt was done – Several of the younger class of females dined with us Also John Weeden

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 July 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 7 Mo// Before the lines were drawn between the two days, I should have inserted that last eveing my H & Sister Ruth went over to Thos Robinsons to visit them & Mary Maorton. I went also about 8 OClock & a very sweet little visit we had. Mary & Abigail were very interesting in conversation, Abigail is very low in her health, but very pleasant & sweet in spirit -- My dear H has set the Afternoon at Job Shermans with Sarah & Eunice Earl - I also took te & set the evening. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 7 Mo// The mind in a striving state to keep in christian love, unwatchfulness however has permeated in some degree.

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 July 28, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 7 Mo // Our Meetings were silent. In the Afternoon it was a pretty good time to me - for which I desire to be thankful. - We took tea at my fathers. -



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In London, Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was staying at the home of Friend William Allen on Plough Court (not the same person as the William Allen of Concord, Massachusetts) and wrote in his journal:

In the Evening my friend Allen Called his famely together and We Ware Comforted and I believe I may say the presence of the precious Comforter Was felt to be Near.

 July 29, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 7 Mo // This day Polly Lawton wife of Robert Lawton departed this life She is the last of the Children of Uncle Joseph Clarke -- Rec'd a few lines from Lewis Clarke which was acceptable

 July 30, Tuesday: After having been captured and tried by Spanish authorities, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, leader of the Mexican rebellion, was executed by a firing squad in the city of Chihuahua.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 7 Mo // Several of our friends have come down from [Greenwich](#) to attend our Quarterly Meetings, which begins tomorrow at [Portsmouth](#) for Select Members

 July 31, Wednesday: In Mexico, the priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla was executed by the Spanish.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 31 of 7 Mo // I feel this morning the renewal of love & life in my heart. I have many times repeated that I love to feel it & Oh saith my soul may it continue with me, whether it is for the want of a more holy life, & whether it is permitted for a trial it certainly is that I am not only very often in a state very destitute of life, but also very long at a time in a painful state of Poverty & death as respects the precious life, incapable (even if I search & turn the mind inward) to raise a good thought or a devotional sigh -
This Afternoon, attended the funeral of Cousin Polly Lawton. - while setting there my mind was brought into a good feeling state.*



August 1, Thursday: Catherine Byron, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s mother, died.

According to a report in the [Edinburgh Review](#) based upon a news account in the [Liverpool Mercury](#), a vessel arrived on this day in the port of Liverpool with a cargo from Sierra Leone. It was the vessel *Traveller* the owner and master (Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)), mate and crew of which, this publication was interested to point out, were free blacks.

From the [Liverpool Mercury](#).
MEMOIRS OF CAPT. PAUL CUFFEE.
“ On the first of the present month of August, 1811, a vessel arrived at Liverpool, with a cargo from Sierra Leone; the owner, master, mate, and whole crew of which are free blacks. The master, who is also owner, is the son of an American slave, and is said to be very well skilled both in trade and navigation, as well as to be of a very pious and moral character. It must have been a strange and an animating spectacle to see this free and enlightened African, entering as an independent trader, with his black crew into that port, which was so lately the *nidus* of the slave trade.—*Edinburgh Review for August, 1811.*”

The article continued by remarking on what a strange and animating spectacle it must have been, to see this free and enlightened African sail with his black crew into such a port on the coast of Africa — a port which had been so lately the *nidus* of the slave trade.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 of 8 M 1811 // I expect presently to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting, & am favor'd at this moment to feel desires to arise for a good time, Oh! that I may keep near to what I now feel moving upon my spirit, & thereby experience life to arise into dominion. -
It rained & we had a wet ride to Portsmouth before meeting we stopped at Holder Almys, & saw several of our friends & acquaintances from off the Island, which was pleasant & agreeable
At Meeting James Greene as usual opened the Service, then our dear & much lov'd friend Nathan Hunt from North Carolina,*



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*delivered a powerful Gospel testimony, which according to my sense was to exceed any thing I ever heard from him or hardly any one else. The meeting seem'd cover'd with an Awful solemnity while he was speaking & the hearts of many deeply affected with the truths that he declared. It was to my mind an highly favor'd season for which I desire to be thankful. -
In the meeting for discipline the buisness went on with a good degree of love & condescention - We dined at Anna Anthonys, & then Rode home, & tho it raind & we had an uncomforatble ride both in & out of town & my dear H got some wet, yet she appears not to have taken cold, for which also I desire to be thankful —*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 2, Friday: The [comet](#) entered Leo and by mid-month would be situated almost due north of the sun.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2 of 8 Mo// The mind in a comfortable state, for which I desire to be thankful. Oh how precious it is to feel the mind sweetened by the circulation of divine love & life

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 3, Saturday: Elisha Graves Otis, who would invent a safe elevator, was born.

British forces landed on Java to attack the French-controlled government of the Dutch East Indies.

Gaspare Spontini got married with Maria Caterina Celeste Erard, daughter of the Erard manufacturers of pianos and harps.

Carl Maria von Weber, in München, heard from Wiesbaden that the salary he proposed for the post of Kapellmeister was too high, and decided not to pursue the position.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 8 Mo// Elizabeth Coggeshall arrived this Afternoon from N York. - I have had to go down in my mind pretty low, & feel a strong desire for greater advances in religion & have also overhalled one of my pocket books & selected some papers to burn, with some that I have saved my mind was Sensibly edified on reading

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 August 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 8 Mo// With G B Robinson went to the beach & took a sea bathing – when I rove away among the Rocks my mind is allmost allways lead into reflection on their Author & am thereby proffited. Who can view the unsearchable works of creation & not acknowledge the hand of God in the All. – Our forenoon meeting was large & silent, in the Afternoon E Coggeshall was concerned in a lively testimony – Father Rodman took tea with us After which we walked round the head of town, & in return I stoped at D Williams's

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 5, Monday: Charles Louis Ambroise Thomas was born in Metz, the son of music teachers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 8 Mo// Take the day thro' I must acknowledge some precious favor'd feelings for which I desire to be thankful. - Oh Lord help me, help me for without thee I cannot think a good thought, or raise a sigh for help.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 8 Mo// This eveng Walked around the Hill, & endeavor'd to turn the mind inward & was favor'd with a degree of sweetness –on return called a little while at J Earls then home & found father & Mother R there. --

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 8 M 1811// I have felt the mind to be in a favor'd state under which I have written to my friend Micajah Collins - -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 8 Mo// We have had an uncommonly favor'd meeting. - Clarke Rodman for the first time appear'd in Public, in a fine words - then E Coggeshall in a most engaging manner was concern'd



to encourage all to a faithful discharge of duty, especially such as had Small gifts to offer - Lydia Almy was also concern'd in a few words. -

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I Richard Jones of Gorham in Ontario County & State of New York do hereby manumit that I manumit and discharge from my service my negro woman named Jane and this writing is to be a perpetual bar from my heirs or representatives holding said Jane as a slave. Canandaigua 8th August 1811.

Richard Jones.

In the presence of Henry Fellows Daniel D. Barnard } State of New York : On the eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eleven Daniel D. Barnard to me personally known appeared before me and being by me duly sworn deposed that he saw Richard Jones to him personally known execute the above certificate wherefore let it be recorded. John C. Spencer master in chancery.

A true copy of the original Recorded 8th August 1811 at 2 O'clock p.m. and examined. James A. Mower {ss}

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 August 9, Friday: Carl Maria von Weber left München for Switzerland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 8 Mo// The mind in a pretty quiet state, feeling a good degree of sweetness, for which I desire to be thankful - Brother Isaac's wife has been much unwell thro' the day & Sister R & E Set the eveng with us. David also called -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 8 Mo// This forenoon Uncle & Aunt Stanton arrived from New York their daughter Niobe also came with them

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 August 11, Sunday: As Carl Maria von Weber traveled to Switzerland from München he needed to pass through the Kingdom of Wurttemberg, from which he had been banished in 1810. Discovered at the border, he was taken into custody.

The Paris music publishing firm of Cherubini, Méhul, Kreutzer, Rode, et Boieldieu sold the rights to all works other than their own music to Jacques-Joseph-Désiré Frey.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 8 Mo// Mary Morton was engaged in a very solemn testimony in our meeting this forenoon, in the Afternoon we were silent - - Aunt Patty Stanton seems to be very unwell to day, & has had the advice of Dr Easton this evening - Brother Isaac's Wife is also very poorly, so that we are in a difficult situation. I desire & believe I am in a good measure thankful that me & mine are at present in a good degree of health

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 8 Mo// Our sick folk are much better today than yesterday & we hope will continue to mend tho' as yet their cases are bad.

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 August 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 13 of 8 Mo// Our sick folks are much better this morning,
- This Afternoon read of the Decease of Betsy Taylor an old
friend & acquaintance of my Mothers. They were very inimate in
young days & lived neighbors most of their days in great love &
harmony, about 12 years ago she removed with her brother in law
to Brooke in Virginia where she has since lived. - Also this
eveng heard that my aged friend Joseph Bringhurst had latly
deceased at Willmington Del I have corresponded with him very
agreeably since his brother Jame's death, & since our last
Yearly Meeting I rote him a pretty full acct of what then transpd
& have rec'd no reply. - for about two weeks past he has been
much on my mind & I have thought of again addressing him, but
when ever I thought of it, it seem'd as if I felt a stop and
some thing would arise & say, "it will be more proper to write
to his nephew Joseph for perhaps he is very sick & the next
information respecting him will be that he has left time," &
surely the premonition is now verified -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 14, Wednesday: Paraguay declared its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14 of 8 Mo// I may acknowledge that it has been a day
of favor & that I may be thankful -- This mornng I wrote & put
the letter in the Office to Joseph Bringhurst Junr, requesting
some acct of his Uncle Joseph's Death & last Illness. - Also
rote to L Clarke. -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 1, Sunday: [Brister Freeman](#) sold his land on Brister's Hill in [Concord](#), Massachusetts for \$20 to Rachel Harrington LeGross, a white orphan who, on January 14, 1804, had been permitted by her guardian Jonathan Maynard, Esq. of Concord to marry a neighbor, Francis Le Grosse. The land deed listed Freeman as a barber, although he performed various day jobs around town and Thoreau would rightly term him a "handy" man.

[WALDEN](#): Once more, on the left, where are seen the well and lilac bushes by the wall, in the now open field, lived Nutting and Le Grosse.

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WALDEN

STEPHEN NUTTING



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The LeGross couple had resided on nearby property they rented from Peter Wheeler in Walden Woods. Francis had died at the age of 45 on September 11, 1809. There is no evidence that Brister Freeman would move out after this sale. Rather, given the recent death of [Fenda Freeman](#), it seems likely that he cohabited with the widowed Rachel Harrington LeGross and that this land transaction was meant to insure her possession of the property if she was predeceased by Brister Freeman. The couple obviously could not formalize their relationship, as interracial marriage was impossible in Massachusetts. The race aspect of this bonding and the fact that LeGross was Peter Wheeler's former tenant may explain the harassment Freeman would experience from Wheeler in the following year.

In [WALDEN](#); OR, LIFE IN THE WOODS, [Henry Thoreau](#) would be able to write of Brister's relationship with Fenda, but not with Rachel.

[WALDEN](#): Down the road, on the right hand, on Brister's Hill, lived Brister Freeman, "a handy Negro," slave of Squire Cummings once, -there where grow still the apple-trees which Brister planted and tended; large old trees now, but their fruit still wild and ciderish to my taste. Not long since I read his epitaph in the old Lincoln burying-ground, a little on one side, near the unmarked graves of some British grenadiers who fell in the retreat from Concord, -where he is styled "Sippio Brister,"- Scipio Africanus he had some title to be called, -"a man of color," as if he were discolored. It also told me, with startling emphasis, when he died; which was but an indirect way of informing me that he ever lived. With him dwelt Fenda, his hospitable wife, who told fortunes, yet pleasantly, -large, round, and black, blacker than any of the children of night, such a dusky orb as never rose on Concord before or since.

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BRISTO FREEMAN

BRISTER FREEMAN

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 9 M 1811// Our meeting in forenoon was of its usual size & to me a pretty good time & Mary Morton was concern'd in a sweet & fervant supplication on behalf of the Aged & Youth In the Afternoon felt the mind drawn to attend the funeral of Patience Easton Sister to Dr Easton which was to be at the same hour in which meeting begins so father & myself walked to the beach where she lived & attended -- We were at my fathers today & spent the hours that were not meeting hours. Uncle & Aunt Stanton being there made our Stay the more agreeable -



September 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 9th M 1811// Avery warm oppressive Air, which unfits body & mind for usefulness - The directors of the African benevolent society met at our house this evening



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 September 3, Tuesday: John Humphrey Noyes was born in Vermont.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 9 Mo// Cousin John Gould of Middletown departed this life about One O'clock this morning aged 74 Years. - Joseph Rodman has this day come to town from Wickford & with him has come an abundance of trouble, fear, anxiety & distress of every kind for his poor father, Mother & Sisters, my heart feels deeply with & for them. May they be supported by divine Support. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 6, Friday: [James Melville Gilliss](#), who would found the [US Naval Observatory](#) in Washington DC, was born at Georgetown.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 9 Mo// This evening we called on our old neighbors Sam Gibbs & Mary Billings with whom we lived together in one house about 4 & an half years in pretty good friendship. They looked old fashioned, & my mind was turn'd to reflect on the days that we spent under their roof with much feeling - We had some trials, but we had also as much pleasure & enjoyed ourselves, with as much innocency as falls to the lot of common people -There we commenced house keepers, there we were blessed with as fine a little son as need be, & while living there we were deprived of him. The remembrance of his sweet & innocent engaging little ways, still affects me with Sensations which are trying to human nature, altho it is more than a year ago since he left us for a better parent, & is now no doubt a little Angel in heven, & what if I say, singing praises to the most high before his throne. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 9 M 1811// Nothing material to insert, the mind in a pretty good frame for which I desire to be thankful -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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September 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 9 Mo// This morning rose early & got breakfast & walked out to Saml Thurstons, from thence he & I rode to [Portsmouth](#), before meeting we stoped at Holder Almys, then to meeting where we had a very favor'd season. Sarah Fish was concern'd in a living supplication. My mind was favor'd with the most life & sweetness that I have experienced in a meeting or out of one, for a long time it did indeed seem as a renewal of the days of my espousals, the days when I was Young & tender, for which my heart was bow'd in humble thankfulness to the Author of every good thing, without whose holy help we are no more than clay as to life of religion in the mind – After Meeting we dined at [Preserved Fishs](#), & from there, (being one of a committee with Sam Thurston & Rich Mitchell to visit Parker Hall in consequence of his request to be admitted under the care of friends-) I went with them to his House, where life was again renew'd on my spirit, to exceed what I felt in the meeting. Sam & Richd had much to communicate in a very lively & pertinent manner. I said but little, but I believe traveled with them in spirit., & was humbled under a sense of my own unworthiness & short comings, & from hence am induced to believe, the opportunity was a proffitable one to me, & that I was not out of my place in being with them. Parkers wife seems to be a sweet spirited & deeply exercised Woman, & if they keep their plans I believe they will be very useful in society. -We return'd from there to P Fishs & took tea & from thence rode home well satisfied with our days work.

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September 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 9 Mo// I have felt peculiarly low & cast down this Afternoon, they are feelings which are good for me & which I desire

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



September 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 9 Mo// Uncle & Aunt Stanton left us this forenoon for N York. they have been here just a Month & their company has been very grateful, dear father & Mother both seem very much Affected at parting with them, apprehending that as they have both grown old & infirm & dear Aunt in Poor health that it may be the Last time them may meet in mutability, it was therefor an affecting parting opportunity. – In consequence of father & Mother's feeling very lonesome my H sat the Afternoon & evening with them --



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RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 9 M 1811// I wrote a letter last evening to Micajah Collins which went in the Mail at 4 OClock this Morning & will probably reach him tomorrow

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 12, Wednesday: Samuel Brown and Adah Healy Brown's son Theophilus Brown was born.

The great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1), while apparently in the constellation of Ursa Major, accomplished its perihelion (this one's trajectory was a very broad ellipse which at its closest point was actually still somewhat outside the orbit of the earth) and began its trip outward.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 12 of 9 Mo// At Meeting Mary Morton was concern'd in a lively & very comfortable testimony to tried exercised states which she apprehended to be present - C Rodman was also concern'd to speak a few words. - The meeting a good one to me for which I desire to be thankful & I think I may express that it seems to be a season of peculiar favor with me, a season of feeling wherein my mind is easily brought experience a little of the incomes of love, that hardness to feel tenderness of spirit is greatly removed. Oh that I may continue in this state it is what I love to feel
Went this eveng to the Alms house with Brother D Rodman to see Joseph where his conduct was such that he was confin'd the first night of his Arrival.*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 9 Mo// My dear father seems to be very unwell, while Uncle & Aunt Stanton was here he was very smart but again droop & from his situation it is not probable his stay with us can not be a great while longer. -

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 October 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 10 M 1811// The Mind not much religiously engaged



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but occupied in preparing my stove in the Shop for Winter In the evening mostly at home. Sister Ruth set with us

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October 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 10 Mo// With Brother Isaac this has been an anxious day, about 2 O'clock last night his Wife was taken Sick & between 9 & 10 this morning was put to bed of a fine Daughter - Set the evening at home. Sister E & M also Abbe Anthony was with us

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October 3, Thursday: [William Ingraham Kip](#) was born in New-York, of Breton ancestry, a son of Leonard Kip (1774-1846), president of a bank, and Maria Elizabeth Ingraham Kip (1784-1877), a daughter of Captain Duncan Ingraham (1752-1807).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 10 Mo// David Buffum was concerned in a short but lively testimony from these scripture words "What shall I do unto my vineyard that hath not been done in it" - Then E Coggeshall was concerned in a living prayer, on behalf of the Aged Middle Aged & Youth, the Silent & afflicted burden bearers, & very fervently for the prosperity of this Monthly Meeting - It was a favor'd season to me, tho' the mind was severly buffeted yet a place of quiet was experienced after a Season -

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October 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert, have followed the usual rounds of each day of my life without much variation. -

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October 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 10 Mo// Again the usual rounds & nothing that seems woth inserting -

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 October 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 10 M 1811// Silent & small meetings - I labor'd under a hevvy cold this morning & thought as it was very rainy that I would not go to meetings, but on looking more closely to it found that I could not feel easy to omit it so went & was favor'd with a good meeting. -
This eveng went with my Dear H to brother Isaac's & saw for the first time my Little niece Martha Stanton Gould. She is a fine plump little girl & hope she may live to be a blessing to her parents*

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 October 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 10 M 1811// This forenoon my H scalded both her feet & has been in much pain with them all Day -

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 October 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 8 of 10 Mo// My H seems better today of her Scald, we first applyd sweet Oil & Salt & over that Lead Water & towards night apply an ointment made of Balm of Gilead but she did not sleep very well last night having much pain. -

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 October 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 10 Mo// My H is materially better to day, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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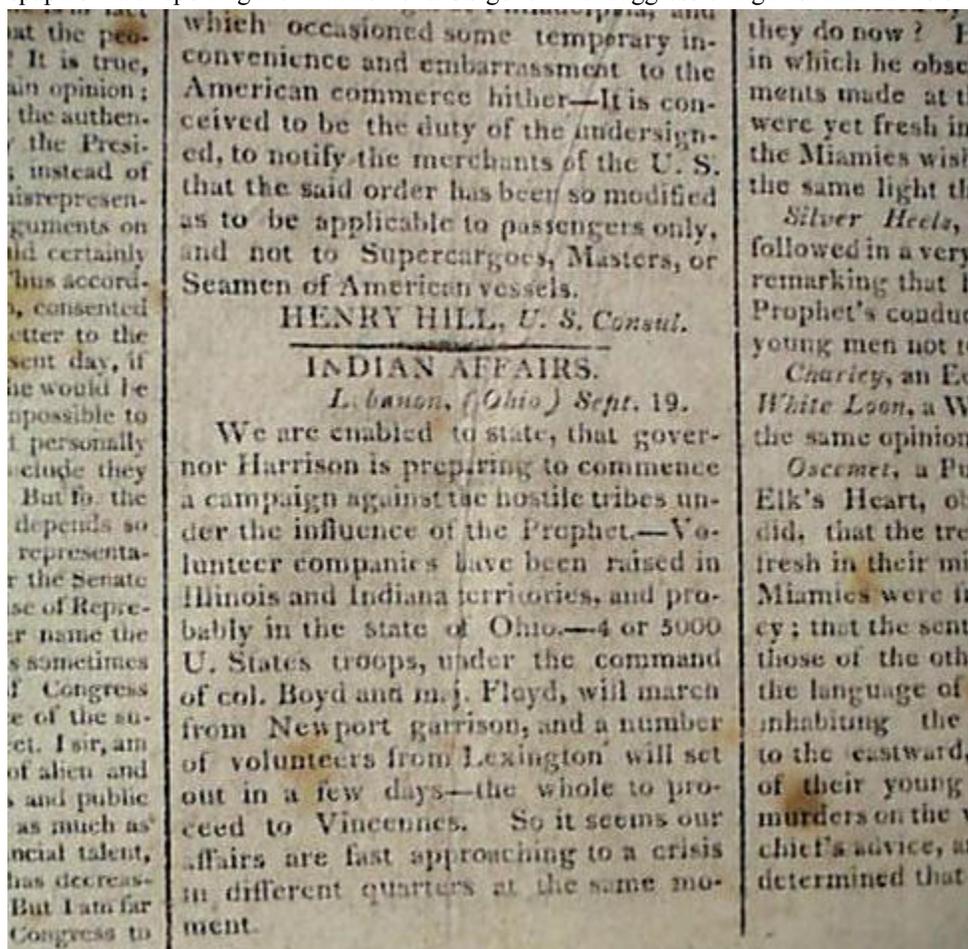


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 October 10, Thursday: The *Beaver*, sent by John Jacob Astor under the command of Captain Sowle, sailed from New-York for “Astoria” in the Pacific Northwest.

Newspapers were reporting the initiation of a US government aggression against the natives of [Ohio](#):



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 10 Mo// Father Rodman was concerned in our meeting to express nearly these words "Next to divine Revelations is the sacred scriptures, which contain these expressions" "I will wash mine hands in innocency, so will I encompass thine Alter," I believe if this was more generally our engagement that we should not come to meetings & go away again so little benefited. Lewis L Clarke set a part of the evening with us -

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 October 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 10 Mo// The day has passed as usual. Sister Ruth



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& Mary set the evening with us -

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October 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 10 Mo// Nothing material, as respects myself Sister E set a while with us this eveng - My H seems to be fast recovering from her Scalded feet -

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October 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 10 Mo// Silent meetings, & pretty large. After meeting took tea at Saml Thurstons Brother D R went with me - It seems to be a season of affliction in town, many persons particularly of the younger Class are down with fevers & some have died, in the Main street the following are down within my knowledge. George Lawton, Jacob Richardson Junr Benjm Watson, George & Abby Engs, last night James Williams was taken with symptoms which threaten a fever & those whose turn it well be next is unknown to Mortals. -

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October 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14 of 10 Mo// James Williams is better & not so unfavorably seized as was first understood. George Engs some better, Abby us worse & little hopes entertained of her recovery, the others I have not heard from

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October 15, Tuesday: The great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1), transiting from the constellation Boötes into the constellation Hercules, was exhibiting a gas tail of a length of 24 degrees and a curved dust trail that was almost seven degrees in width. Sir William Herschel thought he was able to make out some colors, ruddy for the very prominent apparent nucleus and somewhat bluish-green for the surrounding coma.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 10 Mo// George & Abby Engs much as yesteerday,



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if any alteration it is for the Worse with Abby -

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 October 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 10 M 1811// I hardly know what to say of myself. I feel low tried & discouraged, both from within and without, but hope I shall be favor'd to place my confidence in the Power of Israels God which is able to save from all evil, but Alass, how weak is flesh. -

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 October 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 10 Mo// [the left hand edge is not visible] C R spake a little to us at meeting - the day has passed as usual - I expect to pass the ?ensuing night at Watching with George Engs -

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 October 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 10 Mo// According to expectation I watched with George Engs he had a very favorable night, but Abby is still very ?sick & her recovery doubtful.

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 October 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert except that the sick fols are much the same as Yesterday -

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 October 20, Sunday: After murdering his brother and nephew, Holkar of Indore died.

At this point, although it was still more than an astronomical unit away, the great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1) was at its closest to Earth. Since the head of this gigantic comet measured at up to 28 arc-minutes in width, which is roughly comparable to the apparent size of the disks of the sun and of the moon, and since it was actually somewhat farther away from us than the sun, it is clear that its tenuous coma (nucleus with surrounding visible gasses) actually exceeded the size of the photosphere of Sol. As the comet would recede, its tail would grow and grow.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 10 Mo// In the forenoon D Buffum delivered a Short but impressive testimony and in the Afternoon C R was concern'd to utter nearly these words "Purity of heart occasions clearness of sight, but the Pollution of our nature beget doubtings which lead to infidelity," this is a[?] most deplorable situation for a human being to be in - We dined at my father's & from the inclemency of the weather my H omitted Afternoon meeting

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 October 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 10 Mo// Nothing particular from the usual rounds

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 October 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 10 Mo// Pretty much the same as yesterday, except having spent the day in overhalling the old papers of D Holloway

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 October 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 10 Mo// This mornng rec'd a letter frin Danl Cooledge which is not of a pleasant savor. I have answer'd it according to the best of my judgement.

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October 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 10 Mo// My mind this mornng was feelingly introduced into feeling sympathy with my friends in distress -for several days Abby Engs has been so low as not to admit any hopes of her recovery & yesterday they thought her gone, but this morning has revived, come to her senses & there is a little prospect of her recovery. -

Our meeting was silent & the forepart of it very good to me The last (Preparative) was somewhat exercising

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October 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 10 Mo// Abby Engs has been extremely low all day & this evening about 10 OClock paid the debt to nature In the 18 Year of her age

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October 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26th of 10 M 1811// I have just been over to look on the Corpse of dear Abby Engs which is very pleasant, & from her innocent deportment thro' life there is no doubt in my mind, but her spirit is in peace, & a desire is now revived that her removal may be an incitement to us all to be on the Watch for we know not in what day or hour the like summons may be sent to our dwelling

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October 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 10 Mo// In our forenoon Meeting C Rodman appear'd in reverent supplication. In the Afternoon our meeting was very small in consequence of the funeral of Abby Engs, many friends & others left it to attend that. I thought it best to attend meeting, after which went to a funeral of Constant Wood a young man on the Point who was buried in our ground - Set the eveng wiat home with my dear H --

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October 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28 of 10 Mo// Nothings material to insert. - The day has
passed as usual —*

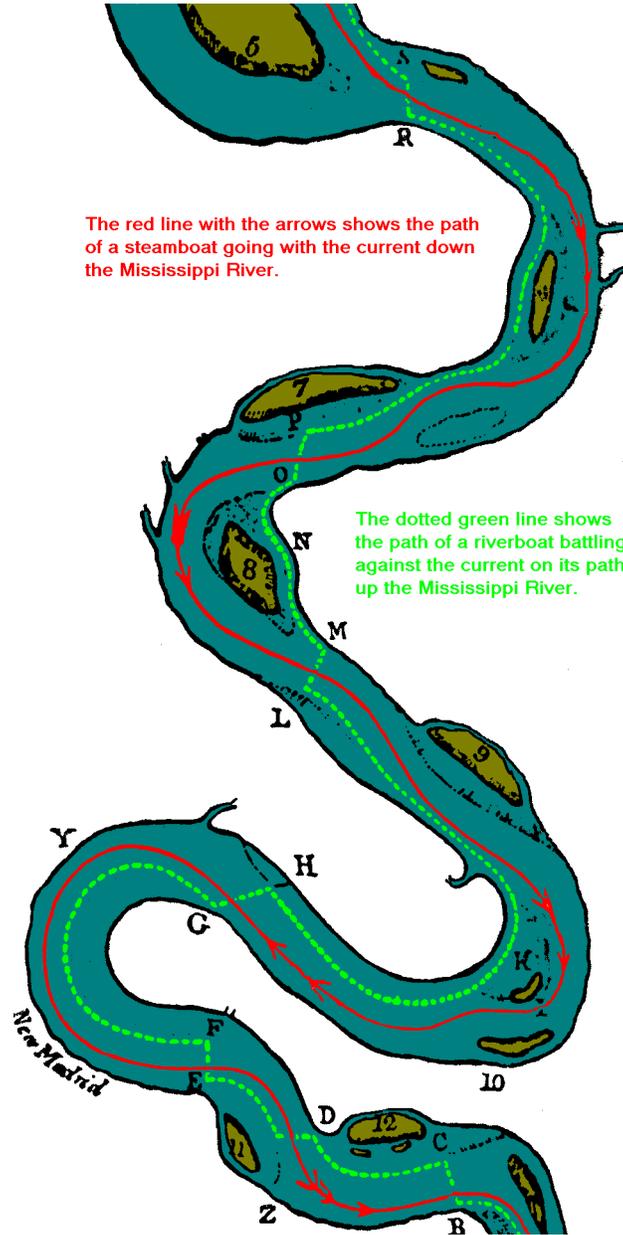
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October 29, Tuesday: The initial [Ohio](#) River steamboat left Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to steam with the current (red line below) to New Orleans, Louisiana.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 10 Mo// Again nothing has occurred that appears worth inserting & indeed there are many days of this kind, yet it seems best to keep up a diary. perhaps it might be thought by some that it is time lost, but it does not take me five minutes in a day on an average & if I misspent no more time than that, I believe nothing would lay very heavily to my charge. It was the advice of Wm Penn to his children to "keep a Journal if it is was but a line a day" & if there is no other use in it, it keeps



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one in the use of the Pen & may tend to help us in the Art of Composition if proper attention is paid to it – This I know of a truth, that it is much more easy for me to express my Ideas in writing than it was formerly

*I am sensible that I am yet very deficient & shall probably remain so, as long as I live, but it is comfortable to believe that I have made some improvement, Whereby I may render myself more useful to myself & mankind - but Alass this brings me to a sense of my short comings, & a subject of which I have not wrote much about of late **i.e.** the religious improvement, wherein I feel much leanness & Poverty for the want of more faithfulness, I am not sensible that my case is worse than Months ago, being sometimes favor'd with (at least) some emanations of Love & life*

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October 30, Wednesday Jane Austen's *SENSE AND SENSIBILITY: A NOVEL* ("By a Lady" — i.e., published anonymously; she went to great lengths to conceal the fact from her acquaintances; initial version had been written in 1796).



Publication of a Piano Trio op.35 and the Piano Variations op.40a by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 10 M 1811// Again nothing of moment to insert, the day has passed with the usual rounds –

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October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 10 Mo// The day has been severly stormy yet David Rodman & myself took Chaise & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting, which considering the hevy rain & very high



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Wind was pretty well attended. Holder Almy preached in the first & in the last we got along with our buisness with a good degree of satisfaction - The Public Appearance of Holder Almy was approved & refer'd to the Quarterly Meeting for their perusal [?, left margin not visible] After Meeting we dined with Holder & then rode home. -

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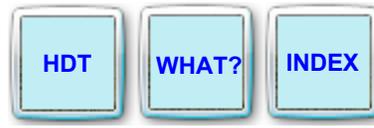
Near the end of his visit to England, Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) saw himself described in the Liverpool Mercury as preferable “to the proudest statesman that ever dealt out destruction amongst mankind.” That newspaper’s “Memoir of Captain Paul Cuffee” [*sic*] offered a description his early life and many notable achievements, including his 1780 challenge to the Massachusetts legislature against taxation without representation for blacks. (The captain would later receive an English land grant on which he would be able to settle a few worthy immigrants of his choosing. His plans would be delayed by the War of 1812, but in 1815-1816 he would make a successful voyage to Sierra Leone with 38 colonists. On January 16, 1817 he would write that in Sierra Leone, “These few Europeans hath pritty much Control of the Colony Yet the people of Coular Are intitled to every privilege of a free born Subjects.... Yet It cannot be said that Thay Are Equal for the prejudice of tradition is precipitable but I believe much Lieth At thare Doors.”)

Memoir of Captain Paul Cuffee, Liverpool MERCURY

On the first of the present month of August 1811, a vessel arrived at Liverpool, with a cargo from Sierra Leone, the owner, master, mate, and whole crew of which are free Negroes. The master, who is also owner, is the son of an American Slave, and is said to be very well skilled both in trade and navigation, as well as to be of a very pious and moral character. It must have been a strange and animating spectacle to see this free and enlightened African entering, as an independent trader, with his black crew, into that port which was so lately the nidus of the Slave Trade. - Edinb. Review, August, 1811.

We are happy in having an opportunity of confirming the above account, and at the same time of laying before our readers an authentic memoir of Capt. Paul Cuffee, the master and owner of the vessel above referred to, who sailed from this port on the 20th ult. with a licence from the British Government, to prosecute his intended voyage to Sierra Leone.

The father of Paul Cuffee, was a native of Africa, whence he was brought as a Slave into Massachusetts. - He was there purchased by a person named Slocum, and remained in slavery a considerable portion of his life.- - He was named Cuffee, but as it is usual in those parts took the name of Slocum, as expressing to whom he belonged. Like many of his countrymen he possessed a mind superior to his condition, and although he was diligent in the business of his Master and faithful to his interest, yet by great industry and economy he was enabled to purchase his personal liberty.



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At this time the remains of several Indian tribes, who originally possessed the right of soil, resided in Massachusetts; Cuffee became acquainted with a woman descended from one of those tribes, named Ruth Moses, and married her. -- He continued in habits of industry and frugality, and soon afterwards purchased a farm of 100 acres in Westport in Massachusetts.

Cuffee and Ruth has a family of ten children. -- The three eldest sons, David, Jonathan, and John are farmers in the neighborhood of Westport, filling respectable situations in society, and endowed with good intellectual capacities. -- They are all married, and have families to whom they are giving good educations. Of six daughters four are respectably married, while two remain single.

Paul was born on the Island of Cutterhunkker, one of the Elizabeth Islands near [New Bedford](#), in the year 1759; when he was about 14 years of age his father died leaving a considerable property in land, but which being at that time unproductive afforded but little provision for his numerous family, and thus the care of supporting his mother and sisters devolved upon his brothers and himself.

At this time Paul conceived that commerce furnished to industry more ample rewards than agriculture, and he was conscious that he possessed qualities which under proper culture would enable him to pursue commercial employments with prospects of success; he therefore entered at the age of 16 as a common hand on board of a vessel destined to the bay of Mexico, on a Whaling voyage. His second voyage was to the West Indies; but on his third he was captured by a British ship during the American war about the year 1776: after three months detention as a prisoner at New York, he was permitted to return home to Westport, where owing to the unfortunate continuance of hostilities he spent about 2 years in his agricultural pursuits. During this interval Paul and his brother John Cuffee were called on by the Collector of the district, in which they resided, for the payment of a personal tax. It appeared to them, that, by the laws of the constitution of Massachusetts, taxation and the whole rights of citizenship were untied. -- If the laws demanded of them the payment of personal taxes, the same laws must necessarily and constitutionally invest them with the rights of representing, and being represented, in the state Legislature. But they had never been considered as entitled to the privilege of voting at Elections, nor of being elected to places of trust and honor. -- Under these circumstances, they refused payment of the demands. -- The Collector resorted to the force of the laws, and after many delays and vexations, Paul and his brother deemed it most prudent to silence the suit by payment of the demands. But they resolved, if it were



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possible, to obtain the rights which they believed to be connected with taxation.

 November 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 11 M 1811// Brother D Rodman & wife took tea with us Also our old neighbor Molly Billings

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 November 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 11 Mo// Again the usual reounds, & nothing very particular else [?] has occur'd. -

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 November 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 11 Mo// At Meeting this forenoon Lydia Almy Appeared in a few Words, then David Buffum, then Clarke Rodman. So we had more preaching than we have had for a considerable time - In the Afternoon we sat in Silence - aftermeeting made a visit to the Work & Alms houses - Sat the evening at O Williams's with my H & Sister R -

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 November 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 11 Mo// Rec'd a letter from David Smith of Bolton Mt enclosing Elegiac lines on the death of our much lov'd friend & brother Thos Watson of that place, with whom I was well acquainted & loved dearly. The lines were composed by a young man not in membership with us, & are in my judgement well done. at reading them my mind was much affected with serious reflections -

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 November 5, Tuesday: El Salvador's first battle for its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 11 Mo// The day has passed as usual. I have for the

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week past intended to attend our Quarterly Meeting, but so many things seem'd to crowd on my Mind yesterday that I am induced to believe under present circumstances, it is more my duty to Stay at home than go. –

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➡ November 6, Wednesday: El Salvador's first battle for its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 11 Mo// Nothing material to insert, that I recollect

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➡ November 7, Thursday: At Tippecanoe (Keth-tip-pe-can-nunk) Creek near Prophetstown, Indiana, a town in which Indian people of all tribes were attempting to live a traditional lifestyle, the Shawnee headman Tecumseh, brother of the prophet *Tenskwatawa*, led in a defensive battle against a group of white settlers under William Henry Harrison, giving to Harrison a reputation and a presidential slogan. Defeated, Tecumseh would flee into Canada.



(Meanwhile, during this month, shortly after the Hudson's Bay Company had ceded a large tract around the Red River in Canada to Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk for the establishment of a colony, [John Wedderburn Halkett](#) was appointed a member of that Company's London Committee.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 7 of 11 Mo// The Meeting small & silent tho' a respectable number considering how many are absent at the Qurly Meeting

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 November 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 11 Mo// Jos Almy has return'd from 27 Mtg & says they got along well - The first meeting was largely favor'd with preaching, & in the last Our recommendations of Holder Almy as Minuter was united with -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 11th M 1811// This morning rec'd a letter from Dan Cooledge which was not very pleasant & think not to answer it as the spirit he evinces seems not to be of the best sort - I wish him well, & hope the time may come when he may feel & see differently from what he now does.

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 November 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 11 Mo// C Rodman said a few words at meeting in the forenoon. In the Afternoon we were Silent, except in meeting hours I have been pretty much at home all Day

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 November 11, Monday: Two works by Carl Maria von Weber were performed for the initial time, at his farewell concert in München: The overture Der Beherrscher der Geister J.122 and the concert aria Misera me! J.121.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 11 Mo// Rec'd a letter from Danl Clapp Junr of Pomfret CT which contained a wish to know something concerning a young woman whom he feels an inclination to propose the subject of matrimony - which I answered'd this Afternoon & put it in the Mail - My H spent the day at My fathers at Quilting. -



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 November 12, Tuesday: US Secretary of State James Monroe and British Minister A.J. Foster reached agreement in regard to the *Chesapeake* affair of 1807. Two of the four seized sailors would be returned, the other two having died. Reparation was paid to survivors of those killed in the action.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 11 Mo// I watched with E W Lawton last night who is quite sick of a fever. I was pretty current in the forenoon but this Afternoon I have been allmost Stupid for the want of Sleep -

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 November 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 [sic] of 11 Mo// E W Lawton is still a very sick man how it will turn out I know not yet I fear the worst tho' the Doctor & Some of his friends think he is doing well

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 November 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 11 Mo// Our Meeting today was somewhat remarkable Our friend Obadiah Williams after a year or two's suspension has again this day uncovered his head & preached in our assembly - C Rodman then said a little & then D Buffum so that it seems to look a little as if the Cloud is about to be raised a little the tabernacle & Israel be permitted again to Journey forward -

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 November 15, Friday: Der Zweikampf mit der Geliebten, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Schink, was performed for the initial time, in Hamburg to great success.

A military coup again installed a new government in Chile.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 11 Mo// Edw W Lawton is considerd worse this morning I have written to his father this morning requesting him



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to come immediately Abraham Barker made me a visit at my Shop this Afternoon, while he was Setting with me my mind was introduced into a recollection of his late Dear Aunt Susanna who hath departed this life, & led to feelings which were very precious, & lasted with me all the evening

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 November 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 11 Mo// Edw W Lawton has more favorable symptoms to day but he is very weak & low. – The day has passed as usual --

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 November 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 11th M 1811// Our Morning meeting was silent. In the Afternoon C Rodman was concern'd in a testimony. -

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 November 18, Monday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) would be lecturing on [Shakespeare](#) and [Milton](#) at Scot's Corporation Hall, London Philosophical Society, until January 27, 1812.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18th of 11th Mo// E W Lawton is consider'd more dangerous, as his fever seems to have a putrid aspect. – The day has passed as usual.

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 November 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 11 Mo// The day has passed as usual to buisness, but my mind has been under depression particularly this evening

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 November 20, Wednesday: By hiring Samuel Topliff, Jr. to run the reading room on the 2d floor of the [Exchange Coffee House](#) in downtown [Boston](#) near the docks, and by using a donated rowboat to meet incoming ships and learn their news, the systematic gathering of news was introduced to America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 11 Mo// E W Lawton has been consider'd rather more favorable yesterday & today. – Much as usual as respects myself –

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 November 21, Thursday: At Wannsee, German Romantic author Heinrich von Kleist killed his terminally ill female companion and them committed suicide.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 11 Mo// C Rodman spake a few words to us at Meeting – My mind was so situated that I was but a poor judge of what he said or the State of the Meeting. –

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 November 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 11 Mo// On fourth day mornng My dear Wife came down to my fathers to Spend the day, which with yesterday proved very rainy & we did not go home untill this morning – This Afternoon attended the funeral of Rebecca Casey an ancient Woman & a relation to me by both father & Mother

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 November 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 11 Mo// E W Lawton has been consider'd a little more comfortable to day, but his case is yet very doubtful. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 11 Mo// Our meetings silent but seasons of serious reflection to me I have been to O Williams where E W Lawton is,



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& is very low, Dr Easton has pretty much relinquished hope of his recovery –

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November 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 11 Mo// E W Lawton much as yesterday. – This day my Dear Aunts Martha Mary & Hannah Gould Moved into the House which My father has purchased for their accommodation in Malborough Street. I am thankful on this acct that they have got it & are comfortably settled. –

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Two works by Carl Maria von Weber were performed for the initial time, in München: The Clarinet Concerto no.2 J.118 and the concert aria Qual altro attendi J.126.

This was Evacuation Day, the 28th Anniversary of the departure of the British from New-York at the successful completion of the American revolution. The fortifications of Manhattan Island finally standing ready to defend the exposed population center against the armament of any previous conflict, the southwest battery¹⁴¹ fired the first of the many, many broadsides that it would fire over the centuries “at nothing more dangerous than a harmless hulk moored in the river for practice.”



November 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 11 Mo// E W Lawton is very low Dr EAshton continues to speak very discouraging – his fever is very high this evening

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November 27, Wednesday: The Federated Provinces of New Granada (Colombia) was created.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 [sic] of 11 Mo// [note error? or two entries for the 26th because he is watching with Edward?] The Doctors speak more favorable of Edward this morning, say, more favorable symptoms appear

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141. In 1815 this southwest battery would be renamed [Castle Clinton](#).



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 November 28, Thursday: Piano Concerto no.5 “Emperor” by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed, probably for the initial time, in the Leipzig Gewandhaus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 [sic] of 11 Mo// Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this day held in town The first meeting was much favor'd Anne Greene Ministered to us in a very lively manner: C Rodman then spake a little to my satisfaction then D Buffum appear'd in as lively a testimony as I think I ever heard from him – Our last meeting was much in the quiet & I thought favor'd beyond what is common – My mind I may thankfully acd [acknowledge?] was quickened & refreshed – Since meeting I have rec'd a very acceptable letter from my much loved friend & brother Micajah Collins dated 14th inst at Gooses Creek Virginia

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 November 29, Friday: Wendell Phillips was born in Boston as a descendent of that municipality's 1st mayor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 11 M 1811// The day has passed as usual, the mind susceptible of tender impressions – E W Lawton is consider'd some better –

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 November 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 11 Mo// Again nothing material but the usual rounds to insert. – E W Lawton Much as Yesterday –

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 December 1, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber, dissatisfied with his situation in München, left on a concert tour with the clarinetist Heinrich Baermann.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 12 M 1811// Our Meetings were silent, & to me seasons of some wresting for life & thought I obtain'd some victory –

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December 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 12 M // Having for some time felt my mind drawn to address a letter to James Denson Ladd of Spring Mills Virginia, I yealded to the impulse this forenoon - Also wrote to Philip Dunham - Brother Isaac & Wife with their little daughter Martha Stanton took tea with also my Mother

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December 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 12 M // My H has been for Several days much unwell with a cold, but is well enough today to spent the Afternoon at her fathers.

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December 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 12 M // A Pleasant Walk this evening with Brother D R when in my mind was bbought into sweet feelings. I felt rejoiced that my Spirit was thus quickened -

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December 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 12 M // Silent meeting, thoughts on outward subjects uncommonly intruded on my mind, yet I thought a little favor was experienced. - E W Lawton not as well today & yesterday, his situation remains doubtful -

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December 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 12 M // Being caught in the Rain at father Rs last eveng we staid there last night - The day has passed as usual except that I have been this Afternoon engaged in religious conversation with Ebenezer Coleman who is Presbyterian & Strong Predestinarian, he has lived in Connecticut & appears exceeding ignorant of friends & their Principles, but I hope the conversation which passed between us, will do no hurt but tend



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rather for his information. I was thankful in feeling a good degree of life to attend my spirit in the conversation

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December 7, Saturday: The nation read in the gazettes that in the Indiana back woods, the forces of the Shawnee headman Tecumseh, brother of the prophet *Tenskwatawa*, had been decisively defeated by a group of white settlers under the command of William Henry Harrison.

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By Yesterday's Mail.

INDIAN WAR—Official.

Extract of a letter from General HARRISON to the Secretary of War—dated H. Q. near the Prophet's Town, Nov. 5, 1811.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you, that the dawn of yesterday terminated an action between the troops under my command, and the whole of the Prophet's force. Their precipitate retreat, leaving a number of the warriors dead on the field, and the subsequent abandonment of their town, (which was partially fortified) attest for us a complete and decisive victory. It has, however, been dearly purchased. A number of brave and valuable men have fallen victims to the zeal for their country's defence. The behavior of the regular and militia troops was such as would have done honor to veterans. I arrived at my present position (a mile from the town) on the evening of the 5th inst.; a correspondence was immediately opened with the Prophet, and there was every appearance of a successful termination of the expedition, without bloodshed. Indeed there was an agreement for the suspension of hostilities until a further communication should take place on the next day. Contrary however to this engagement, he attacked me at half-past four o'clock in the morning, so suddenly, that the Indians were in the camp before many of the men could get out of their tents. A little confusion for a short time prevailed, but aided by the great exertions of the officers, I was soon enabled to form the men in order. The companies which were hard pressed were supported, several successful charges made, and about day light the enemy were finally put to flight. Our killed and wounded amount to 179, of these 42 are now dead.

I have not been able to ascertain the number of Indians in the action, it must however have been considerable.

The principal chief of these Potawatamis, who have joined the Prophet, is wounded, and in our possession. I have taken care of him, and shall send him back to his tribe. At a more leisure moment I shall do myself the honor to transmit a more particular account of the action, and of our previous movements, and am, with the highest respect, Sir, your humble servant,

WM. HENRY HARRISON.

The Hon. Wm. Erskine, Secretary of War.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 7 of 12 M // The day has passed as usual E W Lawton remains quite low the termination of his disease, doubtful

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December 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 12 M // C R spake in our assembly this forenoon. Silence in the Afternoon & after meeting Brother D R & myself walked down to Jon[athon] Dennis's, took tea & spent the evening Sister Ruth the while with my H -

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December 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 12 M // I have thought seriously on Several important sunjects - Neighbor Mumford & daughter with father & Mother R spent the Afternoon with us

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December 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 12 M // Nothing Material of my own to insert -Mary Barker Wife of Matthew a valued friend Died this Afternoon

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December 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 12 M 1811// Again this day has passed with the usual rounds. We have rec'd a letter from Hannah Collins which was very acceptable - my mind has also been favor'd with the ariseings of life for which I desire to be thankful -

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December 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 12 M // The Corpse of our valued friend Mary Barker wife of Matthew were carried to meeting this day & After meeting



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was inter'd in the upper burying ground, Our friend Jos Douglass of Durham & his companion Edw'd Cobb of Portland were at Meeting. Jos was concern'd in a loving testimony & spake clearly of his apprehension that the present deceased was at rest & had Joined the Society of Saints & Angels & just men made perfect. -Edw Cobb, Jeremiah Austin Jr Jonathon Dennis & David Buffum Jr took tea with us & spent part of the evening very agreeably on our part - Edw was our Lodger at the Yearly Meeting time in 1810, at which time we formed a very agreeable acquaintance with him. -

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 December 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 12 M // Jeremiah Austin Jr has been at the Shop twice today & seems very sweet in spirit, spake with much feeling of Poor Isaac & desired if I wrote him again to insert his affectionate love, he oft remembers him & cannot give him up - Rote this eveng to Matther Purinton of Salem

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 December 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 12 M // The day has passed with the usual rounds, nothing material to insert. - Sisters E & M set the evening with us

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 December 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 12 M // I watched with E W Lawton last night & in the night wrote to D Smith. Being not very smart this mornng I went to bed & lay till past noon - Went to meeting in the Afternoon & felt Dull Set the evening at home & went to bed early

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December 16, Monday: As the great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1) had been receding, its tail had been lengthening, from 24 degrees to 70 degrees.

SKY EVENT

Centered in [northwestern Arkansas](#), there were two enormous (~7.2-8.1 Richter) earthquake shocks, the 1st at 2:15AM and the 2d at 8:15AM. They said the Mississippi River flowed backwards (which would be to indicate that a seismic “[seiche](#)” propagated upriver). It would be alleged that this had been forecast months before by Tecumseh.



[John James Audubon](#), in Kentucky, hearing the roar of the New Madrid, Missouri earthquake¹⁴² and noticing the effects of the enormous earthquake (still inadequately understood) in strange brightenings and darkenings of the sky, presumed that a tornado might be approaching and sought shelter from it.¹⁴³ Just as the steamboat *New Orleans* came out into the smooth waters of the Mississippi, heading downriver after the rapids known as the Falls of the Ohio, without warning the quake struck and the normally very smooth waters of the Mississippi River became agitated into the same sort of turbulent maelstrom from which this steamboat had

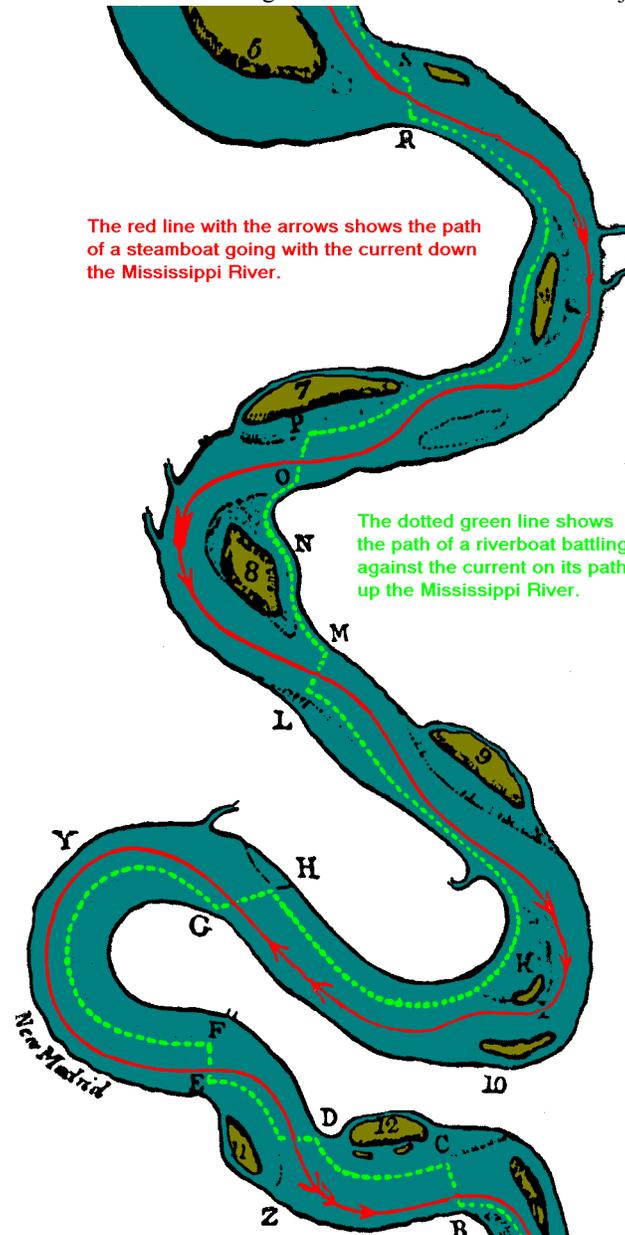
142. Am I sure that this is not a reference to the earthquake that would occur on February 7, 1812 at 4:45AM?

143. Notice that it had not yet been clearly established, that comets were extra-atmospheric, astronomical in nature. Some natural philosophers were still holding to a theory that actually a comet was a type of long-lasting atmospheric disturbance, and therefore quite close to the surface of the earth and able to exert a direct influence upon us.

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just emerged. Church bells were heard to ding in Boston as the first of four major temblors ripped along the



New Madrid faultline which runs from Arkansas to Illinois. In this initial temblor, presently estimated at 8.1 on the Richter scale, tree trunks snapped — but because of low white population density, only a few dozen people were reported as having been killed. Soil liquefaction along the Mississippi River was, according to our Federal Emergency Management Agency, similar to that experienced during the great Kobe quake of January 1995, and as a result the great river ran backward for three days. Were a temblor of Kobe’s 7.0 magnitude to strike along the New Madrid faultline at 9:30AM on some day under our current conditions — and it is estimated that there is a significant probability that some such temblor will occur — the Arkansas State Office of Emergency Services estimates that 14,000 people will die and there will be 240,000 homeless. Since there are presently five major oil and natural gas pipelines running across this faultline, conveying heating fuel



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to the Eastern seaboard states, if this inevitable disaster should strike during a winter a significant portion of our nation will be subjected to a chilling brush with reality.¹⁴⁴

There would be follow-on major earthquakes on January 23, 1812 and on February 7, 1812. After this series of major quakes, there would be a new lake in Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, that had not existed in 1810.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 12 M // My H not being Smart I set most of the evening at home & entertained her & myself in reading Sillimans Journal

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December 17, Tuesday: John Antes died at his home in Bristol, England at the age of 71.

Amphion, an opéra by Etienne-Nicholas Méhul to words of de Jouy, was performed for the initial time, in the Paris Opéra. This would later be called Les Amazones, ou La fondation de Thèbes. The response was disappointing, largely due to the libretto.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 12 M // Again nothing material, but the usual rounds. set most of the eveng at home emply'd as the last. I think Sillimans journal is a fine thing, & contains may [many] seasonable pertinent & instructing observations, tho' he is doubtless in some errors

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December 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 12 M // My H not very smart Sister Mary spent most of the day & evening with us. - read as last eveing, Sillimans observations on the universities of Oxford & Cambridge particularly pleased me -

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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 12 M // Our Meeting was pretty well attended & Silent, in the last which was Preparative meeting, the names of David Williams, Stephen Gould & David Rodman were Proposed as Overseers of the Poor which was approbated by a few voices & forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting

144. According to our National Research Council, writing as of 1994, it is simply not yet known “whether the relocation of materials on the surface of the earth is dominated by the slower but continuous fluxes operating all of the time or by the spectacular large fluxes that operate during short-lived cataclysmic events.”



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In the first meeting I thought I was favor'd to feel the life to arise & dispell some clouds which hung over me, for which I desire to be thankful

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 December 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 12 M 1811// My6 H spent the Afternoon & evening at Brother D Rs. I called in the evening at D Williams -

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 December 21, Saturday: A constitution of the first republic of Venezuela was adopted in Caracas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 12 M // A Report that could not be traced to its origin has been circulated in town for several day that Rowse Taylor was Killed by the Indians at Ohio. This Afternoons Mail brought a letter directed to Rich'd Mitchell In the direction of which I recognized his well known hand - the Post Mark was the 3d of this Mt, the contents of the letteer we may hear more about tomorrow

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 December 22, Sunday: After a successful concert on the previous evening, in spite of a blizzard, Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann left Prague heading toward Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 12 M // Hearing that Richd Mitchell was in town went with my usual impatience & curiosity in persuit of him to get intelligence from Rowse. found the letters at D Williams & heard part of them read which convey'd the glad tidings that he was settled on a farm of 160 Acres in the state of Ohio, town of Smithfield. -
Our forenoon meeting was pretty well attended & D Buffum & H Dennis labor'd to arrest our attention to the One thing Needful -In the Afternoon we were Silent - My H not being able to attend meeting in the Afternoon went to My fathers to dine - In the eveng we borrow'd Rowse's letter & I read it to my father & Mother who were peculiarly pleased with his account of the journey & final settlement. I hardly ever saw father more interested -*



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 December 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 12 M // The day has passed pretty much as usual in the evening went round among some of our wealthy members to collect a little Money for the poor

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 December 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 12 M // This has been a violent stormy day I did not go home to dinner, & took a little with Aunt Anna Carpenter's Brother D R came to the Shop in the Afternoon finding nothing to do in his own - I set the eveng at home & read indubly [?] to my H in Silliman's journal & finished it

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 December 25, Wednesday: French troops defeated the Spanish defenders of Valencia and laid siege to the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 12 M // By accounts today the Storm of Yesterday was more violent than we who were mostly confined within doors were aware - The Wind was so high as to blow down several trees in Broad Street & Washington Square, the large & Ancient honey locust that stood in John Earls yard, a Chimney on the Point, frose to death an horse belonging to Sandford in Middletown, drove on Shore a brigg from Ireland with 70 Passengers, Men Women & children were obliged to wade from the wreck & came from the Neck thro' the Streets this Afternoon to a house provided by the town for their accomodation on the long wharf, they were pitiable Objects indeed -

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 December 26, Thursday: In a theater of Richmond, Virginia, a fire killed 5 black Americans, and 68 white Americas of whom many were from prominent local families.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 12 M 1811// I walked towards [Portsmouth](#) to attend



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our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. Rich'd Mitchell kindly gave me a ride of about 3 Miles on my way to Meeting his Sleigh, in going over one bank we over Set but neither of us was hurt. Our Meeting was small. The Womens side of the house counted but seven & them very young Women, I suppose neither of them over 30 years of life: -Ours was large in Number, perhaps 40 of 50 - Peter Lawton was Clerk & for the first time I was assistant & succeeded beyond my expectations -After meeting I rode with R Mitchell to his house & dined & after dinner a part of the way home with D Buffum in his sleigh which eased me of my journey exceedingly for if I had not have been assisted in this way it is not probable I should been able to have got home the same day. & tho' as it was my limbs were much fatigued, yet I was glad I went, for had I had not the Books & papers of neither meeting would have been there -Jonathon Dennis the two D Buffums, little Wm Chase & myself were all that were there from [Newport](#). The Snow Banks were formidable indeed some I walked over that I doubt not were 15 feet high.

A sorrowful affair was related to me in [Portsmouth](#) It appears that about 7 an hour before sun set in the Storm the day before yesterday Joseph Cundel went out of his Mill & has not yet been seen or heard from Yet. they have been searching the Mill dam today & cannot find him whether he was suffocated in the snow drown'd in the Mill dam & got into the Sea is Yet undetermined, but there is no prospect of ever finding him alive.

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 December 27, Friday: Heinrich Baermann and Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Leipzig having passed up Dresden. The Saxon court was absent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 12 M // Our Sisters Joanna Ruth & Mary set the evening with us [too faded] the day the usual rounds -

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 December 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 12 M // The day being Stormy I have been the whole day at the Shop - Set the eveng at home -

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 December 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 29 of 12 M // Our Meetings were rather small owing to the badness of the travelling. In the forenoon C R preached, in the Afternoon Silent [faded] night visited the Work & Alms house - Set the eveng at home

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December 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 12 M // This day complete the 30th year of my Age & should I live till tomorrow, shall be progressing in my 30th & consideration of it has this eveng been deep & impressive on my Mind. Oh how swiftly glides the Moments of our precious time, & how little improvement in those things that are of the utmost importance. Oh! that it may not all steal away & the Work left incompleat

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December 31, Tuesday night: A portion of the tail of the great [comet Flaugergues \(C/1811 F1\)](#) was observable.

SKY EVENT

This, the "[Great Comet of 1811](#)," would be given a mention by Tolstòy in WAR AND PEACE:

The radiant star which, after traveling in its orbit with inconceivable velocity through infinite space, seemed suddenly -like an arrow piercing the earth- to remain fast in one chosen spot in the black firmament, vigorously tossing up its tail.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

31 of 12 M 1811// Here ends the year & what more shall I say of it than that it has come & gone. I feel my mind humbled at the poor improvement of I have made, but am thankful in believing that tho' I may have taken Some retrograde Steps yet my mind is still visited with the renewals of love & life.

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THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1812. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#): John Carter.



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 [Isaac Bailey](#), the father of the infant [Jacob Whitman Bailey](#), presented “A poem, delivered before the Philermenian Society of [Brown University](#), on their anniversary, September, A.D. 1812.” (Although this effort was delivered only in September, it had already been printed up “at request of the society” in Providence, Rhode Island by David Hawkins as of June!)

ISAAC BAILEY’S “POEM”

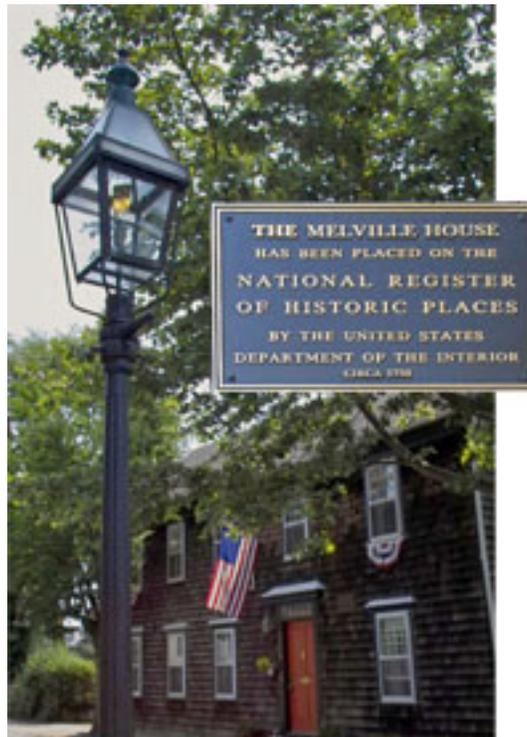
 [John Lauris Blake](#) received an AB degree at [Brown University](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Henry Cogswell Knight, graduating from [Brown University](#), described [Rhode Island](#).

HENRY COGSWELL KNIGHT

The National Light and Heat Company was founded. The first [coal-gas](#) street lighting would begin two years later.

David Melville was in this year lighting his home in [Newport](#), and the street itself, and his factory in [Pawtucket](#), by means of coal gas. This was attracting considerable attention.





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 At about this point [Cato Pearce](#), who had been working on a farm in [Rehoboth](#), Massachusetts, signed on as a crewmember aboard a schooner belonging to a Captain Rogers of New London, Connecticut, on a cruise to the Caribbean. On his return in about 1815, after spending his wages, he would hire himself out to James Rhodes of [Providence, Rhode Island](#).





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In approximately this year [Robert Voorhis](#) was building his hut on Fox Point,



ROBERT THE HERMIT.

a peninsula of uninhabited land about a mile south of [Providence](#) Bridge in [Rhode Island](#), and would reside there for a number of years, until obnoxious construction work began in that vicinity. What had made this escaped-mulatto-slave-become-seaman resolve to become a [hermit](#)? —he said that had sneaked back down south via [Baltimore](#) to Georgetown in a fruitless attempt to recover his first wife and their children:

Feeling a strong inclination once more to visit the shores of the south, where I had not only been unjustly deprived of my liberty, but where I was inhumanly forced from my beloved wife and two darling children, I took passage (about fifteen years since) on board a sloop for Baltimore, and from thence proceeded direct to Georgetown. As twenty years had elapsed since I there left all that I held most dear in life — and so great a change had time effected in my personal appearance, I felt little or no apprehension that I should be recognized or molested by any, if living, who once professed a claim to me. In this I was not mistaken, for indeed as regarded the town, inhabitants, &c. so great a change had the twenty years produced, that I walked the streets at mid-day unnoticed and unknown. My old master (Voorhis and his wife had been some years dead, and the survivors of the family had removed to parts unknown— Bevins, the wretch by whom I was unjustly deprived of my liberty, and thereby forever seperated [*sic*] from my unfortunate family, had a few years previous emigrated to the west— but, the principle object of my



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visit was not answered— of my wife and children I could obtain no satisfactory information— all that I could learn, was, that soon after my disappearance, their sufferings and deprivations became so great, that my poor wife in a fit of desparation [sic], as was supposed, put an end to her existence, and that her helpless children did not long survive her!— this was enough! yea more than enough, to fill to the brim the bitter cup of my afflictions!— afflictions which had more less attended me through life!—I then felt but little desire to live, as there was nothing then remaining to attach me to this world— it was at that moment that I formed the determination to retire from it— to become a recluse, and mingle thereafter as little as possible with human society.

 According to a document that happens to have survived the ravages of time, Nicholas Peck (1762-1847) of [Bristol, Rhode Island](#) instructed a ship captain to trade for [slaves](#) at the mouth of the Gallinus River, at Cape Mount, and along the Gold Coast of Africa, and then convey the people he had purchased to Trinidad for sale there. (According to a letter from George F. Usher to Nicholas Peck dated January 31, 1821, a “smuggled cargo” had just been put ashore in Martinique, and this cargo being referred to might very well have been illicit new slaves from Africa — even as late as 1821 that sordid business was still going on, we know, and even as late as 1821, some Rhode Islanders still had their hands dirty!)

[INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE](#)

 At [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Moffitt Mill, a wooden mill powered by a waterwheel (still in part to be seen), was being built on the Great Road along the Moshassuck River. “Hearthside,” residence of the mill’s owner Stephen Smith, was being built nearby, with notable columns and ogive end elevation. During this period the Butterfly Mill was also being built on this Great Road, and the Merino Mill was being built at 61 Ponaganset Avenue on the right bank of the Woonasquatucket River near Glenbridge. (This Merino Mill structure would burn in 1841.)

 The [Pawtucket](#) Engine Company No. 2 of volunteer firemen was founded (the village of Pawtucket was then a part of the town of Seekonk, Massachusetts, which included the area that would eventually become East Providence, [Rhode Island](#)). The bylaws of this association required:

Whenever fire is cryed each member shall repair immediately to the place where the Engine is kept and assist in collecting the apparatus and convey the Engine to the fire, and after the fire is extinguished every member of the Company shall return with the Engine to the place where it is kept, and assist in putting it up in its place in proper order, on failure Thereof to pay a fine of fifty cents.

 In [Pawtucket, Rhode Island](#), [Mayo Greenleaf Patch](#) abandoned his wife and children.

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 There were 53 factories within 30 miles of [Providence](#), 33 of them in [Rhode Island](#) and 20 in Massachusetts.

[READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT](#)

 From this year into 1815, our "[War of 1812](#)" would be being transacted. [Rhode Island](#) would refuse to participate in any way.

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On June 18, 1812, the United States would declare that a state of war existed between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Among the issues leading to the war had been British interception of neutral ships and blockades of the United States during British hostilities with France.

[US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS](#)

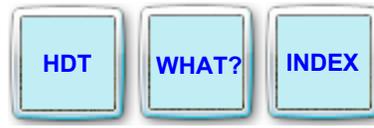


Documents associated with this "[War of 1812](#)":

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In the war, declared in 1812, [Concord](#) furnished several enlisted and several drafted soldiers. The Hon. John L. Tuttle, a Colonel till his death (he will be noticed among the professional men) and Frederick Hildreth, a lieutenant a short time, were the only commissioned officer in the regular service. Lieutenant Sullivan Burbank was stationed, as a recruiting officer, in the house [in Concord] now owned by the Honorable Samuel Hoar.

The militia were called upon several times. The town voted, in May, 1812, to allow \$3 each in addition to their wages, to all who should be detached under the United States law.¹⁴⁵



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145. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#). Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)

Our Perennial Quest to Do Harm So Good Will Come



Extermination of the Pequot Tribe	1634-1637
“King Phillip’s” Race War	1675-1676
The War of 1812	1812-1815
The Revolution of the Texians	1835-1836
War on Mejico	1846-1848
The War for the Union	1862-1865
War to End War	1916-1919
Stopping Hitler	1940-1945
The Korean Police Action	1950-1953
Helping South Vietnam be Free	1959-1975
Cuban Missile Crisis	1962





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"Can history explain anything? [Henry Adams](#), after a lifetime of writing about American history, wasn't sure that it could. 'Historians undertake to arrange sequences, -called stories, or histories- assuming in silence a relation of cause and effect,' he wrote. But he suspected that the assumptions wouldn't bear scrutiny, and he was haunted by the idea that hoping for a causal explanation of human affairs might be a mistake, 'Chaos was the law of nature,' he suggested late in life. 'Order was the dream of man.'"

Perhaps it was Adams's penchant for historiographic nihilism that drew him to the War of 1812, the conflict with Britain that looms large over his masterpiece, the nine-volume "History of the United States During the Administrations of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison." As a great evil, a war calls out for some kind of theodicy -for an explanation of why it happened and what it meant- but the War of 1812 frustrates the desire for such answers. Its origins lie in a concatenation of misperceptions, crossed signals, and false hopes. Its end is no less obscure: America, which started the war, accomplished none of its stated aims, and the peace treaty merely restored the combatants to the status quo before the fight. A number of historians feel that neither Britain nor America won - though most agree that the Indians, allies of Britain who never again seriously obstructed white America's expansion, definitely lost. At the time, no one seemed to have more than a partial understanding of why they were fighting. A British government official compared the two countries to two men holding their heads in buckets of water, to see who would drown first. Adams wrote of the first winter of the war, "So complicated and so historical had the causes of war become that no one even in America could explain or understand them."

- Caleb Crain





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We have a source of information as to the average stature of enlisted men in this period, in Ira Dye's "Heights of Early American Seafarers" in *BIOLOGICAL STANDARD OF LIVING ON THREE CONTINENTS*, John Komlos (ed.), Westview, 1995, pages 95-104. The seamen who were taken prisoner during the [War of 1812](#) averaged 5' 6.85" inches, and that was a full inch and a half shorter than the soldiers of that period. Since the standard deviation was 2.5 inches, there would have been precious few enlisted men who reached an altitude of six feet, the height of Waldo Emerson and John F. Kennedy — and the POW sailor Richard "King Dick" Seaver must have been a real phenomenon.

Table of Altitudes

	Yoda	2' 0"
	Lavinia Warren	2' 8"
	Tom Thumb, Jr.	3' 4"
	Lucy (Australopithecus Afarensis)	3' 8"
	Hervé Villechaize ("Fantasy Island")	3' 11"
	Charles Proteus Steinmetz	4' 0"
	Mary Moody Emerson per FBS (1)	4' 3"
	Alexander Pope	4' 6"
	Benjamin Lay	4' 7"
	Gary Coleman ("Arnold Jackson")	4' 8"
	Queen Victoria with osteoporosis	4' 8"
	Queen Victoria as adult	4' 10"
	Margaret Mitchell	4' 10"
	length of newer military musket	4' 10"
	Charlotte Brontë	4' 10-11"
	Harriet Beecher Stowe	4' 11"
	Laura Ingalls Wilder	4' 11"
	a rather tall adult Pygmy male	4' 11"
	John Keats	5' 0"
	Clara Barton	5' 0"
	Isambard Kingdom Brunel	5' 0"
	Andrew Carnegie	5' 0"
	Thomas de Quincey	5' 0"
	Stephen A. Douglas	5' 0"
	Danny DeVito	5' 0"
	Immanuel Kant	5' 0"
	William Wilberforce	5' 0"
	Mae West	5' 0"
	Mother Teresa	5' 0"
	Deng Xiaoping	5' 0"
	Dred Scott	5' 0" (±)
	Captain William Bligh of HMS <i>Bounty</i>	5' 0" (±)



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Harriet Tubman	5' 0" (±)
Mary Moody Emerson per FBS (2)	5' 0" (±)
John Brown of Providence, Rhode Island	5' 0" (+)
Bette Midler	5' 1"
Jemmy Button	5' 2"
Margaret Mead	5' 2"
R. Buckminster "Bucky" Fuller	5' 2"
Yuri Gagarin the astronaut	5' 2"
William Walker	5' 2"
Horatio Alger, Jr.	5' 2"
length of older military musket	5' 2"
the artist formerly known as Prince	5' 2 ¹ / ₂ "
typical female of Thoreau's period	5' 2 ¹ / ₂ "
Francis of Assisi	5' 3"
Voltaire	5' 3"
Mohandas Gandhi	5' 3"
Sammy Davis, Jr.	5' 3"
Kahlil Gibran	5' 3"
Friend Daniel Ricketson	5' 3"
The Reverend Gilbert White	5' 3"
Nikita Khrushchev	5' 3"
Sammy Davis, Jr.	5' 3"
Truman Capote	5' 3"
Kim Jong Il (North Korea)	5' 3"
Stephen A. "Little Giant" Douglas	5' 4"
Francisco Franco	5' 4"
President James Madison	5' 4"
Iosef Vissarionovich Dzugashvili "Stalin"	5' 4"
Alan Ladd	5' 4"
Pablo Picasso	5' 4"
Truman Capote	5' 4"
Queen Elizabeth	5' 4"
Ludwig van Beethoven	5' 4"
Typical Homo Erectus	5' 4"
typical Neanderthal adult male	5' 4 ¹ / ₂ "
Alan Ladd	5' 4 ¹ / ₂ "
<i>comte de Buffon</i>	5' 5" (-)
Captain Nathaniel Gordon	5' 5"
Charles Manson	5' 5"



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Audie Murphy	5' 5"
Harry Houdini	5' 5"
Hung Hsiu-ch'üan 洪秀全	5' 5"
Marilyn Monroe	5' 5 ¹ / ₂ "
T.E. Lawrence "of Arabia"	5' 5 ¹ / ₂ "
average runaway male American slave	5' 5-6"
Charles Dickens	5' 6?"
President Benjamin Harrison	5' 6"
President Martin Van Buren	5' 6"
James Smithson	5' 6"
Louisa May Alcott	5' 6"
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	5' 6 ¹ / ₂ "
Napoleon Bonaparte	5' 6 ¹ / ₂ "
Emily Brontë	5' 6-7"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	5' ?"
average height, seaman of 1812	5' 6.85"
Oliver Reed Smoot, Jr.	5' 7"
minimum height, British soldier	5' 7"
President John Adams	5' 7"
President John Quincy Adams	5' 7"
President William McKinley	5' 7"
"Charley" Parkhurst (a female)	5' 7"
Henry Thoreau	5' 7"
the average male of Thoreau's period	5' 7 ¹ / ₂ "
Edgar Allan Poe	5' 8"
President Ulysses S. Grant	5' 8"
President William H. Harrison	5' 8"
President James Polk	5' 8"
President Zachary Taylor	5' 8"
average height, soldier of 1812	5' 8.35"
President Rutherford B. Hayes	5' 8 ¹ / ₂ "
President Millard Fillmore	5' 9"
President Harry S Truman	5' 9"
President Jimmy Carter	5' 9 ¹ / ₂ "
Herman Melville	5' 9 ³ / ₄ "
Calvin Coolidge	5' 10"
Andrew Johnson	5' 10"
Theodore Roosevelt	5' 10"
Thomas Paine	5' 10"





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Franklin Pierce	5' 10"
Abby May Alcott	5' 10"
Reverend Henry C. Wright	5' 10"
Nathaniel Hawthorne	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
Louis "Deerfoot" Bennett	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
Friend John Greenleaf Whittier	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
President Dwight D. Eisenhower	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
Sojourner Truth	5' 11"
President Grover Cleveland	5' 11"
President Herbert Hoover	5' 11"
President Woodrow Wilson	5' 11"
President Jefferson Davis	5' 11"
President Richard M. Nixon	5' 11 ¹ / ₂ "
Robert Voorhis the hermit of Rhode Island	< 6'
Frederick Douglass	6' (-)
Anthony Burns	6' 0"
Waldo Emerson	6' 0"
Joseph Smith, Jr.	6' 0"
David Walker	6' 0"
Sarah F. Wakefield	6' 0"
Thomas Wentworth Higginson	6' 0"
President James Buchanan	6' 0"
President Gerald R. Ford	6' 0"
President James Garfield	6' 0"
President Warren Harding	6' 0"
President John F. Kennedy	6' 0"
President James Monroe	6' 0"
President William H. Taft	6' 0"
President John Tyler	6' 0"
John Brown	6' 0 (+)"
President Andrew Jackson	6' 1"
Alfred Russel Wallace	6' 1"
President Ronald Reagan	6' 1"
Venture Smith	6' 1 ¹ / ₂ "
John Camel Heenan	6' 2"
Crispus Attucks	6' 2"
President Chester A. Arthur	6' 2"
President George Bush, Senior	6' 2"
President Franklin D. Roosevelt	6' 2"



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President George Washington	6 ' 2 "
Gabriel Prosser	6 ' 2 "
Dangerfield Newby	6 ' 2 "
Charles Augustus Lindbergh	6 ' 2 "
President Bill Clinton	6 ' 2 1/2"
President Thomas Jefferson	6 ' 2 1/2"
President Lyndon B. Johnson	6 ' 3 "
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.	6 ' 3 "
Richard "King Dick" Seaver	6 ' 3 1/4"
President Abraham Lincoln	6 ' 4 "
Marion Morrison (AKA John Wayne)	6 ' 4 "
Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior	6 ' 4 "
Thomas Cholmondeley	6 ' 4 " (?)
Franklin Benjamin Sanborn	6 ' 5 "
Peter the Great of Russia	6 ' 7 "
Giovanni Battista Belzoni	6 ' 7 "
Thomas Jefferson (the statue)	7 ' 6"
Jefferson Davis (the statue)	7 ' 7"
Martin Van Buren Bates	7 ' 11 1/2"
M. Bihin, a Belgian exhibited in Boston in 1840	8 ' "
Anna Haining Swan	8 ' 1"



January 1, Wednesday: For four days, [Mount Vesuvius](#) would be in eruption: "Effusiva — Lava ad W verso Torre del Greco."

The Austrian Empire's new Civil Code went into effect.

Dr. Benjamin Rush, a mutual friend, had been attempting to get former President John Adams to reconcile with former President [Thomas Jefferson](#). Adams had been bitterly resentful of Jefferson's claim that he was of uniquely importance as the author of a foundational document, the [Declaration of Independence](#). That document had in fact not been a foundational document of the United States of America at all, but a mere piece of political theatre, nor in fact had Jefferson, low man on the totem pole, had that much of a hand in the creation of it. "The Declaration of Independence I always considered as a theatrical show," he wrote at this point. "Jefferson ran away with all the stage effect ... and all the glory of it." However, on this day for the first time in 11 years, Adams did send off a letter to Jefferson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st of 1 Mo 1812// I commence the new Year under feelings of depression, & seriousness on various subjects - And a concern renewed on my mind this evening, that I may double my dilligence in labor to dwell near the life & not suffer it to be lessened



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by neglect. Altho I have not expressed much for a long time in my journal relative to my progress in religious matters yet I have not been unmindful of them, but there is Such a Sameness in each days experience that it seems like unnecessary repetition to express how it is with me daily - When I do well I feel peace & in proportion to my neglect of duty in my condemnation¹⁴⁶



 January 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 1 M 1812// This day news was brought to town that Joseph Cundell was found Near his mill covered in a bank of Snow he was found Yesterday & bury'd this Afternoon. - It so happened this day that my buisness was so that I omitted meeting. - but my mind has been in a favor'd State for which I desire to be thankful. -Set most of the eveng at home

 January 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 1 Mo// Again the mind under exercise which I hope may be proffitable - Sister Mary set the eveng with us -

 January 4, Saturday: Miss Abigail Dudley, who had provided funds for a choir in [Concord](#), died. Her grave would be marked by the 1st gravestone to be fashioned out of white stone, in the Hill Burying-Ground.

“THIS STONE IS DESIGNED

146. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812 and Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815. Series 7 Microfilm Reel #3, positive, is made up of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould's Diary #11, 1812-1815 (July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815, of which the original is held by the Quaker Collection of Haverford College)



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**BY ITS DURABILITY
 TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY,
 AND BY ITS COLOUR
 TO SIGNIFY THE MORAL CHARACTER
 OF
 MISS ABIGAIL DUDLEY,
 WHO DIED JAN. 4, 1812
 AGED 73.”**

This, actually, was the year of the greatest average age of death in Concord:

The following table, exhibiting the number of deaths [in Concord] between several specified ages, the number each year, the aggregate amount of their ages, average age, &c. &c. during the 50 years commencing January 1, 1779, and ending December 31, 1828, was compiled from records carefully kept by the Rev. Dr. Ripley [Ezra Ripley]. Great labor has been expended to make it correct and intelligible.

Year.	Under 1	to 5	to 10	to 20	to 30	to 40	to 50	to 60	to 70	to 80	to 90	to 100	Total.	Aggre. Am. Age.	Average Age.
1779	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	12	578	48
1780	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	10	307	30
1781	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	15	721	48
1782	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	5	3	1	18	933	52
1783	5	2	1	0	4	2	3	1	2	3	1	0	24	811	34
1784	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	17	607	35
1785	2	0	1	0	3	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	17	672	39
1786	4	1	0	4	3	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	19	590	31
1787	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	12	416	35
1788	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	0	19	877	46
1789	3	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	4	1	0	17	694	41
1790	2	5	2	2	2	0	3	0	3	4	3	0	26	970	37
1791	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	3	0	17	841	49
1792	5	0	0	1	4	3	1	6	2	2	1	1	26	1021	39
1793	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	4	1	3	0	2	19	894	47
1794	1	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	5	1	3	1	21	1018	49
1795	0	2	0	4	3	4	1	1	2	2	2	0	21	824	39
1796	1	8	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	6	1	0	27	926	34



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Year.	Under 1	to 5	to 10	to 20	to 30	to 40	to 50	to 60	to 70	to 80	to 90	to 100	Total.	Aggre. Am. Age.	Average Age.
1797	3	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	3	0	21	893	43
1798	4	3	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	5	2	1	21	831	39
1799	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	3	4	4	1	0	20	1006	50
1800	3	7	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	4	2	1	25	926	37
1801	3	3	2	6	3	0	2	2	3	4	4	0	32	1197	37
1802	2	4	1	3	2	2	1	3	1	6	2	0	27	1067	39
1803	2	7	2	3	4	9	3	0	3	2	2	1	38	1194	31
1804	4	4	0	3	3	1	3	3	1	4	2	1	29	1037	39
1805	12	1	0	3	6	2	0	2	2	2	5	0	35	1132	32
1806	5	4	0	1	6	2	1	3	4	1	4	1	32	1201	39
1807	7	1	0	2	6	2	3	1	3	4	2	1	32	1182	37
1808	1	5	1	0	0	1	3	2	4	0	2	0	19	722	38
1809	2	3	0	0	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	19	821	43
1810	5	1	1	3	3	4	4	3	6	4	3	1	38	1626	45
1811	1	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	4	2	2	0	21	881	42
1812	3	6	2	1	1	5	2	2	3	3	3	1	32	1131	36
1813	3	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	4	2	0	27	1094	40
1814	2	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	3	0	2	2	22	1012	46
1815	4	2	4	5	4	5	3	4	5	4	6	1	47	1910	41
1816	6	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	2	4	1	0	21	802	38
1817	2	4	2	2	4	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	21	495	28
1818	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	3	3	2	1	0	20	825	41



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Year.	Under 1	to 5	to 10	to 20	to 30	to 40	to 50	to 60	to 70	to 80	to 90	to 100	Total.	Aggre. Am. Age.	Average Age.
1819	2	2	1	4	0	3	3	4	2	4	1	1	27	1006	37
1820	2	3	0	0	2	3	2	5	0	5	6	0	28	1374	49
1821	3	5	0	2	0	1	3	3	2	10	4	0	33	1582	48
1822	2	10	1	3	5	2	2	3	2	4	2	2	38	1285	34
1823	5	3	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	26	970	37
1824	4	3	0	1	1	2	4	4	3	5	2	0	29	1244	43
1825	3	7	1	1	2	2	5	6	4	6	3	0	40	1645	41
1826	8	6	4	0	3	2	8	4	1	5	2	0	43	1367	32
1827	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	0	3	0	19	893	44
1828	4	4	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	5	1	2	23	1020	48

It is impossible to specify the diseases by which the several persons died. As far as can be ascertained from the [Rev. Dr. Ripley \[Ezra Ripley\]](#)'s records, it appears that about one seventh of the whole number died of consumption, one fifth of fevers of various kinds, one twelfth of old age, one sixteenth of canker-rash, one nineteenth of the dropsy, one twenty-fifth of paralytic affections, and nearly the same number each of dysentery and casualties.

By adding the columns in the above table, we shall find that the whole number, who died during the 50 years, was 1242; of whom 153 died under 1 year of age; 137 of 1 and under 5; 42 of 5 and under 10; 70 of 10 and under 20; 119 of 20 and under 30; 101 of 30 and under 40; 106 of 40 and under 50; 106 of 50 and under 80; 106 of 80 and under 90; 28 of 90 and under 100; and a native black of 105. Of these 107 died in January, 111 in February, 118 in March, 103 in April, 88 in May, 81 in June, 88 in July, 95 in August, 115 in September, 121 in October, 121 in November, and 94 in December. These proportions generally hold good in particular years, more deaths occurring in the spring and autumn than at other seasons of the year. Of those who lived 80 years and over, 54 were males and 81 females; 90 and over, 8 were males and 21 females; 95 and over, 3 were males and 4 females. The year when the least number of deaths occurred was 1780, and when the greatest, 1815. The yearly average is 25 nearly. the least average age was in 1817, the greatest average in 1812. The aggregate amount of all the ages, for 50 years, is 49,192, and the mean average age nearly 40. Estimating our population, during this period, at an average of 1665, which is nearly correct, as will appear on reference to our account of the



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population, we shall find that 1 in 66 dies annually.

153 or 1 in 8 1-8 died under 1 year.	620 or 1 in 2 lived 40 and upwards.
218 or 1 in 5 2-3 died under 2 years.	570 or 1 in 2 1-3 lived 45 and upwards.
255 or 1 in 4 8-9 died under 3 years.	514 or 1 in 2 2-5 lived 50 and upwards.
270 or 1 in 4 3-5 died under 4 years.	463 or 1 in 2 3-5 lived 55 and upwards.
290 or 1 in 4 1-3 died under 5 years.	408 or 1 in 3 1-11 lived 60 and upwards.
304 or 1 in 4 1-11 died under 6 years.	354 or 1 in 3 1-2 lived 65 and upwards.
332 or 1 in 3 3-4 died under 10 years.	296 or 1 in 4 1-5 lived 70 and upwards.
358 or 1 in 3 1-2 died under 15 years.	209 or 1 in 5 1-17 lived 75 and upwards.
402 or 1 in 3 1-11 died under 20 years.	135 or 1 in 9 1-5 lived 80 and upwards.
472 or 1 in 2 3-5 died under 25 years.	69 or 1 in 18 lived 85 and upwards.
521 or 1 in 2 2-5 died under 30 years.	29 or 1 in 42 5-6 lived 90 and upwards.
571 or 1 in 2 1-3 died under 35 years.	7 or 1 in 177 3-7 lived 95 and upwards.
622 or 1 in 2 died under 40 years.	2 lived to 99, and 1 to 105.

In these calculations minute fractions are omitted. They exhibit results highly favorable to the health of the town. Few towns are so healthy.¹⁴⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 1 Mo// The day passed as usual; Set the eveng at home -



January 5, Sunday: French forces surrounding Valencia began to bombard the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 1 Mo// I had an hard battle to engage with the enemy this Morning but thro' divine favor was enabled to keep clear

147. In France, 1 in 31 arrives to the age of 70; in London 1 in 10; in Philadelphia, 1 in 15; and in Connecticut 1 in 8. In Salem, 1 in 48 dies annually; in Philadelphia, 1 in 45; in Boston, 1 in 41; in London, 1 in 40; in Paris, 1 in 32; and in Vienna, 1 in 22. — See *History of Dedham* and *American Quarterly Review*, Vol. VIII. p. 396.

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of offense & if I sinned I believe it was only in thought thus overcoming enabled me to enjoy precious meeting for which I desire to be thankful -In the forenoon D Buffum gave us a lively testimony from the text "Boast not thyself of tomorrow" & very pertinently alluded to the late sudden disaster by Storms at sea & fire in Richmond Va where in the Theater many lives were lost in a few minutes - In the Afternoon C R & H Dennis both appear'd sweetly in testimony. I set most of the evening at home, with my mind comfortably retired which is a State I love to feel -

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January 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6th of 1 Mo// The mind again in conflict which I hope & pray may prove proffitable, may the Stubble & reprobate Metal be consumed, & nothing left which obstructs the circulation of the life - In the Mornng went to Wm Pattens to hear the relations of a passenger in the Ship Orion Capt Barzille Huzzey of [Nantucket](#) from London of grievances & imposition of the Captain on the Voige, which were truly afflicting, the Man whose name was White a Presbyterian Minister supposed the Capt was a member of our Society & wanted the interference of Some of our Members - but on investigation I am induced to think he is not in membership & if he is his conduct has been a disgrace to Us. - In the eveng Met at C J Tennys with the Directors of the African benevolent Society -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



January 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 1 M 1812// My H Spent this Afternoon with our dear Aunts Martha Mary & Hannah Gould, we also set the eveng. I can say it was an agreeable time to me -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



January 8, Wednesday: The Spanish defenders of Valencia surrendered to the surrounding French. Meanwhile, British and Portuguese troops had surrounded the French in Ciudad Rodrigo.

Sigismond Fortuné François Thalberg was born in Pâquis near Geneva, son of Joseph Thalberg and Fortunée Stein (it was possible that at that point both of his parents were the marriage partners of others).

Gioachino Rossini's farsa L'inganno felice to words of Foppa after Palomba was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice, and was very successful with critics and public.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 1 Mo// This day has been pretty much occupied in the Discharge of the Duties of my new appointment as Overseer



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 January 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 1 Mo// Our meeting was silent & comfortable, at least it felt so to me; My H set the Afternoon at Brother Isaac's. I took tea with them.

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 January 10, Friday: The steamboat *New Orleans* arrived in New Orleans. And yes, despite the dire prediction of the mayor of Cincinnati, it would be able to make its way back upriver against the current (since it was almost empty).

[Friend Luke Howard](#) observed what we would now term smog above the great metropolis of London:

...the sky, where any light pervaded it, showed the aspect of bronze. Such is, occasionally, the effect of the accumulation of smoke between two opposite gentle currents, or by means of a misty calm. I am informed that the fuliginous cloud was visible, in this instance, for a distance of forty miles.



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 1 Mo// My mind has been brought under feelings which are pleasant, tho' of a serious nature, for which I desire to be thankful



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 January 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11 of 1_Mo// Nothing particular to insert more than that the Day passes as usual -

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 January 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 1_Mo// In the forenoon we had a Sweet testimony from H Dennis - In the Afternoon silence, & according to my sense they were both good solid Meetings. - Set the eveng at Home Sister Mary spent it with us -

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 January 13, Monday: The publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Two Duos for piano and harp C.257-258 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 1_Mo// The usual rounds - In the eveng called to see Mary Williams Junr who is quite sick -

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 January 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 1_Mo// The day has again passed without anything particular to insert - Sister Ruth set the eveng with us agreeably -

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January 15, Wednesday: Johannes Herbst died in Salem, [North Carolina](#) at the age of 76.

If one looked carefully, one could still make out the great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1) in the night skies, in the constellation Aquarius. (It had been visible since late March in 1811: this had been and still is the longest period of naked-eye visibility of any comet of which we have record.)

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 1 Mo// Father seems to look much more poorly than common this mornng [?] & complains of a new infermity vizt a pain in his breast, The left [?], thinks he has a fever, has prescribed some Medicine & he is better this eveng - tho very feeble - Sister Eliza spent the day with us -

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January 16, Thursday: In his consideration Prime Minister Spencer Perceval was not prosecuting the peninsular war with sufficient vigor, and so Lord Wellesley resigned as Foreign Secretary.

Samuel Hoar, Jr., Joseph Barrett, and Jonas Lee prepared a petition to the Massachusetts legislature, that due to the decrepitude of the Middlesex County buildings in Cambridge, the county offices ought at this point to be removed to [Concord](#). They, and Tilly Merrick, Isaac Hurd, Jonas Buttrick, Francis Jarvis, and Benjamin Prescott, Jr., would be authorized by the townspeople to present this to the legislature:

"To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"The inhabitants of the town of Concord, in the county of Middlesex, humbly show, that the existing laws, requiring some of the sessions of the courts for said county to be holden in said Concord and others in Cambridge in said county, are in their execution attended with many inconveniences. The clerk of said courts is required to transport a large number of dockets and other papers from his office in Cambridge to Concord, when the courts are to hold a session in the latter place; delays are often produced in the trial of causes by the unforeseen demand of papers, in the public offices, at a distance from the place of trial; a large bill of costs is annually crated to said county by the transportation of prisoners from one of those towns to the other, for trial; parties, jurors and witnesses, when the courts sit at Cambridge, are drawn to one extremity of the county to attend the trail of causes; much useless expense to said county is created, not only in building, but in the frequent repairing two court-houses and two jails. The court-house and jail in Cambridge are now old and decayed, and unfit to answer the purposes for which they were built; and others, if the courts are hereafter to be holden there, must soon be erected.

"Your memorialists further represent, that said Concord



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is nearly in the centre of said county, and that a court-house and jail in said town have recently been erected at a considerable expense, which are commodious and sufficient for the use of said county; that in the court-house in Concord, convenient rooms for all public offices for said county may be fitted up at a trifling expense, in which the public records may be deposited more safely than in their present situation.

"Wherefore your memorialists pray, that said Concord may be made the shire town of said county, and that all the courts for said county may in future be holden in said town of Concord. And as in duty bound will ever pray."¹⁴⁸

(This effort would fail.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 1 M 1812// Father rested comfortable last night, & has been free from pain thro' the day, but he is so week that he has kept his bed all day, in getting up this evening found himself much fatigued, he would not consent to have a fire in the Chamber untill I prevailed upon him this Afternoon & while making it up It seem'd to me as if it would be his last illness -I never saw him so sick & low in body before.-

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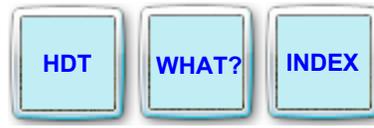
January 17, Friday: After a successful performance in Leipzig, Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann left the city to respond to an invitation from Gotha.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 17 of 1 Mo// Our dear father seems very low this Mornng & much distressed for breath, when I went into his room this morning to carry some fire, I asked him how he did, he said "I am no better. This is hard service I have come to, it is such a turn as I never had before, but I have ruffed it along a great while, & it will be but a little longer on Mothers asking him to take a powder, he said, I dont see that they do any good, I want something for my breath between 10 & 11 OClock the Doctr came & opened a vein, which as yet has not much relieved his breathing, he came again between 12 & 1 OC & says the fever is not so high but considers his case very doubtful & proposes a blister to the Side
While I with dear Aunt Patty Gould was setting by him just now, speaking of his fever he said, The Dr told him it was not so*

148. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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high, but it is the highest & the lowest time I ever knew." The Doctor thinks his complaint is the Peripnumony which in addition to his precious weekness render'd his case very dubious -he has been a little more easy thro' the Afternoon, particularly since his blisters were on & if they draw well thro' the night & no more unfavorable symptoms take place there may be some room to hope he may recruit a little. - I was much gratified that Our friend D Buffum called to see him, not being present I know not as he had any thing particular to communicate.- This is the most afflicting period of my life, I know not how to express myself

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January 18, Saturday: A \$100 reward, plus costs, was issued for the capture and return of Jack, his wife Betty, and their daughter Fanny, who were eluding the white Virginian who had purchased them, James A. Glenn. Jack, who had formerly been the property of J. Byad, was a small mulatto man of about 40 or 45 years of age and a very sensible man with hair that could be made to appear straight. He had been an active good gardener, hostler, and carriage driver. Betty, his wife, who had formerly been the property of John Corbin, was a fleshy mulatto woman between 30 and 35 years of age, and a very pleasant person. Fanny, their daughter, had reached 14 or 15 years of age, was very crosseyed, was short and stout, and was like her mother a very pleasant person. The newspaper advertisement suggested that they might be residing with free relatives of color and would probably be pretending to be themselves also free:

100 DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber in Halifax county, Virg. on the night of the 7th July, 1811, three Slaves, viz JACK, his wife BETTY, and their daughter FANNY—Jack is a small mulatto man, about 40 or 45 years of age, his hair inclined to be straight; he is very sensible, and an active good gardener, hostler and carriage driver; Betty is a large mulatto woman, inclined to be very fleshy and has a pleasing countenance when spoken to; she is between 30 and 35 years of age, and Fanny, a mulatto girl, 14 or 15 years of age, very cross-eyed, has a pleasing countenance, and apt to smile when spoken to, she is low but stout and well made. Jack carried with him two hampers turned up with buff, one of which was newly new, and a number of other clothes. Betty and Fanny carried with them a number of good clothes, not recollected. They will, doubtless, attempt to pass as free, and probably will be seeking about Richmond, where Betty has a brother and her mother living, both of whom are free; her brother calls himself John H. Muleton. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against conveying away, or in any way harboring and assisting them at their peril.

I will give the above reward if secured in any jail so that I get them again, or one third for either of them. If brought home all reasonable charges will be paid, in addition to the above reward.

JOHN WILSON, Committee of
James A. Glenn.

N. B.—Jack formerly belonged to J. Byad, Betty was purchased of John Corbin.

Naughty Jack. Naughty Betty. Naughty crosseyed Fanny. What, did they suppose they were entitled to — life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

[SLAVERY](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 1 M 1812// Our dear father is no better this



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morning, when I went into his room & enquired how he felt with some difficulty he said I am no better, I have had a very hard night -

He has been as comfortable as could be expected this day tho' very weak & low. I think I have not seen him sleep so easy nor fetch so long breaths since he was taken as this evening, yet from his many weaknesses & emaciated body I hardly dare lay hold of hope. -

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January 19, Sunday: France reoccupied Swedish Pomerania.

Allied (UK-Portugal-Spain) troops captured the French garrison at Ciudad Rodrigo southwest of Salamanca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 1 Mo// My dear father remains much as yesterday. I Watched with him last night & dear Aunt Patty Gould set up with me, desirous to do as much as long as she can for him, he rested the forepart of the night & rased [?] as easy as could be expected, about 3 OClock he became very restless & wanted to get up, but we prevailed upon him to lay till near day break & thro' the day his raising continued easy to what it was - This evening while the Doctor was there he expressed his satisfaction with him & said he believed he could & did do all that a Doctor could for him he also spake of our great attention to him & when ever I went to him thro' the last night & today he seem'd very affectionate. Our very kind & helpful friend Thos Hornsby spent most of the Afternoon & evening with him

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January 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 1 Mo// My dear father seems weaker this mornng but remains sensible - he has been restless & uncomfortable thro' the day but after being got up in the eveng he seem'd quite as comfortable as could be expected & slept more than an hour & at nine OClock I left him as well as could be expected - He asked Mother what was the day of the Month on her telling him the 20th he said this is the day that John was to sail Meaning Uncle John Stanton who we had heard previous to his illness was to sail on this day from N York for Liverpool, after he waked out of a nap of sleep, he was asked if he wanted any thing he said no nothing but to be still & quiet - In the course of the day he told Susanna Davenport an old friend of the family that, he knew his time was Short & that he was quite resigned to & Satisfied with the event



January 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s father, James Gould, died.

*3rd day 21 of 1 M 1812// I think my dear father seems, not to be more sunken this mornng than he was last night, tho' his Watchers (who were Benj Hadwen & Hannah Hull) say that he was much distressed till after 2 OClock in the morning
11 OC AM I think my dear father is now sinking very fast, he breaths short, is cold, & refuses to take any thing whatever, but lays very composed & his countenance bespeaks a placid state
1 OC PM, My dear father is still more sunk than when I wrote the above, he does not speak & appears to be fast expiring, his countenance is still placid, & he looks around on all in the room as if he knew all, & I have no doubt he does & is sensible that the last moment of his existence fast approaches, - Oh Awful Era, ! may my soul be prepared for it, when it may arrive. - At several times and particularly a few minutes ago, while Standing by his bedside it seem'd as if all fell into Stillness which was attended with a Solemn but sweet covering, & my spirit favord to partake a little of it, for which I desire to be thankful
Past 2 OClock I have now the painful distressing task to insert the decease of my dear & affectionate father he breathed his last in this World about 10 Minutes before 2 OClock this Afternoon - not expecting his disolution quite so soon I stepped out & wrote the foregoing but was soon sent for. I found he had lain much as I left him untill be became violently convulsed & when he came out of that very soon expired - The dear old man continued sensible & knew all around him untill he became convulsed, a few minutes before that time Mother asked him if he knew Isaac he nodded his head to say yes but his weakness had so far increased that he was past speaking
This morning Mother perceived that it was not probable that he could last long expressed to him her apprehension of their being soon to part in this World, he reply'd that he was fully sensible of it, & said we met in Love & we part in it, he said that as to his great account he felt no uneasiness about it, believing it to be settled but that some of his outward affairs were not so well arranged as he could wish, but however he was not very uneasy about them - About two Months ago he purchased a small house of which it was his intention to have given, his Sisters a life lease in, Mother afsured him that She would see that they should not be disturbed, to which he added that he knew if she had not have exerted herself in the affair it never would have been procured, -he has many times manifested his satisfaction at having Aunt Patty Gould with him, & when our Good old friend Susanna Davenport came to see him he expressed his readiness to depart & seem'd desirous for her to Stay in the house as long as he lasted which she did & was truly helpful. -
Thomas Hornsby's kindness & attenion he also seem'd very greatful for, & indeed thro' his whole illness his patience & affection towards those around him has been remarkable, & he has*



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*now gone I have no doubt to rest, from the labors pains & fatigue
if this World to a world where Sorrow is no more known, to
receive a reward according to his Works. -*

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January 22, Wednesday: A 3d regency was set up in Spain to rule for King Fernando VII, in opposition to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 22nd of 1 mo 1812// My dear father now lays a Corpse, I
think I never saw him look more natural, indeed he looks more
like himself than he has for several months. There seems to be
allmost a Smile on his Countenance, which to my mind is an
additional evidence of his being now at rest. - I have been most
of the day at home my dear H being in a situation which prevented
her being with my dear Mother in this trying occasion, & from
her present situation & the severity of the Weather has
prevented her going to see father in his illness which has been
a great cross to her & not less so to us all - but we are favor'd
with quiet minds for which & all other blessing I desire to be
renewedly thankful*

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January 23, Thursday: At 9AM there was a follow-on major (~7.0-7.8 Richter) earthquake along the [New Madrid fault](#), continuing the damage that had begun on December 16, 1811. After this string of quakes, there would be a new lake in Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, that had not existed in 1810.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23 of 1 Mo// This is the day we have concluded on to pay
the last duties to the remains of our dear father, his corpse
retains its placidity & is no way alter'd from yesterday. -
The funeral was at 2 O'clock at the house attended by many friends
& respectable inhabitants of the town, for he was a man of good
Report & unblemished Character, but there was not near as many
attended as would have done had the going been more safe, much
snow was on the Ground & the walking very slippery - After about
an hours setting at the house our friend D Buffum observed that
such a Solemn pause on such occasions was very proper & useful
in giving time for reflections, that the turn must soon be hours
& he then thought if all were easy it was a suitable time to
proceed to the last Duties - Which we did, & during the time of
the funeral, I think I can say for us all, Our minds were favor'd
with as much composure as could be expected on an occasion so
trying, so deeply afflicting
Altho' Our dear father had lived to the Advanced Age of nearly
73 Years & from his numerous infermities of body, it could not*



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be expected he could live much longer to go in & out before us, yet, the event is hard to bear, we shall feel his loss each succeeding day of our lives, & very expecially Our dear & affectionate Mother who will feel as a Stricken Deer or Sparrow on the house top.

We much regret, the weather has been such that we could not have the company of our Cousins Peleg Gardiner & Wife, & Lewis L Clarke from Narragansett, it would have been a peculiar Stay & comfort expecially to Mother, but we could not even send them Word of our Situation. –

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January 24, Friday: Robert Fulton's and Livingston's workshops in New-York were destroyed by arson.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 1 M 1812// I have spent most of the day in writing to L L Clarke & finishing some other writing on hand –finding my self not very well & a pain sometimes in my side I thought it was most prudent to Set the evening at home to avoid exposure to this very raw & uncomfortable air. – I hardly ever knew a more severe Spell of weather than we have had for several weeks past --

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January 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 1 Mo// The loss of my dear father has been the Subject of my thoughts most of the day & indeed let my body be employed about what it would that has been uppermost in my mind. I desire yea pray that we may all be favor'd to abide in the Quiet & live in the peace together. My dear Mother seems much striped & my dear Aunts much foresaken, but I trust they have those yet living who will care for them & feel affectionatly for their wellfare. –



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 January 26, Sunday: France annexed Andorra.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 1 Mo// Owing to the very sloppy walking our meeting was smaller than common, especially in the Afternoon -In the forenoon C Rodman spoke to the people - After tea I called a little while at D Williams & set the remainder of the eveng at home & read Bucannans Christian Researches in Asia

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 January 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 1 Mo// Rec'd letters from Cousin L L Clarke which was as a brooke by the way - We every day feel the recent great loss revived, & my heart is indeed hevly in the remembrance, but he is gone from us & it now remains for Survivors to make the best of our journey to a better country where I doubt not but he has gone & is at peace & rest. -

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 January 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 1st M 1812// Every time I enter the late dwelling of my dear father, I feel his loss & miss him from his seat both in the Shop & house, which allways leaves a painful voice in my mind, but it teach us to realize & reconcile the various changes to which we are subject in passing thro this probationary state & vale of tears. -

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 January 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 1 Mo// The usual rounds of buisness & the usual feelings & reflections of late -

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January 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 1 Mo// This day was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in town which was made small in consequence of the bad weather travelling -20 females attended, yet the buisness of both Meetings was transacted pretty well - In the first C R was concern'd in testimony which to my mind carried the evidence of the right thing & I beleive made its way in the minds of All present - The last was to me a low time but was not an hard time. - I was favor'd with feeling & some good degree of animation, for which I desire to be thankful
In the eveng called a little while at D Williams & set the remainder at Home Sisters Ruth & Eliza being there -*

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January 31, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 31 of 1 Mo// My mind has been much occupied in feeling & thinking on the loss of my dear & very affectionate father. I miss him every day & shall continue to untill the end of my Days -

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February 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 2 M 1812// The mind occupied much as Yesterday & nothing has transpired different from the usual rounds

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February 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 2 Mo// Our meetings were large - In the forenoon C R preached, (I have no doubt) with good Authority
Set the eveng at Home with My H. -*

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February 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 2 Mo// Attended the Town Council with my Dear Mother



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to prove the Will of my late dear father, a trying time to Mother She has my sincere sympathy. My H being pretty Smart spent the Day at my Mothers - Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon

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 February 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 2 M 1812// I have spent part of this day in finishing a letter which I begun yesterday to Uncle & Aunt Stanton giving a more particular acct of my dear fathers sickness & Death
My dear Aunt Martha Gould spent the Afternoon & part of the evening with us. - While I set looking at her my mind was struck with her innocent countenance, & mild affectioate tone of voice. I love her much & believe I have thro' life duly appreciated her worth to me, she has been to me in my youth an anxious caretaker & continues to this day to love me & I do her most sincerely -*

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 February 5, Wednesday: Governor Tompkins's committee submitted a report suggesting the basic features of a school system that would become New York state law.

After some private performances and a public concert in Weimar, Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann arrived in Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 2 Mo// Nothing but the usual rounds & the usual reflections thro' the Day. -

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 February 6, Thursday: José García de León y Pizarro replaced Eusebio Bardají y Azara as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 2 Mo// I am sorry again to acknowledge that buisness has kept me from meeting, a circumstance which I allways lament but so it is. Sometimes things will so operate as to prevent - It is remarkable that most of our friends who went yesterday to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting return'd this Afternoon towards night, it appears meeting got thro' in season for them to go on board the Packet by 3 OClock & they got down before night which is a circumstance never before happened. -



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 February 7, Friday: At 4:45AM there was another follow-on major (~7.4-8.0 Richter) earthquake along the [New Madrid fault](#), completing the series that had begun on December 16, 1811 and continued on January 23, 1812. After this series of major quakes, there would be a new lake in Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, that had not existed in 1810. I'm sure there couldn't have been any connection, but at Landport in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, Charles Dickens (Charles John Huffam Dickens) was born into a family beleaguered by debt. His father John Dickens, son of a butler and a housekeeper at Crewe Hall, had risen to the post of clerk in the Navy Pay Office. His mother Elizabeth Barrow was the daughter of a senior clerk in that Navy Pay Office.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 2 Mo// My mind has for several days been brought under close exercise, from an apprehension that duty will lead me to write a letter to Uncle Benjamin Gould touching the things of his everlasting Peace, but peculiar circumstances render the performance of it a great trial, & how it will terminate in my mind I cannot tell at present. I do most ardently wish him well, & at this time my secret Prayer is that his last days may be his best Days

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 February 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 2 Mo// My mind is exercised with subjects before me, the importance of which feel momentous.

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 February 9, Sunday: Incidental music for Kotzebue's plays The Ruins of Athens and King Stephen by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time, at the opening of the Pest Theater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 2 Mo// C Rodman spake in our forenoon meeting & according to my judgement a good evidence attended his communication - The Afternoon Meeting was Silent - It has been a day of exercise to my Spirit, which I hope may prove profitable -- Set the eveng at home with my H. -

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 February 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 10 of 2 Mo// This eveng paid visits of Sympathy to my old neighbors Saml Gibbs & Saml Towle, the latter is very sick himself & has a daughter very low, his wife also suffers much with a lame foot which renders them in a very helpless situation, when we lived in their neighborhood they were very kind & affectionate neighbors to us, & they Still remain near in our hearts, & are people whom I believe near the Kingdom of heaven – My H set the Afternoon at her fathers

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February 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 2 Mo// Our Meeting seem'd a refreshing brooke by the way C Rodman & H Dennis were conserved in short but lively testimonys. – In the eveng called at D Williams, a little while & set the remainder ar home with my H. –

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February 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 2 Mo// The Mind much occupied on things of a serious nature. In the eveng called at Aunt Patty Goulds & found her complaining with a lame side. I hope she will get better & be spaired to us a little longer. –

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February 15, Saturday: Due to tensions between France and Russia, and due to his pending divorce proceedings, Adrien Boieldieu wrote to Tsar Alyeksandr from Paris that he needed to resign from his position as Kapellmeister.

The United States of America claimed the Oregon Territory.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 2 Mo// Occupied at trade but the mind has been turned to look inward, & the life has been raised.

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February 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 2 Mo// In the forenoon it seem'd as if the life



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was low, yet R C & D B had lively & acceptable testimonies to bear –In the Afternoon things seemed a little better & C R spake a few words, nearly as follows "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the Dead that Christ may give thee life, & then when the Gospel trumpet is sounded thou wilt be susceptible to its glorious effects"
Saw cousin Thos Gould at Aunt Marthas this evening & was very glad, as I esteem him much. –

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 February 17, Monday: [Ellen Sturgis](#) was born in Boston, daughter of the wealthy China trader William F. Sturgis with Elizabeth Marston Davis Sturgis, daughter of a prominent Boston jurist.¹⁴⁹ From her poem "Life a Duty":

I slept, and dreamed that life was Beauty;
I woke, and found that life was Duty.
Was thy dream then a shadowy lie?
Toil on, poor heart, unceasingly;
And thou shalt find thy dream to be
A truth and noonday light to thee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 2 Mo// Thos Gould called to see me, & spent Some time in the Shop – In the evening I called at Aunt M Gs a little while

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 February 18, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann performed a private recital for the royal family in Dresden. Their public performance in Dresden was unsuccessful, Weber's music being found deficient by comparison with Louis Spohr's.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 2 Mo// Called at Aunt M Gs, & found her not Smart Mother R Set the evening with us --

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 February 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 2 Mo// Aunt Molly Gould fell & hurt her side this morning & was bled this Afternoon –

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149. Her sister Caroline [Caroline Sturgis Tappan] would not be born until 1819.



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February 20, Thursday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) sailed his *Traveller* from Sierra Leone toward the coast of Massachusetts with a cargo of African goods. Upon arrival, his vessel and its cargo would be embargoed because his last port of call had been a British port and the US and Britain had gone to war.

In 1812 tensions between the United States and Britain were nearly at the breaking point. Once home, having just returned from a British colony, Cuffe's ship was seized by customs officials. The incident necessitated Cuffe's going to Washington to win back his brig and cargo. He was not only successful in this goal, but he also met with President [James Madison](#) in an attempt to gain support for his next trip to Sierra Leone. Cuffe was the first black man to ever meet on official business with the President of the United States.

Cuffe intended to visit Sierra Leone once each year, bringing skilled immigrants and needed supplies while exporting African products to cover expenses. He had purchased a house in Freetown but never intended to settle there himself, because, as he explained "my wife is not willing to go." The war with England delayed his return, however, as traffic with the enemy became forbidden.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Berlin on his concert tour with Heinrich Joseph Baermann. He would stay at the home of the parents of his fellow student Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 2nd Mo 1812// Our first meeting was pretty favor'd to me but attended with a doubtful occurrence. - The first (Preparative) was short - but two friends asked for certificates -thus we go one after another, Some are removed by Death & some go to other places untill I know not but Poor R Island will be entirely striped of friends.
Sister Joanna Set the evening with us -*

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February 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 2 Mo// Nothing very particular to insert - Day after Day passes away & I remain much as I have been for years; -however I am not unmindful that time is Swiftly & Silently on the wing & that it will soon be finished with me even if my days should be lengthened to the age allotted man by Scripture

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February 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 2 Mo// Went to Redwood Lybrary return'd the



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"History of Plants" which I had taken from there some weeks ago.

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February 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 2 Mo// In the forenoon C R spake a little acceptably. The Afternoon was Silent. I set the eveng at home. My H not well -

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February 24, Monday: Prussia signed a treaty of alliance with France. The treaty bound Prussia to allow the free passage of French troops and to provide 20,000 Prussian troops for use with France. Prussia also adhered to the Continental System.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 2nd Mo// Nothing particular to insert, except the usual rounds - The weather is very close & winterlike which has a tendency with some other circumstances to depress my spirits.

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Rosalind Cobb Wiggins has pointed out that while Friend Paul's vessel was being impounded by the US Coast Guard on [Aquidneck Island](#) in April, he would be lodging at the home of [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Hannah Gould in [Newport](#), and that this amounted to a social gesture in the society of that day that was bold even for [Quakers](#): "White people who could afford servants considered African-Americans to be the lowest sort of domestic, scarcely educable and more like the docile creatures in their barns. People of Color could be lodged in the stable and fed in the kitchen, but not Paul in Stephen and Hannah's home." I do not find evidence, however, within Friend Stephen's journal itself, that Friend Paul lodged at the Gould home for more than one evening, or that he slept in some supposedly available area inside the home itself rather than in an outbuilding, and so I wonder whether Friend Rosalind had independent evidence of that lodging — or whether she was here merely drawing an unsupported speculative inference. (Within my own conceptual frame of reference, I rather doubt that there would have been available a "decent" space within the tiny home to put up a white adult male overnight, let alone putting up an adult male of color, unless he were to doze sitting up before the fire in the front room.)



February 25, Tuesday: Opening of Massachusetts General Hospital in [Boston](#).

Robert Fulton left Washington DC for New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 2 Mo// It is extremely [s]lippery walking & this

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Morning in coming out of father R's door I sliped & fell my whole length into the street against the steps on my back which hurt my shoulders & ribs very much -

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February 26, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 2 Mo// I am better of my fall today, for which I desire to be thankful - This eveng visited the African School.

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February 27, Thursday: George Gordon, Lord Byron's maiden speech at the House of Lords was in opposition to a proposal to impose capital punishment upon Luddites found guilty of frame-breaking.



LORD BYRON'S SPEECH

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 2 Mo// Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is this day held at Portsmouth, I would have been glad to have gone, but such is the situation of my dear H that at present I feel most easy not to leave her long at a time. - Those who attended the meeting say they had a pretty good time, but suffered much with the cold in going & coming.

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February 28, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 2 Mo// I hardly know what to say. The day has passed, & to but very little account in any way. -

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February 29, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s Cantos I and II of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE were published, inclusive of the line

Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow?



that would be so often quoted by Frederick Douglass in 1863 while he was seeking volunteers for the Civil War black regiments:

*Liberty won by white men would lose half its luster.
Who would be free themselves must strike the blow.
Better even die free, than to live slaves.
I urge you to fly to arms and smite to death the power
that would bury the Government and your liberty
in the same hopeless grave.
This is your golden opportunity.*



HEREDITARY BONDSMEN! KNOW YE NOT WHO WOULD BE FREE, THEMSELVES MUST STRIKE THE BLOW!--British Poet.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 2 Mo// The day has passed as usual. & the mind in its usual mood

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March 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 3 M 1812// C Rodman ministered unto us in both meetings, & In how not but his appearance was acceptable. I thought I was favor'd especially in the forenoon to know something of an opening. -

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March 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 3 Mo// The Day has again passed with the usual rounds.

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 March 3, Tuesday: Cuffee, a Paumanok Long Island Shinnecock Indian minister, died near Montauk, New York at the age of 55.

The US Congress passed the 1st foreign aid bill.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 3 of 3 M Each day produces so little, that is worthy of
nore & my mind so barrab of Life that, I sometimes doubt the
propriety of my waisting paper, but do not deel quite easy to
omit it*

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 March 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 3 rd M 1812// Nothing but the usual rounds.

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 March 5, Thursday: Spanish forces laid siege to Cuautla, held by Mexican revolutionaries.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5 of 3 M ?// Our meeting was pretty well attended & I
can truly say that my mind was comforted with the presence of
several of the youth who appear, sober minded & from their good
conduct are hopeful, & I am fully of the faith that some of them
will become useful members—*

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 March 6, Friday: Aaron Lufkin Dennison, father of American watchmaking, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 3 Mo// Nothing particular to insert. —

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 March 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 3 Mo// The day has passed pretty much as usual.



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 March 8, Sunday: Georg Joseph Vogler and his student Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) departed from Darmstadt for a journey to München.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 3 Mo// In the Mornng Meeting C R spake a few words & in the Afternoon we sat in Silence. - My mind was some what barran in them but not in so poor a state as at sometimes. -

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 March 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 3 Mo// I am well aware that the enemy does in divers ways beset me & sometimes with sharp buffeting, but I am thankful in believing that the good hand is yet near me & does help beyond what I have a right to expect. -

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2nd day 10th of 3 M 1812// My Beloved H & her little son rested finally [?] last night & are comfortable today. I desire not to set my heart upon this child or promise myself any happiness in him. We have had a proof of the fallacy of such promises in the loss of our dear little Caleb, who I often think of & can scarcely help repining in seasons of weakness when I think of his very engaging ways. he was certainly a remarkable fine child -but it may be childish in me to say much more about him, if this is as forward & as engaging as he was it will be a renewed cause of humility & gratitude, which I hope my heart will not be calous to. -

 March 10, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) published the first two cantos of his CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE. The sensation would be immediate and widespread and would establish Byron in the mind of the public. He would later remark, "I awoke one morning and found myself famous."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 3 Mo// I have today been made acquainted with some cases wherein the enemy is secretly & all most quite openly at work at the other end of the Island, on which account I feel Sorrowfull, & may an increased concern prevail in my mind to work against his subtilty in my own heart that it may be the more clean & qualified frallies [?] his shafts against others. -



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 March 11, Wednesday: A decree was issued in Prussia that “Jews and their families presently residing in our States and in possession of general privileges, patents of naturalization, letters of protection, and concessions were considered inhabitants and citizens of Prussia.”

JUDAISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 3 Mo// Oh! that I was better. I feel the need of more life more of the quickeneing spirit, but am comforted with the belief that I am yet favor'd with that or the renewal of that which is necessary to the Souls Salvation.

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 March 12, Thursday: The Spanish Cortes passed a liberal constitution in Cadiz. This would become the manifesto for Spanish liberals through a great part of the 19th Century.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 3 M C R was concerned in testimony in our meeting today. & on my own part may acknowledge that it was a season of some favor vouchsafed to my mind for which I desire to be thankful - Altho' the mind wandered a little, yet it was enabled to keep the object in view

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 March 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 3 Mo// My mind has various ways been exercised & depressed on subjects which I have thought best not to insert here, Oh that I may be favored to keep the right object in view.

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March 14, Saturday: Fearful of Russian expansion, Austria concluded a military alliance with France, agreeing to provide an army for [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

Cirio in Babilonia, ossia La caduta di Baldassare, a dramma con cori by Gioachino Rossini to words of Aveni, was performed, presumably for the initial time, in the Teatro Comunale, Ferrara. This was a flop.

The birth of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s son, John Stanton Gould.

*7th day 14 of Mo// My dear Wife has been sometime expecting to be sick & this Afternoon much indisposed but did not send for assistance untill near sunset & about 7 OClock was delivered of a fine boy for which I desire to [be] thankful to the Lord, the great giver of all good things. -
This is an event which has long exercised my mind, & I can but repeat my thankfulness that it is thus far over. The Doctor was not in the house to exceed an hour, & my Dear H is as well this evening as can be expected-*

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March 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 3 Mo// C R spake in our forenoon Meeting. In the Afternoon we were Silent. My H & little sone had a restless night but have been as comfortable thro' the day as could be expected. -

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March 16, Monday: The Emperor [Napoléon](#) appointed his brother Joseph (King José I of Spain) as commander-in-chief of the French armies in Iberia.

An allied (Great Britain/Portugal) army reached the French-held fortress of Badajoz in Extremadura, Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 3 M 1812// My Beloved H & her little son rested finally [?] last night & are comfortable today. I desire not to set my heart upon this child or promise myself any happiness in him. We have had a proof of the fallacy of such promises in the loss of our dear little Caleb, who I often think of & can scarcely help repining in seasons of weakness when I think of his very engaging ways. he was certainly a remarkable fine child -but it may be childish in me to say much more about him, if this is as forward & as engaging as he was it will be a renewed cause of humility & gratitude, which I hope my heart will not be calous to. -

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 March 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 3rd Mo// Our little son was very ill last evening & the nurse thought he was almost gone, but recover'd & slept quietly all night. - I hardly think we shall be able to raise him, but I desire to leave the event to the All Wise disposer & humbly to acquiesse with what he pleases to lay upon me. - I am brought this morning under a depressing sense of my unworthyness, & Oh! that all uncleanness may be perged out. -

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 March 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 3 Mo// The young child & his mother had a fine night last & are this mornng very comfortable. for which may render the tribute of a greatful hearts. - I have had the Company of my much lov'd friend Jos Austin for an hour or two in my Shop which has been very greatful - he also set a little while with my H this evening -

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 March 19, Thursday: The Spanish Constitution of 1812 was proclaimed in Cadiz. This was liberal in that it supported universal suffrage and a constitutional monarchy under King Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 3 Mo// Our meeting was pretty well attended & was comfortable to me - In the first C R had a small communication, & in the last Job Weeden son of John of Connanicut, requested the care & membership of Society which was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & as a ballance for that agreeable occurence, the overseers inform'd that they had treated with E W Lawton for keeping company with a woman not of society, so that it seems as if what is laid on with one hand is taken off with the other.

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 March 20, Friday: Jan Ladislav Dussek died of gout at either St. Germain-en-Laye or Paris, at the age of 52.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 3 Mo// The young Child & his Mother again rested



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*well last Night - the usual rounds thro' the Day. - In eveng
Called at Aunt M Gould.*

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 March 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 21 of 3 Mo// I feel a degree of thankfulness that My
Dear H & little son are doing as well as they are. -*

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 March 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 3 Mo// Last night I spent in Watching with
Christo[pher] Grant Mason & in the Mornng went to bed - In the
Afternoon attended Meeting which was as bright as I could expect
after setting up all night - D Rodman walked with me to Saml
Thurstons where we took tea & set most of the evening --*

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 March 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 23 of 3 M 1812// I heard this mornng that John Weaver of
Connanicut has departed this life, thus we go one after another
to our long homes, & the time will soon come when it will come
to those who are now young in years*

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 March 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 24 of 3 Mo// This mornng while setting silently the Spring
of life arose in my mind with much Sweetness & comfort for which
I desire to be thankful
We have now pretty much concluded that our little Son be named
John Stanton - it is far from being my wish that he should be
so called, as three names I much disapprove of, & John is not
the name of my choice, but Aunt Martha Stanton in a letter from
N York requested some Months ago & before my dear fathers decease
that if this child was a son that his name be so called, which
father knew & was pleased with - My dear Mother seems now very
anxious the child should be called agreeable to his aunts*



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request, which seems very difficult for me to countenance., & as I feel nothing of conscience about it, think best to acquiesce with the desires of both Mother & Aunt

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 March 25, Wednesday: Publication of the Twelve Dances for piano op.44 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Samuel Wesley and his wife Charlotte Louisa Martin Wesley executed a deed of separation.

[Lady Caroline Lamb](#) gave a waltzing party at Melborne House. Among the guests were [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), Annabella Milbanke, Rev. Sidney Smith, Lady Jersey, Lord and Lady Kinnaird, et al.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 3 Mo// The day has rolled away much as days generally do with me – Several friends went to Connanicut to attend the funeral of our Aged & Worthy friend John Weaver whose remains were carried to the Meeting house & after Meeting were decently inter'd in the Meeting House Yard I should have been glad, & thought of going but concluded as tomorrow is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting it would not be best to leave my Shop two days successively –

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 March 27, Friday: [Caroline Lamb](#) wrote her initial love letter to [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 3 Mo// Yesterday toward night, Departed this Life at his house in [Portsmouth](#) HOLDER ALMY a worthy & excellent man, & will be a great loss to Society - His Ministry was generally lively & clear & I have no doubt hath been helpful to many, especially the feeble minded. -

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 March 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 3 M 1812// The day has passed with the usual rounds. - My H & little son are quite smart. May I be daly thankful

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 March 29, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 29 of 3_Mo// The day has been exceedingly Stormy which has prevented my going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of the much lov'd & Valuable friend HOLDER ALMY whose remains I understand were taken to the Meeting House where Our friend D Buffum & Wm Almy were engaged in testimony, & After Meeting his remains were decently inter'd in the burying ground near the Meeting house. He has been for many years useful & acceptable in the Ministry, & his innocent & exemplary life has render'd him an ornament to society, he died greatly beloved by all who knew him, & his loss will be great to his family & society. - Our Meetings at home were but small owing to the inclemency of the weather, & tho' my mind was somewhat on the rove yet, there seem'd to be a good degree of favor which render'd the retreat more easy when I detected my self thinking on unprofitable subjects.- In the Mornng D Clapp Jr called to see me & was at Meeting. he appears to be a Sober Man

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March 30, Monday: The allied army surrounding Badajoz began bombardment of the fortress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 3_Mo// The Day has passed with the usual rounds-

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March 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 3_Mo// Another day one much as usual

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April 1, Wednesday: Count Nikolai Ivanovich Saltykov replaced Prince Mikhail Barclay de Tolly as Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of Russia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 4th M 1812// This has been a precious day with me, my spirit has been much tender'd & sweetness from several occurences. particularly in Conversation with my dear friend Sarah Fish who has been to the Shop & opened Some of her exercises [meaning trials and difficulties] in which I was led into near sympathy with her & enabled to say a little which was at least satisfactory to my own mind & I believe was encouraging to her - My spirit was also tendered bu a short visit from my much loved neighbor Samuel Towle who has been in affliction all



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Winter, having had a sick daughter & now lays very low. - I was also not a little tender'd by a visit from Cousin William Borden. - our conversation turned on days that are gone & some of our relations that are doubtless at rest & the various changes that we are subject to in this World

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 April 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 4 M 1812// Our Meeting was comfortable Hannah Dennis appear'd in a few sweet & savory expressions, then C Rodman Spake (I thought) with a good degree of Authority.

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 April 4, Saturday: US President James Madison signed a 90-day embargo on British trade.

Jean de Paris, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Saint-Just, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris, his first production since returning to Paris from St. Petersburg.

 April 5, Sunday: In St. Petersburg, an alliance between Russia and Sweden was signed. Russia gave assurances that in the division of the spoils of war Sweden would get Norway, and promised to send 30,000 soldiers to drive the French from [Germany](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 [sic] of 4 M // Our forenoon Meeting was silent, in the Afternoon C R Spake a few words, with weight Visited the Work & Alms Houses with D Rodman - This has been a day of Much reflection on various Subjects. -& my mind has been de[ressed] with the prospects before me. -

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 April 6, Monday: After British and Portuguese troops captured, from a combined garrison of French, Spanish, and Hessians, the fortress and city of Badajoz in Extremadura, what followed was a plunder, rape, and murder of local citizens.

The [Shelleys](#) returned from [Ireland](#) to Wales.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 4 M // Oh! that I was what I ought to be. Altho' I do try to maintain the conflict yet such is the stroving between



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flesh & spirit that in consequence of the predominance of the former the latter is often but very lean & barren. -

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 April 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 4 M // This morning a bunch which my mother had on her Shoulder worked out. it looked like a worm in a Cows Back & resembled thus [a circle with a dot in the middle] it was blue & red & I have no doubt was or is of a cancerous nature. what the future will be with it is uncertain but she says, it feels much better than it has for Months. - Rec'd a letter from Isaac Austin Dated [blank] M [blank] Richmond in Virginia. -

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 April 9, Thursday: At 9:30AM José Antonio Aponte and other leaders of an uprising of blacks in Cuba were [hanged](#). His head in an iron cage would be placed on display in front of the home in which he had lived (heads of these other leaders would also be variously posed).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 [sic] of 4 M // Our meeting was silent & I thought my mind was favor'd to partake of quiet, altho' some weakening things obtruded - this Afternoon, brought into serious thoughtfulness & feelings on various subjects especially the necessity of a preparation for the final chance - & the uncertainty of time. -

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 April 10, Friday and 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

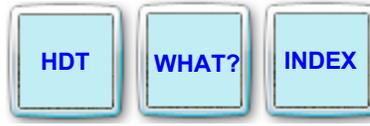
6 & 7 day // Depression has awaited me on various subjects

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 April 11, Saturday: When about 100 Luddites attacked Rawfold's Mill in Liversedge, Yorkshire, the local militia killed four of them.

 April 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 4 M // In the forenoon meeting D Buffum spake a



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few Words & in the Afternoon C Rodman. – Our Nurse went away this Morning wich leaves my H in quite a lonely situation with her little boy, but thro' favor She is very Smart

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 April 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 4 M // It has been a very thick snow which has continued to fall from 8 O'clock in the morning till quite dark in the evening. The trees & bushes have been loaded as in the dead of Winter with Snow, a sight I never saw so late in the Spring. –

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 April 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 4 M // The Snow of Yesterday has melted away very fast today - I called to see Aunt P Gould this eveng, found her poorly but better than she had been – Sister Ruth set the evening with my H who with the little boy are very smart.

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 April 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 3 M 1812// My dear & much lov'd friend Philip Dunham has been in town, his company has been reviving & strengthening, I only regret that I have been unable to have as much of it as I might have done had it not been Town meeting day to voat for Representatives to the general Assembly & Governor &c which occupied my mind more than I could have wished, but believing that the present State of the Nation & of our own State, demands the best men that can be selected to fill important offices, I was induced to voat for those whom I really believed would do for the best. – And altho I with Several other friends attended the Town Meeting, yet I believe we were not influenced by what is called party principles, but the real good of the nation. & party Spirit

I desire may be ever guarded against, for I am fully & renewedly confirmed, will ever prove a bane to vital religion, & in proportion as the spirit of party is indulged, in proportion will the pure spark of divine life wither & decay. – but still I cannot see it to be wrong for me in some cases to give my voice



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*for mene to rule over us. for when the "Wicked rule the land
Mourns."
My dear friend Philip dined & took tea with us*

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 April 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 16 of 4 M // At Meeting father R had a few words to
communicate.
My mind was lead to look back on days that are gone &
particularly to reflect on the tender dealings of Divine
goodness with me & was humbled under a sense of my man7 missteps
& short comings. -
Philip Dunham was at meeting but sat in silence. --*

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 April 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 17 of 4 M // I watched last night with James Robinson,
he is an Old standard of this town & intimate friend &
acquaintance of my late Dear father. Setting up last night makes
me feel very dull & hevly today
Philip Dunham has been at the Shop a considerable time in the
course of the Day, his company very sweet & precious*

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 April 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 18th of 4 M // P Dunham went home this mornng. his visit
has been very helpful to me having been favor'd to feel the
renewals of life from his savory conversation -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 19, Sunday: In Concord, the militia assembled to take part in war with the British.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 4 M // Amos Peasly & Benjm Fulsom were at meeting
this forenoon. Also Hireanea Thompson. The two former of the
State of Newhampshire & the latter of [Smithfield](#) Amos is a living
& powerful Minister & Hireanea has a good gift & were both*



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*largely concern'd in testimony & Hireanea in a supplication –
In the Afternoon they appointed a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) 3
OClock, several friends went from town & said Amos was largely
concerned in testimony & supplication*

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 April 20, Monday: US vice-president and former New York state governor George Clinton died in Washington DC at the age of 72.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 20th of 4 M // The day has passed with the usual rounds,
& the mind occupied on usual subjects. –*

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 April 21, Tuesday-24, Friday: Rosalind C. Wiggins has pointed out that while Friend [Paul Cuffe](#)'s vessel was impounded by the US Coast Guard on [Aquidneck Island](#), he lodged at the home of [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Hannah Gould in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) and that this amounted to a social gesture in the society of that day that was bold even for [Quakers](#): “White people who could afford servants considered African-Americans to be the lowest sort of domestic, scarcely educable and more like the docile creatures in their barns. People of Color could be lodged in the stable and fed in the kitchen, but not Paul in Stephen and Hannah’s home.” I do not find evidence, however, within Friend Stephen’s journal itself, that Friend Paul lodged at the Gould home for more than one evening, or that he slept in some supposedly available area inside the home itself rather than in an outbuilding, and so I wonder whether Friend Rosalind actually had independent evidence of that lodging — or whether she was here merely drawing an unsupported speculative inference. (Within my own conceptual frame of reference, I rather doubt that there would have been available a “decent” space within the tiny home to put up a white adult male overnight, let alone putting up an adult male of color, unless he were to doze fully clothed sitting up before the fire in the front room.)



At the Hanover Square Rooms in London, Palestine, an oratorio by William Crotch to words of Heber, was performed for the initial time (there was a capacity audience and the response was so positive that the work would need to be repeated on May 26th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 21 of 4 Mo 1812// [Paul Cuffee](#) has arriv'd from Africa &
has passed considerable time in my Shop this Afternoon but such
was the State of his mind at present in consequence of difficulty
at the Custom house about his Vessel that he could not into into
a detail of the progress & Success of the object of his voyage.*

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 April 22, Wednesday: Friedrich replaced Viktor II as Prince of Anhalt-Bernburg-Schaumburg-Hoym.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 4 Mo // [Paul Cuffe](#) took tea & set the eveng & is to lodge with us - he has related many interesting particulars of his voyage.

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 April 23, Thursday: [William Jones](#) was clerk of all the courts of the county of Somerset, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 4 Mo // Our meeting was rather small & to me a very dull season - the last (preparative) was also Dull but the whole of the Queries were answer'd to pretty good satisfaction.

 April 24, Friday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 4 Mo // [Paul Cuffee](#) is in town endeavoring to effect measures to enable him to get to Washington & labor there for the release of his Vessel & Cargo. he is procuring letters of recommendation, & other documents that may be of service to him in explaining the nature of his voyage to Africa & the minds of the people seem to be very open to render him all necessary assistance

 April 25, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 4 M // The mind of men are much agitated with the prospect of War which seems to threaten this nation, but notwithstanding all the appearances, I feel a hope that the Clouds will pass over this time - but the times are gloomy news has reached us of a most terable Earth Quake which has buried the City of Carackas in South America & many thousand Souls in it. This certainly looks like the last times spoken of in Scripture "Rumor of War," & Earth Quakes in divers places - but if the mind can be kept in humble dependance on that power of that Name by which the Seas when in great commotion are stilled, & the Quaking of the Earth may be Silenced, Sure we may not be troubled for in him is everlasting strength, & by his strength he will Sustain the Righteous, & by his Strength he will convert the Wicked.



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 April 26, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 4 M // This Mornng being pleasant my H & little son spent the Day with my Mother, it is the first time the Child has been carried out, he appeared to bear it well & has been very quiet all Day - When I carried [him] into the late dwelling of my dear Father it much affected my mind I missed his kind & fond attention when I used to carry our little Caleb down to see him & it brought into my mind reflections & feelings that I had one day when I saw him at Aunt Patty Goulds it was a few weeks before he Died - he was then very feeble & his countenance I thought was much Sunken & I thought it hardly probable he would live the Spring out - I thought then if he could but live to see this Child born I should be thankful, but doubts possessed my Mind & I was much affected with the consideration parting with him, allmost as much as when the time of final separation took place & the remembrance of him this day has lived upon my mind & is renewe'd fresh upon it with each day of my life. - Our Meetings were as large as usual C R had a few words to communicate. - After meetg in the Afternoon I visited my Old neighbor Saml Gibbs who lays very low & appears to be fast verging to the Grave - His intelects have much failed but he knew me & seem'd glad to see me. -

 April 25, Saturday: Georg Joseph Vogler and Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) arrived in München from Darmstadt.

 April 27, Monday: Succession of the deacons of Lincoln:¹⁵⁰

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.



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Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 4th Mo// The day has passed as usual. Our little boy very smart but brother Johns little daughter Ann is very ill.-

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April 28, Tuesday: Yorkshire mill owner William Horsfall was murdered by Luddites.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 4 M // Our dear little boy has been quite unwell today, which has caused considerable Alarm in my mind, & occasioned me to decline Watching with Jas Robinson. little Ann much as yesterday.

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April 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

150. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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4th day 29 of 4 M // I am laboring under an hevy cold & sore throat & if I am not better fear I shall not be able to get to Portsmouth to attend our Monthly Meeting tomorrow. -

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 April 30, Thursday: Louisiana became the 18th state of the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 4 M // Altho much unwell with a cold & the mornng quite rainy I could not feel easy to omit going to Portsmouth to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. failing of company I took a Chaise & rode out alone. got to the Meeting house in season to meet with the School committee before meeting. The first meeting was Silent. In the last buisness was transacted with love & harmony two were rec'd members & one disowned. After meeting I dined at my much lov'd cousin Z Chases, found him & wife persuing the same rounds, & all things about there then much as when I was a little boy. I love to go there & allways shall while they & I remain in mutability

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 May 1, Friday: Hamlet Scrantom and his wife and six children arrived at the falls of the Genesee, becoming the 1st white family to settle in the area, to the west of the river, that eventually would become Rochester, New York.

 May 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 5 M 1812// Altho much engaged at trade this Afternoon my mind has been brought under feelings which are comfortable, because they are a proof to me that the good Spirit is yet alove in me, & yet depression is underneath -

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 May 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 5 Mo// I have been quite unwell for Several days, & thought it was best not to attend meeting this forenoon In the afternoon I went. it was small & rather poor Set the eveng at hom, Sister E & M was with us. -

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 May 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 5 Mo// This mornng my old Neighbor & landlord Saml Gibbs Died in an advanced Age, about 2 OClock

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 May 5, Tuesday: Ludwig II replaced August Christian Friedrich as Duke of Anhalt-Köthen.

Dies Haus was zu verkaufen, a singspiel by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) to words of Klebe after Duval, was performed for the initial time, at the Leopoldstadt Theater, Vienna.

American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this date William Babbit, convicted for importing slaves, was pardoned by President [James Madison](#), himself a slavemaster (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 248).

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 5 Mo// Many friends have been in town from [Portsmouth](#) intending with others to go to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, but the wind has been so exceedingly high from the North West that the attempt would be very hazardous. They had been detained all Day & their getting up tomorrow is doubtful. –

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 May 6, Wednesday: Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town, Virginia, which of course is now Charlestown in West Virginia. Although his father was a plantation slave, the law was that the status of the child followed the status of the mother (for obvious reasons in this miscegenating era), and in this case this worked out for the benefit of the child as its mother was a free black seamstress. (As a child, Martin would play with the white boy, John Avis, who eventually would become the jailor of John Brown.) In search of appropriate education for their children, the Delany family would while Martin was a child move from Virginia to Pennsylvania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 5 Mo// Our friends set off pretty early in the mornng with an head wind & pretty fresh. – We hope however that they have arrived safe in [Greenwich](#) before night. It has been a day of much Stir & noise as it allways is on days of the General Election, but I think this has been as orderly & rather more so than common

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May 7, Thursday: Robert Browning was born in Camberwell, England. His father was a clerk with the Bank of England, and although he would receive precious little formal education, he would be able to make extensive use of the books of philosophy, history, and biography in his father's substantial library. His mother would teach him to appreciate music. He would live with his parents until 1844.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 5 Mo// Considering that a number of friends are absent at Quarterly Meeting, Our meeting was well attended, & Hannah Dennis was sweetly concerned in testimony to the refreshment (I doubt not) of many present. - This Afternoon Ateended the funeral of my Old Neighbor Samuel Gibbs. - We Spent the Day with our little son at my dear Mothers who is about breaking up living as she has done, & going to take the chambers & brother Isaac is coming in below. - The dear old woman in speaking of the change while setting at tea was affected to weeping, which rent a tender place in my heart but we are born to changes, & we must expect them, greater & greater untill the great change of all, which may I be prepared for-

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May 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 5th M 1812// The friends who went to the Quarterly Meeting at Greewich have returnd & got to the Wharf before Noon They express much satisfaction & think the Meeting was much favord & a season of encoragement. Rowland Greene expressed a concern & produced a certificate which [Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting had furnished him with to pay a religious visit to friends in the State of Ohio, which was united with & the certificate endorsed

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May 9, Saturday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Paris for his invasion of Russia.

La scala di seta, a farsa comica by Gioachino Rossini to words of Foppa after Planard, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice. It was one of three works performed that night.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 5 Mo// I have this Afternoon Spent a little time at the Court house, the General Assembly have had before them a law respecting the exemption of Friends & others conciencious scrupulous of bearing Arms, which after Some debate passed by a majority of 27 - It seems to Make much grumbling among many that



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friends should be exempt & I know not how long the law will stand in its present form, I fear it will be but temporary. -

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May 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 5 Mo// In the forenoon Meeting C Rodman had a few words to communicate. In the Afternoon Silent. - Cousin L Clarke took tea with us & in the eveng my dear H went up to see Johns Child which is sick. She also attended the Afternoon Meeting which is the first since her confinement. Sister Ruth took care of little John the while -

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May 11, Monday: [John Thoreau](#) and [Cynthia Dunbar](#) were united in [Concord](#), in a wedding ceremony officiated over by the Reverend Ezra Ripley.

Marriages

Spouses	Marriage Date	Marriage Place
THOREAU, John & Rebecca Kettell	Jun, 1797	Concord
THOREAU, John & Cynthia Dunbar	May, 1812	Concord

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John in later years



Cynthia in later years

DUNBAR FAMILY

Cynthia would have been a noticeably pregnant bride, since Helen Louisa Thoreau would be born on October 22nd, but I simply do not know whether in that time and that place such a thing would have been a scandal (at least during earlier New England generations, a bride being already pregnant would have been quite normal and expectable).



At the turn of the century rural women in Massachusetts had been marrying at over 23 years of age, three years later than their mothers (their daughters would be marrying, in the 1830s, at over 25 years of age, two years later than this generation and five years later than their grandmothers). Therefore the age of this bride, 25 years, was not at all unusual for the time and the place.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 5 Mo// The usual rounds of buisness & no peculiar occurrence

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 May 12, Tuesday: Ignacio de la Pezuela y Sánchez replaced José García de León y Pizarro as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 5 Mo// This Afternoon I accidently met with a book written on religious subjects which I took up & read a little in, whereby my mind was quickened & brought into the life, & a very agreeable season insued for which I desire to be thankful.

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 May 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13th of 5 Mo// Nothing to insert but the usual rounds of each Day

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 May 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14 of 5 Mo// I thought we had a very good meeting, as to my own particular I know not when my condition was better, the roving of the mind was easily checked, * life accessable. C R had a few words of warning "Set thine house in order for thou shalt Die & not live" which I thought was solemn & impressive - The precious savor of life has also accompanied*

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 May 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 5 Mo// Nothing particular to insert -

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➡ May 16, Saturday: [William John Broderip](#) graduated from Oriel College, Oxford. He would enter the Inner Temple, and study in the chambers of Godfrey Sykes alongside Sir John Patteson and Sir John Taylor Coleridge.

Oriel College →



The Emperor and Empress of France arrived in Dresden accompanied by a torchlight parade. Also in attendance were the various German kings, of Saxony, Prussia, Bavaria, Württemberg, and Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th 5 M 1812// A Season of precious favor this mornig finished a letter to James D Ladd of Grancille Mill Virginia this Afternoon -

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➡ May 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 5 Mo// Our forenoon Meeting silent. - In the



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*Afternoon a few words by C R after Meeting father R & myself
went out to D Buffum & set the eveng*

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May 18, Monday: Amidst celebrations by night and military preparations by day, the Emperor and Empress of Austria arrived in Dresden.

John Bellingham was hanged in front of Newgate Prison, for the murder of Prime Minister Spencer Perceval a week earlier. In the cheering multitude was George Gordon, Lord Byron.

Demetrio e Polibio, a dramma serio by Gioachino Rossini to words of Viganò-Mombelli, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Valle, Rome.

Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was in New-York while on his way back from Washington DC to [Westport, Massachusetts](#). He wrote in his diary that

*On my Return Called to see Dr. Ross, a man that Resided 7 years
in Jamaica in which time he Saw most horrible abomination
inflicted on the Slaves being jibetted, Launched on a Plank Down
a Steep Place Whiped Hanged Burnt and racked. Lord have Mercy I
Pray Thee.*

During this stop-over in the big city, Friend Paul went with Friend Thomas Eddy for a visit to the African School. There was a street encounter:

*P.S. I was traveling in the Street With my Guide he kindly
introduced me to two Methodist preachers Who accosted me thus,
"Do you understand English?" I answered them "There Was a Part
I did not understand (Viz) that of one Brother professor making
merchandize of and holding in Bondage their Brother professor,
this part I Should be glad they Would Clear up to me."*

These white preachers, in the big city for a convention of their fellows, of course made no response to a person of color's street insolence. Friend Paul was sufficiently disturbed by the encounter, however, that that evening he wrote the incident up as a letter. On the following day he would go to the convention of Methodists and make his protest heard, and later he would pay a call on the Methodist Bishop, the Reverend Asbury, in a further effort to discuss the pros and cons of human [enslavement](#).

RHODE ISLAND RELIGION

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 18 of 5 Mo// Tho' its seems as if there is nothing to
insert, yet I feel most easy to say that times are gloomy both
within & without both as respecting myself & things at large in
town, State & the world. yet it does not just at this present
time seem as if the devastation of War was quite so much to be
feared as some little time ago -- O Williams set the eveng with
us, on our part very acceptably.-*



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 May 19, Friday: In New-York, Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was sufficiently disturbed by his street encounter with the two Methodist ministers who proved to be unwilling to discuss the pros and cons of human [slavery](#) with him, that he visited the convention they were attending and made a protest. Later he would pay a call on the Methodist Bishop, the Reverend Asbury.¹⁵¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 5 Mo// I watched last night with James Robinson he lays very helpless & I hardly think it any more than within possibility that he may get about again -

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 May 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 5 Mo// I dreamed last night that I saw my dear father dressed exactly as when alive but something shining in his appearance, it seemed as if he was walking down the back street to attend a funeral in the Neck & that he looked very feeble & as he walked my dear aged cousin Zacheus Chase was by his side & when he came to a place of some difficulty to pass, Cousin Chase would take hold of his Arm to assist him. Cousin Chase Also looked very well dressed & his cloths like fathers appeard to have a lustre -I thought my mind was much grieved that he should think of walking so far in his feeble state & was anxious to get a Chaise to carry him - This dream has been much in my mind today & thought I would insert it.
Our Meeting was silent, & to me a season of roving, tho' for a few minutes it did seem as if there was Good at work & might have risen into dominion had it not have been for the very unsettled state of my Mind - In the last (Preparative) A Sherman was reported by the overseers for various deviations.
Uncle Saml Thurston dined with us & set most of the Afternoon with my H & little son, his company was very agreeable*

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 May 22, Monday: After a vote of no confidence, Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2d Earl of Liverpool resigned as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 5 Mo// Brother Isaac Moved into the house with

151. Perhaps Friend Paul would discuss with this Bishop the contribution to religious thought of the Reverend John Wesley. In his description of the Methodist character, the Reverend Wesley had insisted repeatedly that the heart of Christian ethics was love. He offered the following definition: "A Methodist is one who has 'the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;' one who 'loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul.'" -Or, perhaps, Friend Paul wouldn't.



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Mother The change to mother is deeply trying.

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 May 23, Tuesday: Johann Nepomuk Hummel's pantomime Der Zauberkampf, oder Harlekin in seiner Heimat to words of Kees was performed for the initial time, in Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 5 Mo// Much occupied in mind in many subjects

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 May 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 5 M 1812// In our forenoon meeting H Dennis was engaged in a very lively manner in testimony - Sister Ruth took care while my H went to meeting - In the Afternoon we were Silent - Abigail Robinson who has not been at meeting in eleven Months was there this fornoon, her health is better - After tea I walked into the Neck with OWilliams. he went to see a man by the name of Champlin who is very sick & I went to see Jos Wilbur who is also sick of a fever. I was glad I went as he was desirous of making a Will, & gave me the minutes to bring to father Rodman. -

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 May 25, Monday: The destruction by earthquake of Caracas, Venezuela, begun with the shock of March 26th, was completed.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 9th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 25 of 5 Mo// Nothing particular to insert.
The Day has passed with the usual rounds. -*

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 May 26, Tuesday: Albany, New York's Lancasterian School Society (which is to say, its board of education) was incorporated.

Luigi Cherubini resigned as a member of the Jury of the Académie imperiale de musique.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 5 Mo// Pretty buisy at trade. Thoughts & reflections much turned towards the Aspect of the Affairs at Washington. some hopes were entertained a few days ago that an accommodation would take place with England, but now things look more discouraging –

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 May 27, Wednesday: Joseph Hunt died at the age of 63.

JOSEPH HUNT [of [Concord](#)], youngest son of Deacon Simon Hunt, was born March 1, 1749, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1770. He was a physician at Dracut and [Concord](#), and several years Secretary of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He died May 27, 1812, aged 63.¹⁵²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 5 Mo// I watched last night with Joseph Wilbur, which, has occasioned me a very uncomfotable day, tho' I dont know that I feel worse than common, yet having watched so lately makes it rather more trying – Joseph is pretty ill, tho' in the night I thought he was better & would probably do well, but the Doctor says he is worse today than yesterday & thinks his case very critical. – he conversed much in the course of the night & expressed his sense of short comings & that if he had have been more faithful to the Truth he would not now be so poor & destitute.

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152. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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May 28, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Dresden, where he had extracted promises of troops for his Russian campaign from the leaders of Europe, and headed east.

The Peace of Bucharest ended hostilities between Russia and the Ottoman Empire and set the River Pruth (Prut) as the European boundary. Russia abandoned claims to Moldavia and Wallachia but annexed Bessarabia. Amnesty and autonomy were provided for the Serbians but Serbia was still to be occupied by Turkey. This freed Tsar Alyeksandr to act against Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 5 Mo// We hear this mornng that Poor Joseph Wilbour is very ill & not expected to continue long. This is an hevly prospect for me & has not a little depressed my spirits, his removal will probably bring a hevly burden on me as he has appointed his brother Wm & myself executors to his Will Our first meeting was silent, the last (Monthly) was conducted with good order, no very exercising case before us. Anne Greene disclosed a prospect she had long had of visiting some meetings in the Quarterly meetings of Nine Partners & Stamford & some other meetings in N York Yearly Meeting - Hannah Dennis also expressed a concern to accompany her, which was united with & they set at liberty to open their Prospect in the Quarterly Meeting - My H was at the last meeting

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May 29, Friday: A New York State caucus nominated DeWitte Clinton for the presidency.

Robert Fulton's wife Harriet Fulton offered an entertainment aboard his *Paragon*.

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) took leave of Empress Marie Louise in Dresden and headed toward the front.

On this day and the following one Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7th days 29th & 30th 5th M 1812// Occupied as usual. The mind taken up on various subjects of an outward nature

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May 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 5 Mo// Our forenoon meeting was large, Hannah Dennis & C Rodman were concern'd in testimony & the London Epistle was read - After meeting James Mitchell & I went down to see Joseph Wilbour, he had sent for me the day before, but I did not hear of it till this morning just before I went to meeting -his wish to see me, was to communicate some things relative to the management of his family in case of his removal which he said he expected would soon be. I staid with him all



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the Afternoon, & left him with a ray of hope of his recovery

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 June 1, Monday: President [James Madison](#) got up on a platform so he could be seen (he was shorter than Senator Paul Wellstone) and addressed the houses of the American Congress, asking for a declaration of war against England. The British practice of “[crimping](#)” American seamen was, he averred, one of the prime issues which needed to be resolved by “force of arms.” (Ah, force of arms. Other people killing each other while we watch. That should be fun.)¹⁵³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 6 M 1812// Joseph Wilbour appears to be no worse & I think hope may be cherished of his recovery.

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 June 2, Tuesday and 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd & 4th days 2 & 3 of 6 Mo// Jos Wilbour appears much so & an hope is still cherished of his recovery. – Nothing in particular further to insert

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 June 4, Thursday: The Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.

The United States House of Representatives voted 79 over 49 for President [James Madison](#) to lead us into another war against Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4 of 6 Mo// I thought best to stay home from meeting to perform an engagement which I could not conveniently have done, & gone.

This is the day which has been talked of or anticipated for several Years. One Nimrod Hughs prophecyed that on this day one third of the inhabitants of the World was to be destroyed by hail, & for several weeks & indeed months his book has been newly circulated to get monay by. it first came out about 3 or 4 Years ago. Many were so unwarrantable credulous as to admit the belief of his imposition & became much terrified. one woman some weeks ago, gave up work & said she had enough to last till this time, & was sure she should then die & many others oeven people of pretty considerable strong minds have been allmost overset with this false prophecy in this Town & many other places. but the Day has now nearly passed & nothing strange or uncommon has

153. He was of course lying. He didn't give a damn about this. After the war, the international settlement papers would not be so much as mention such an issue, which proves in black and white that this hadn't **really** been any reason for fighting — any more than the welfare of black people would really be our motive for fighting a Civil War.



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happened. to be sure it has been cloudy, has rained a little & jas been very cool for the Season, also the Wind has been fresh

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 June 5, Friday: Grand Duet for the Organ by Samuel Wesley was performed for the initial time, at the Hanover Square Rooms, London by the composer and Vincent Novello.

 June 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 6 M 1812// "Watch & keep your garments clean" is a sentence which I believe is not exact Scripture, or perhaps the same words are not exactly so form'd into a sentence in the Scripture but are the spirit of many passages contain'd in it. -They have passed much in my mind this Afternoon, Since news has arrived in town that Congress are endeavoring for war & that a declaration may very shortly be expected from them against England. I have felt renewedly concern'd that I may be kept clear of over anxiety, as to the issue, but to labor to keep my garments clean & watch against wrong spirit.

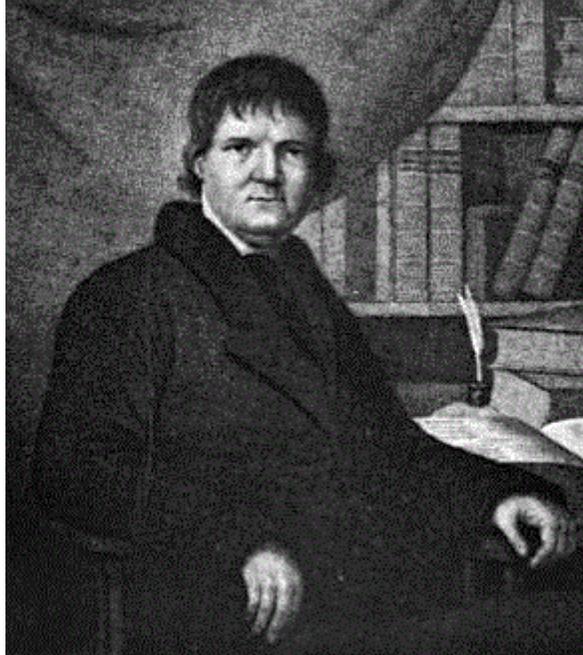
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 June 7, Sunday: [Walton Felch](#) was received into the 1st [Baptist](#) Church of [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Pastor Stephen Gano, by baptism. (His connection with this congregation would culminate on August 4, 1825 “by erasure,” which is to say, he would neither die nor transfer his membership to some other church.)



The Reverend Stephen Gano (think “Gano Street”)

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) arrived in Danzig (Gdansk) on his way to the front and inspected the supplies stored there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 6 Mo// In the forenoon D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony. In the Afternoon we were silent. After tea took a Walk around the hill & down the neck with D Rodman went to Coggeshall burying ground, where John Coggeshall the first President of [Rhode Island](#) was buried in the Year 1747, the oldest Stone I have yet met with in any of my researches. --

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 June 8, Monday: Prince Ferdinand Johann Nepomuk Kinsky agreed to pay [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s stipend at the same value as before the revaluation of Austrian currency.

The New York/Vermont border was finalized along a line run by New York surveyors Robert Yates, Robert R. Livingston, John Lansing, Jr., Gulian C. Verplanck, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, Richard Sill and Melancthon Smith in conjunction with Vermont surveyors Isaac Tichenor, Stephen R. Bradley, Nathaniel Chipman, Elijah Paine, Ira Allen, Stephen Jacob, and Israel Smith.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 6 Mo// Matthew Franklin & Willet Hicks of N York



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arrived this Afternoon to attend our Yearly Meeting. -

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June 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 6 Mo// Our meeting was a good one to me, & I was made renewedly thankful in feeling the life sweetly revived, especially in the forepart of it - Father Rodman spake a few words on the subjects of Affliction, Matthew Franklin followed him on the same subject I thought much to the purpose. -

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June 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 6 Mo// The toil has now commenced. Many friends have come to town to attend the Yearly Meeting. I already have been much engaged in going to boarding houses to arrange friends. things works wrong they wish to crowd together in greater numbers than I could wish & my mind is much exercised with it - Oh that I may abide in the patience. I long yea pray for patience & meekness. -
I think this day has closed beyond my expectation Things seem pretty favorably settled at the Boarding Houses -
We had to tea Several of our friends & acquaintances Called in at father Rs & saw my dear friend Micajah Collins, who has been on a religious visit to friends in Pennsylvania & parts thereaway -

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June 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 6th M 1812// Our forenoon meeting was not as large as common owing to the weather being rainy - It was very quiet Solemn & favor'd considering the number present - Several small gifts were offered in the forepart of it - then Our Ancient & beloved friend David Sands appear'd in a long & very uncommonly baptizing testimony; after proceeding midway of his communication he observed that it was many years since he was in that house & that he was so much altered as not to appear as he did then, the ravages of time were apparent in his appearance & he knew not as he was able to speak so as to be heard & understood, but gospel love drew his mind with a strong cord towards the inhabitants of this land, that since he was in this place last many of his old friends & acquaintances had gone to their long homes. he had enquired after most of them found a few



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*living & many gone who then stood as way marks & ensamples to the flock, & that he then stood as a monument of Gods Mercy, but should soon be called from this to another World
This part of his testimony deeply affected my mind particularly when I reflected that my late dear father was well acquainted with him & often spoke of him before his death & enquiring with a degree of anxiety to know if he was not coming to see us
He concluded the meeting in a Solemn supplication. - After meeting I spoke with him he remeber'd the family & when I told him my name he enquired if I was not James Goulds son
In the Afternoon the meeting was very large & David was much favord both in testimony & supplication*

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June 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 15 of 6 M 1812// Our Meeting as usual began at 9 OC
Deland appear'd in supplication, then in an excellent testimony.
after several other small appearances in each [?] of which I thought was a degree of life the meetings proceeded to buisness
- The buisness went on in the usual channel & Epistles from London, New York & Baltimore & North Carolina were rec'd & read.
The London Epistle excited a few excellent remarks from Deland & Matthew Franklin. After which the meeting adjounr'd to meet at 4 OClock in the Afternoon -
After dinner went to see Abraham Sherman with John Weeden to fulfill our appointment from Moy [Monthly] Meeting respecting his disorderly Walking. for my own part I thought I was much favor'd with ability to offer suitable council & advice, but alas I fear our labor is nearly useless.
Our Meeting in the Afternoon was much favor'd, tho the Accounts from the variious Quarters were painful in many respects -Our friends Elijah Hoag Matthew Franklin & David Sand was very extensive & Powerful in communication endeavoring rebuild the waste places & encourage friends to press forward notwithstanding the many deficiencies he apprehended Truth was rising & would continue to rise if friends kept their ranks in righteousness -all must rally round the Standard. -
Many took tea with us among whom were my much lov'd friends John Caset & Daniel Howland*

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June 16, Tuesday: Great Britain agreed to revoke the Orders of Council that had forbidden American trade with European ports.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 6 Mo// There was no meeting this forenoon - At 4



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OC the Meeting met by adjournment. & was occupied in reading the Minutes of the meeting for sufferings &c – Also on the subject of a Yearly Meeting school which was very exercising, a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration. – Our friend [Moses Brown](#) was absent, he was summoned as a witness at the Circuit Cort now sitting in this town. –

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June 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 6th M 1812// At 8 o'clock this Mornng I met with the committee (being one of them) who were to consider the School fund.

The Meeting met at 10 Clock - D Sands had much to communicate on the various subjects before us. -

In the Afternoon - Epistles were presented to all the Yearly Meetings & approved, also a communication to the various Quarterly Monthly meetings, containing seasonable council & Advices - After much excellent cautionary & advisory Matter by many friends expecially by D Sands the meeting concluded by a fervant Prayer by him, for every branch of the family.

The various settings of this Yearly Meeting have, according to my sense of things, been uncommonly favor'd, & on my own part I may humbly acknowledge, that I have been quickened in my Spirit & enabled to partake of the good things that our heavenly father has favor'd us with. Many very many lively testimonies were communicated, but are not to expect our best food from them. They serve for the moment to quicken the feelings, & sometimes as a very useful resort when the mind is gather'd home in stillness, & in stillness it is, the great Minister of the spirit is to be heard, who far exceeds in his affects upon the mind, any of his instruments, yet they are useful in their places & their labors often blessed to the people --

We have had Much company at our house among whom as pretty constant visitors were Edward Cobb & Wife Josiah Keene & Wife Benjamin Persival & Wife, Eastis Newhall & Daniel Johnson Hesiah & Hannah Johnson, whose company was very pleasant - Micajah Collins & wife, Matthew Purinton & wife & many others occasionally called to see us, & but a few meals passed but that we had as many as we could comfortably feed. -

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June 18, Thursday: Franz Schubert begins instruction in counterpoint with Antonio Salieri in Vienna.

Unaware of course that Great Britain had already rescinded its offending actions two days before, President [James Madison](#) signed the joint congressional Declaration of War. This 2d war of the United States of America upon Great Britain, which would take place over a number of years, is now denominated in our history books the “[War of 1812](#)” (evidently we spare ourselves embarrassment when we do not give this war an accurate name).¹⁵⁴ –Not that any of this makes any difference (only a fool would suppose that nations go to war for the reasons they proffer)!

Upstate New York was woefully unprepared. [Fort Niagara](#) had deteriorated during the decade after 1800 as its garrison had become increasingly smaller. Many of the old buildings, some of them dating to the French occupation, had disappeared. The walls on the land side remained in place, but there was never a large enough workforce to keep them in good condition. At the outbreak of hostilities the Americans could muster only 150 soldiers to man this strongpoint. However, the British preparedness was not much better. The Napoleonic Wars in Europe had been sucking up all of England’s attention, with Canada on the back burner at best, so there were in this year only a couple of thousand of British regular soldiers in all of what is today the province of Ontario. The United States Army although far larger was composed mostly newly organized units consisting of untrained recruits. The Americans were confident, but without justification. Some of the bloodiest fighting would occur along the [Niagara River](#). Captain Nathaniel Leonard would do what he could to improve his defensive readiness, while the corresponding enemy commander likewise concentrated on organizing a defense. Much of the summer would be spent in preparation as units of the state militia were activated and moved toward the Niagara Frontier. In order to keep the regular army and the militia well separate and diminish friction, the militia camp was established at Lewiston, six miles away upriver.

At some point during this period of intermittent scattered hostilities, [John Thoreau](#) would become the commissary for¹⁵⁵ Fort Independence on Castle Island in Boston Harbor. Thoreau would make a note of this in his journal in 1850:



After October 31, 1850: ... My father was commissary at Fort Independence in the last war. He says that the baker whom he engaged returned 18 ounces of bread for 16 of flour, and was glad of the job on those terms. ...

HENRY’S RELATIVES

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 6th M 1812// Our Meeting was very large. Anne Greene was concern’d in supplication, then Micajah Collins in an acceptable testimony, then David Sands in a very extensive & powerful testimony

In the last (Preparative) David had a few close remarks on the subject of Rainess [?]

At 5 OClock a meeting was appointed for the people of colour, many attended but not all of them by a very considerable - D Sands was by far the greatet laborer amongst them, Anne Willis

154. Interestingly, the federal government of the USA stated that one of the reasons why it was declaring war on Britain was the British embargo on [hemp](#). After the Brits had lost this one, the analysis made by the [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) would be that their forces had suffered from a lack of command discipline: “They wanted this **iron fist** to command them.”

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155. This is what we would consider similar to “running the PX” at a smallish current military base.



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Hannah Dennis & James Hazard had small testimnies to bear. -

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June 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 19 of 6 Mo// David Sands had a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today -We feel quite lonesome after so much company but however, friends of our own town & family feel as near & I think nearer than before. I love them all dearly. -
I desire to be thankful that my dear wife & little son have been pretty well, & tho my wife has not been able to attend all of the settings of the Y Meeting yet she has kept about & waited on friends -*

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June 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 6th Mo// My mind is this morning dipt into a sweet tenderness. Oh may I be thankful for it - The morning savor has in good measure continued thro' the day - & finding my mind engaged to write a few lines to Hannah Pope of Bolton, complied therewith & feel relieved. -

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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 6th Mo// In the forenoon our meeting was large. father Rodman was concern'd in (I believe) a living Supplication -In the Afternoon it was again - father had a few words in testimony - When the meeting broke - I found an handBill had been published in confirmation of the fears that has been long apprehended, that WAR Was declared by Congress against Great Brittan. - This is a Dismal Prospect.-

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June 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 6th Mo// This is a gloomy day every mans countenance appears sad as he passes the street, bespeaking a mind saddened by the Prospect of the desolation of a War. - My heart is deeply affected within me, but know not what to do or



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*which way to turn, dependence alone, is to be placed on the Lord,
on whose mighty power I feel a little hope that things will not
be as bad as is anticipated
Things look no better this Afternoon. It may truly be said that
the "Mourners go about the Street" every countenance is sad &
every heart hevvy –*

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June 23, Tuesday: The news that the USA had declared war on Britain arrived in Boston and the Massachusetts General Court voted its disapproval.

Carlos Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marques de Casa-Irujo replaced Ignacio de la Pezuela y Sánchez as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) arrived at the front at Alexota.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 23 of 6 M 1812// This evening Mail confirms, the news
of War, the Act of Congress, signed by the President has come.
we are no more in doubt as to the issue, the voice of Congress
is heard in the language, terrific to the minds of the people
Oh! this is a gloomy day in which we live, a day of sorrow &
sadness indeed. – when & where it will end is beyond the ken of
human sagacity to determine, we have no refuge but the Lord alone
& in him we have as sure hiding place, if we put our whole trust
in his Power*

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June 24, Wednesday: The unwieldy Grande Armée of Twenty Nations (Anhalt, Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Croatia, Dalmatia, Denmark, France, Hesse-Darmstadt, Holland, Illyria, Italy, Lippe, Mecklenburg, Poland, Portugal, Prussia, Saxony, Spain, Switzerland, Westphalia, and Wurttemberg) of the Emperor [Napoléon](#), the largest military force assembled to that date, crossing the Niemen River near Kovno (Kaunas), entered Russia with the objective of intercepting the British navy's main supply of high-quality [cannabis](#) for use as its maritime cordage. — England could not obtain such high-quality maritime cordage from the USA not only because of the state of war that existed between Britain and the USA at this time but also because the hemp farmers of Kentucky were using a “dew-rotting” process of leaching the resin out of the hemp fiber (as opposed to “water-rotting”). For the same reason the US Navy was avoiding the purchase of cordage made from this domestic hemp, and mostly the Kentucky produce was being used for bag fabric and as rope binding

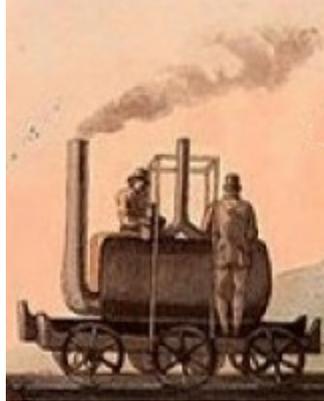


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for the baled cotton of the Deep South.

At the Middleton Colliery in West Yorkshire, England, John Blenkinsop introduced the public to his coal-powered rack-and-pinion locomotive *Salamanca* capable of pulling heavy loads of coal, replacing the labors of 50 horses and 200 men.



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), news of the [War of 1812](#) was unwelcome, but the “patriots” organized nevertheless — organized to the extent even of formalizing and placing under discipline a group of “those who were exempt by law from the performance of military duty,” such as the followers of the Peace Testimony of the Quakers (evidently with the idea of obligating them to free corvee labor in general support of the war effort):

1812. The news of the Declaration of War with Great Britain was received June 24, and was noticed by the tolling of bells and displaying the flags at half mast. The majority here was opposed to the war and to the administration of the general government, but they promptly held meetings and passed spirited resolutions to make united efforts against a foreign enemy. The chartered companies were filled with new members, volunteer associations were formed, and those who were exempt by law from the performance of military duty, were organized into several corps, and officered and disciplined for service.

THE QUAKER PEACE TESTIMONY

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24th of 6th Mo// The times are such, as, is felt at the heart of every considerate man, every countenance continues to wear a gloom & as they pass the streets look piteously. altho' the Act of warfare has not commenced, yet it has been declared by Congress to exist between this Country & England. Vast numbers of property is exposed on the seas & will doubtless be taken & much property in England will be confiscated which stares many in the face with ruin, & those of more indigent circumstances feel the strong probability of starvation, for the want of buisness to procure food to eat
My circumstances are streightened. I have nothing but what I*



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earn from day to day, & how I am to pass the coming Winter is yet a sealed thing. I can but feel very keenly at the heart, but am disposed to labor to think as little about the future as may be & receive the present blessing with as much gratitude as I am capable of -

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 June 25, Thursday: A day after learning of the French invasion, Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia wrote to the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) asking for peace and a withdrawal from Russian territory. Napoléon would not be interested.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 6 Mo// Being a very rainy day My H was disappointed of her intention to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - So Brother D R & myself took a Chaise & rode out together - We stoped a few minutes before meeting at the house of our late friend Holder Almy & after drying ourselves a little went to meeting

Hannah Dennis spoke a few words, the A Sherman a few & then D Buffum a few - Buisness went on rather dully in the last but we got through as well as could be expected - We dined at Peter Lawton & on our way home stoped at cousin Chases where my Mother has been for a day or two on a visit. found her & cousin Chases family all well, & then rode home & was not a little thankful to find my H & little son had done well thro' the day

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 June 26, Friday: The Polish Diet declared the independence of Poland. No other power, including the Emperor [Napoléon I](#), would endorse this act.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 6 Mo// Our old friend & neighbor Elizabeth Whightman wife of Vaneline Whightman Departed this life in the 75th Year if her Age about Sun set last evening —

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 June 27, Saturday: British forces captured Salamanca from the French.

The cargo ship *Commencement*, out of Black Rock, New York, was seized by the British on Lake Ontario.

When news of the declaration of war upon Great Britain had reached [Providence](#), bells had been tolled, stores had been closed, and flags had been lowered to half-mast. On this day the [Providence Gazette](#) characterized the report of the federal committee on foreign relations that had recommended our entry into this war in the following manner:



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They reported in several heavy columns their malignant, hostile manifesto against Great Britain, and with gigantic strides and ostentatious swellings, had thrown down the gauntlet of defiance to John Bull, in favor of the atrocious murderer and incendiary Napoleon Bonaparte.

This [Rhode Island](#) newspaper straightforwardly declared the war declaration of the federal Congress to have been “a work of darkness”:

We are now to contend against an oppressed nation gloriously struggling for the preservation of its liberties.

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An act was passed at the January meeting of the general assembly in 1822, forbidding the sale of rum, wine or strong liquor within one mile of any meeting being held for the worship of Almighty God. Another law forbade the running at large of cows in the business portion of Providence between the 10th of November and the 10th of April, except on Sundays, and between 8 at night and sunrise.

As Lafayette entered the State House on North Main street, he recognized and cordially embraced Colonel Stephen Olney, who had served under him at Yorktown and had been one of the first to penetrate the British works. For further details of Lafayette’s visit, see Z. Allen’s MEMORIAL OF LAFAYETTE, Providence, 1861.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 6 M 1812// The day has passed as usual much talk among the people of the effects & extent of the present War but few can see to the end of it -

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June 28, Sunday: Allied troops entered Vilna (Vilnius), abandoned by the Russians.

The Polish Diet in Warsaw proclaimed the reunion of Poland and Lithuania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 6 Mo// Father Rodman was concern'd in supplication in the forenoon meeting in the Afternoon we were Silent - I set a little while at D Williams in the eveng Sister Ruth took care of the little boy while my H went to meeting

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June 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 6 Mo// The day has passed without any remarkable occurrence but we know not what to expect from day to day, or hour to hour. The minds of the people are filled with War some with the spirit of fight, some in an high state of alarm for the safety of their persons & property, & some seem to evince a disposition to be still & labor for a peaceable disposition, & center their minds on God in times of outward danger, looking into Him as their only safe hiding place – here is a spot on which I greatly wish to dwell, & may my spirit more & more recur to the source from whence true help springs. – Towards night visited Joseph Wilbour he seems getting better, & the state of his mind is truly precious.

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 June 30, Tuesday: Issuance of our 1st national circulating currency, US Treasury Notes, initially in the amount of \$5,000,000, was authorized by the federal congress in order to finance President [James Madison](#)'s war upon Great Britain (Shortie wanted to be a war president, tra la). With the 1st Bank of the United States dead in the water, and with no provision whatever for internal revenue taxes, we would be able to finance war only through loans and through these innovative notes, which bore interest at 1-1/2 cents a day per \$100 (except for the "Small Notes" of 1815). A total of five issues between 1812 and 1815, totaling \$36,000,000 in denominations of \$3 to \$1000, would be emitted. These national banknotes would be fully subscribed and accepted by banks and merchants.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 6 Mo// When I first commenced this Book, things in the Nation & at home were prosperous & pleasant to what they now are we had then peace & plenty, & minds freed from the horrors of War. tho' even at that some trials awaited us but they were far inferior to the present, yet at this time we have many things to be thankful for & I believe my heart is deeply sensible of it, for which I desire to be thankful to the Author of every Blessing.

Stephen Gould

[Newport Rhode Island](#). -



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July 1, Wednesday: The US government doubled its tariffs to help pay for its war with England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th Mo 1st 1812 / Here beginneth a new Book, where the [whether] I shall be & what will be my state before I come to the end of it I know not. I may be in some other town & I may be in the silent grave, reflections on which are almost daily in my mind & sometimes hourly. – The times are now troublesom, War exists between this country & England, & my mind is almost constantly occupied on the subject, but thanks to the Almighty protector & preserver of his dependant children, I can say that hitherto, my spirit has been favored to abide in the quiet, but am unable to see how far this state of quietude would extend, was I in the midst of fighting & carnage, which we know not how soon we may expect, when I reflect on that, the mind is sometimes turned to look for another place of abode, but I have a wife & child which would be difficult to remove, & I have a beloved Mother & three Aged Aunts, who are strong & Cords of attachment, that at present nothing appears, but to meet the fate of Dear [Rhode Island](#), & [Newport](#) in particular, I love it, much & there are many in it, who are, to me, almost as a right hand or right eye, & yet as I have said should times of eminent danger ensue, I am unable to see how I [S]hould conduct & whether I should remove or not. – Every day produces some new occurrence of a calamitous nature. Yesterday & today it has been in rumor that J Banister had failed in trade & is like to ruin many. Sorrowful indeed My H spent the Afternoon with Our little son at Aunt A Carpenters. –

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July 2, Thursday: While in Prague, [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) visited Prince Kinsky and was assured that his stipend at the new value will be coming soon. He received an advance of 60 ducats.

William Monroe, a young cabinetmaker of [Concord](#) whose business was not doing well due to the war, working in a shop which previously had been used by Andrew Edwards for the manufacture of organs, had the inspiration to develop a technique for the manufacture of pencil bodies. He had cut Eastern red cedarwood into slabs, had planed the slabs to a uniform 8th-inch thickness, and had made 6 grooves at a time in the slabs with a water-powered grinder. Into the grooves he had rubbed a pasty mixture of ground [graphite](#) and fillers. He did not fire his paste, but allow it to dry. Gluing another slab on top of this had created a block of 4 to 10 [pencils](#) which could be sawed apart with other water-powered machinery. These were the 1st pencils manufactured in America, and were 3/8th inch thick, and came in either octagonal or hexagonal cross-section. According to Albert Lane's CONCORD AUTHORS AT HOME, on this date William was able to take his 1st sample of about 30 pencils of local manufacture into Boston and wholesale them to a hardware dealer on Union Street, Benjamin Andrews, and make a contract with this merchant to accept all he could manufacture for a given period of time. For Monroe, the perfection of this pencil-making machinery would be the labor of a decade. At one point during his childhood [Henry Thoreau](#) would labor in this Monroe factory, which would be manufacturing pencils until like 1833.



[T]here was a school for young ladies ... in Medford, and one of the pupils ... from [Concord](#) ... learned to utilize the bits and ends of Borrowdale lead used in drawing, by pounding them fine and mixing a solution of gum arabic or glue. The cases were made from twigs of elder, the pith being removed with a knitting needle.... [T]he writer [Horace Rice Hosmer], then [circa 1840] a boy of ten years, helped the same lady to make similar pencils from [plumbago](#) and English red chalk.... H. David Hubbard, living in the north part of Concord, made the first cedar wood [pencils](#) for the New England trade; but they were of little value, and but few of them were manufactured. In 1812 William Monroe, a cabinet maker by trade, pounded some plumbago with a hammer, mixed it in a spoon with some adhesive substance, and filled the compound into some cedar wood cases. Some of these pencils were shown to Benjamin Andrews of Boston, who was ready to buy, and encouraged Munroe to make more of them. Twelve days after he carried five gross, which were readily taken and paid for, and a new industry was fairly started. Munroe ... made the "water cement" or paste lead which was filled into the grooves in a soft state, and after remaining a week or more the surface of the pencil slab was planed to remove the composition which adhered to it, and to leave a clean surface for gluing on a veneer of cedar. The pencil slab was about 1/4 inch thick, and the veneer 1/8 inch and of varying widths from 4 to 10 pencils wide.... Eben Wood of Acton worked with Munroe in Concord, when all the work was done by hand. The logs of cedar were cut into slabs and veneers with a "two-handed saw," by two men; planed by hand to a thickness, grooved with the spur plane or plough, one groove at a time, and so on through all the different processes.... Eben Wood ... saw a tool for cutting the points of shoe pegs, and by applying the principle of the circular saw soon had a grooving machine which would cut six grooves at a time.... A moulding and trimming machine soon followed; then a wedge glue press, holding 12 gross pencils took the place of the hand screws which Munroe used.... His machine for trimming the ends of pencils ... is in use



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at the time of writing this article [circa 1880].... He made the hexagon and octagon shape cases, halving them together, with similar shaped grooves for the dame.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th M 2nd / At Meeting few words were spoken by C R - when I first took my seat I anticipated a season of favor but roving soon took place & I could not or did not get settled again untill a few minutes before the meeting concluded - My Mother came home this mornng from cousin Z Chases where she has been a week -This Afternoon I have heard a report which has given me much pain for a young man, a dear young lad, only about 20 years of Age, has had a child laid to him - Oh the trouble this will make for his father & family, & Society. -

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July 3, Friday: [John James Audubon](#) was granted US citizenship.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 M 3rd 1812 / As to the Outward this has been one of the finest days we have had, the air warm but not warmer than was agreeable - had it not have been for the painful sensations excited for the young lad mentioned Yesterday I dont know of any thing that has occurd to interrupt tranquility - My Mother & Sister Ruth set the eveng with us

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Our national birthday, Saturday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 8th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

In the area to the west of the Genesee River that eventually would become Rochester, New York, the family of Hamlet Scrantom moved into a cabin that had been built for them by Henry Skinner.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7M 4th / This day (being Independence Day) has as usual been very noisy, many guns fired &c - Such seasons of tumult are very unpleasant, but no accident has happened

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July 5, Sunday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) arrived in Teplitz (Teplice) via Prague to take the cure.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7M 5 / Father R was concer'd in both meetings in a few words to the people. - After Meeting in the Afternoon went with



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D R to J Dennis's & took tea. -

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July 6, Monday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), in Teplitz, penned a letter to his "Immortal Beloved" (now believed to be Antonie Brentano, a Viennese lady married to a Frankfurt businessman).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 M 6 / Yesterday Josiah C Shaws son Philander In the [-] year of his age was drowned at Perrys Wharf. This melancholy occurrence, warning us of the uncertainty of time & the promised pleasure of any pleasing prospect. -
Had conversation with J W... on the subject of his late difficulty, gave him such advice as I was capable of & was glad to find him deeply sensible of the error he had fallen into. -
Brother D R set the eveng with us. -*

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July 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 7 M 9th [sic] / Attended the funeral of Phlander Shaw at which was the greatest number of children I ever saw at a funeral. The children of the preinciple schools in town were there -
After the funeral was over I went on to the Alms House to see a man by the name of Richardson who appears to have his brains turned with religion, or religious enthusiam, he talks & preaches continually & when I went to the door of his apartment he began to preach to me, he asked me if I sanctified the Lord my God in my heart. I told him that was a question I did not choose to answer him, he still went on with a loud voice exhorting me to answer him, he still went on with a loud voice exhorting me to that effect - I told him it was my opinion that he talked more of religion than he was acquainted with, & that is he would be quiet & talk less he would feel more of it to flow in his heart & come to experience that it was an inward thing, on which he turned from me, set down on his Bunk & looked me in the face steadily & rather contemptuously. I told him I had a mind to come to see him for some time & to preach a little to him as well as he to me a great deal, he then took out his little pocket Bible & read some of the proverbs of Solomon - but after saying a little more to him I left him not supposing I had done any good, for tho' he was very full of reprovng others, he would not receive it from others with that meekness which he recommended. -
There has been a report in circulation which agitated the mind of some that a large Fleet of ships was seen of, but it proved untrue.*

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 July 8, Wednesday: Allied troops entered Minsk.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 M 8th 1812 / My Mother, Aunt Patty Gould & Brother Isaac & wife with their little daughter Martha took tea with us this Afternoon. - I was particularly glad of Aunt Patty Goulds company it is allways greatful to me & grows more so as the time of final separation draws near - I may go first, but according to natures course her days are nearly number'd - Sister Ruth set the evening with us. -

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 July 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7M 9th / I have no good reason for not attending meeting, but so it is I was not there. -

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 July 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7M 10th / This Afternoon recd a preesent for our little son from Uncle & Aunt Stanton of NYork. it was a silver cup marked I S G which they have sent him for his name. Uncle also sent me a book entitled A Tour throu' some parts of North America by Robert Sutclif an englishman who uncle brought over to this Countnry & has since Died, what little I have already read of it induces me to believe that it is a very instructing & interesting Work.

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 July 11, Saturday: United States forces invaded Canada near Detroit.

The boys of the Boston Latin School, including [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), worked on the fortifications of Fort Strong¹⁵⁶ on Noddle Island:



The great [comet Flaugergues \(C/1811 F1\)](#) had been invisible even to telescopes due to its position in regard to the sun (astronomers refer to this difficult portion of the sky as the ecliptic), but on this date it was rediscovered by a [telescope](#) in Cuba. Its tail was ten arc-minutes in length.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 7 M 11 / Spent lesure time in reading Robert Sutcliff,
I think it an highly valuable publication*

156. This is not the Fort Strong which would be active during our civil strife, as that one would be on the Long Island of Boston Harbor.



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July 12, Sunday: On what would become [Henry Thoreau](#)'s birthday, US forces led by General William Hull invaded Canada.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7M 12 / Very soon after I took my seat in meeting this morning I found my mind covered with sweetness & a season of precious favor ensued. Truth was really in dominion among us, people sat uncommonly quiet & silence remarkably solemn Abigail Sherman rose about the middle of the meeting with a few words then Ruth Davis & then D Buffum in lively & authoritative testimonys & Ruth concluded the meeting in solemn supplication -Sister Rhodman took care of our little boy while my H went to meeting

In the Afternoon father R Had a few words to communicate -In the eveng Sister Ruth & Joanna being there Brother DAVID & I called at Thos Robinsons in the evening & sat a little time very agreeably. -

Spent lesure time in reading Robert Sutcliff his writings are fraught with very interesting anecdotes, most of them very instructing & some very affecting. -

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July 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th M 13th 1812 / Have pretty much reading Robert Sutcliff, he appears to have been a man of very minute observation, & I believe well acquainted with the operation of religion. I take him to be a friend of some account in society as he mentions several times of meeting with committees of importance in New York & Philadelphia. he came a Passenger from England with Uncle Stanton & was well esteemed by him. The last time he came over to this country his family came with him, & he has since deceased & his travells in this land are published for their benefit. I understand they are in low circumstances. -

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July 14, Tuesday: King Jérôme of Westphalia, angry at his older brother [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), abandoned the Grand Armée of Allies and returned to Kassel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 M / Finished a letter which I began yesterday to Micajah Collins - In which I wrote nearly the following - "What a precious thing is love, & I think I can say of a truth, that an unusual degree of it has attended my mind since the Yearly Meetg & indeed I do not think at any time in my life I ever felt a greater disposition to salute every one in it. - There was something at that time which left a precious savor & has not departed like the early dew, for which my mind is at least in a very good degree humbled & thankful & believe there never was a



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time when there was a greater necessity for every one to cultivate in their minds love towards one another. The times are very peculiar & we know not to what the present depraved state of things will lead, there is much to fear, but amid all the recent talk & commotion in the minds of the people concerning War, I have again thankfully to acknowledge that my mind hath been preserved remarkably in the quiet, yet how I should retain this quietude in seasons of closer trials, when surrounded by an Army & perhaps bullets flying, I am unable to say. I know I am not mine own or my brothers keeper, & can only (by Divine help) pray for the preservation of either. nothing that we can do of ourselves will avail anything, & if we can be favor'd to pray in the living faith, prayer will be as effectual in these as in the Days of the prophets & Apostles, in this true & living faith. I feel renewedly concern'd to abide & to increase, believing as Daniel Anthony once told us, that if it is suffered to decrease in the mind, the enemy will step in and jostle in proportion as we let go our hold, thus many good beginnings have been quite overthrown by that old deceiver.

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July 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 7 M 1812 / As I have often said of late the times are very gloomy. In addition to things of a Public nature I have heard that Edward Senter son of the late Doctor Isaac Senter has been very Distracted for several days. Some time ago he attempted to put an end to his existence but got about again & was pretty consistent & heard of the decease of his grandfather & that he left him considerable property, but the latter proving untrue I suppose it proved more than he could bear & left him quite distracted for several days & was this Afternoon carried to the Alms House.— Thus we have an example of an inworld & irreligious education, his & mine lived adjoining neighbours & I had an opportunity of knowing the particulars of his youthful race, his father was a professor & openly avowed Deist, & encouraged his children in loose conduct, tho' he pretended to plead for morality, yet in his own example was such, & his attention to his children so small that they took great Libertys & were very wicked, & the fate of the family has been very remarkable. He first lost a son at sea — the father next died himself of a [consumption](#) & apparantly in an obdurate state his wife was a clever woman & good neighbour & desires I believe that things were different in the family, but she poor woman, soon after her husbands decease was taken suddenly Ill in Providence & Died there. Next Horace was shot in a duel at Savannah which was the means of familys being broken up entirely & the remaining children put to board. The two daughters are somewhat hopeful the two remaining sons Nathaniel & Edward alas for them Edw in the situation above described & Nathl at present a infidel no hopes of his being better, a family educated as



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they were can never expect to flourish long.

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 July 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7 M 16th 1812 / Yesterday & the day before our dear little son was quite sick, & I was much alarmed about him, but this morning he seems much better, for which I desire to be thankful, to be obliged to part with him would indeed be a keen stroke, but I dare not crave to strongly for him to be continued as the Lord but knows what is best for us. – Our meeting was solid & solemn, but I thought my mind was not as much quickened at some seasons
Father Rodman & Ruth Davis bore short testimonys
Saw James Hosier this eveningn he has been to Ohio & has seen Rowse & Mary Taylor, he gives a more favorable account of their situation than we have heard. –*

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 July 17, Friday: At this point during the 1812-1815 war with Great Britain, the USS *Constitution* escaped from a squadron of seven British ships.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7 M 17th / Our dear little son had a very distressed night last, but is much more smart & brisk this morning than we had any right to expect - he has continued well thro' the day & I desire to be thankful for it. –
Father & Mother Rodman & Sarah Earl set the evening with us.*

 July 18, Saturday: [Caleb Goldsmith Forshey](#) was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, a son of John Sire Forshey (September 10, 1777-October 1857) and Elizabeth Monroe Forshey (circa 1778-October 1855). He would spend his childhood in [Ohio](#), being educated in the local schools of Norwich, and then enter Kenyon College in Gambier, [Ohio](#) as a part-time student.

The Alliance of Orebro combined Russia, Sweden, and Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th M 18th / Nothing new to insert, things as it respects my own particular & the nation at large are pretty much as usual. –I am often hevvy hearted when looking over the prospects before us. War with its attendant trains of honour stairs us in the face we know not now soon our peaceable habitations may be disturbed with the sound of guns & Armed Men in array against each other, May the Lord in mercy avert these calamities & draw our minds to look unto him for succor in every condition. – I have thankfully to acknowledge that our dear little boy has been very smart his the Day –

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 July 19, Sunday: While taking the cure at Teplitz (Teplice), [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) and [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) met for the initial time. Beethoven would on August 9th, “Goethe delights far too much in the court atmosphere. Far more than was becoming a poet.” Goethe would write on September 2d, “His talent amazed me; unfortunately he was an utterly untamed personality, who was not altogether in the wrong in holding the world to be detestable but surely does not make it any the more enjoyable for himself or others by his attitude.”

At Sackets Harbor on the New York shore of Lake Ontario, the Canadian Provincial Marine Fleet attempted to recover its schooner *Lord Nelson* but was driven off.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 M 19th / Silent meetings, the forenoon was a pretty good one to me – between meetings Meribeth Easton was buried, She was the Widow of Walter Easton, tho' she retained a right of membership, her memory is very precious

 July 20, Monday: Public opinion in [Rhode Island](#) was so decidedly opposed to the [War of 1812](#) that, on this night, a small schooner that had been being fitted out in [Providence](#) for a war [privateer](#) was taken down the river and scuttled.

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 M 20th / Saw an experiment of a DIVING BELL by a man who went to the bottom of the Water at the head of long wharf & staid 34 minutes I did not get there untill after he had been down some time but I saw him come up.
Set the eveng at home our little boy was not very well. –*

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 July 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 7th 21 1812 / I am brought under exercise which has touched a quick place in my mind an awful period has arrived. This afternoon the different Military companies are to meet to draft their quotas of men required by the government for the defence of the state. & several are liable to the draft for whom I feel deeply concerned. & the Prayer of my heart is that they may be this time spared. –
Since wrighting the foregoing my mind has been greatly relieved JW has been in & told me that neither of the young men alluded to above were drawn out, for which my heart is thankful. They were young men who I have no doubt are concientiously scrupulous of bearing Arms, but not shielded by Society, except one who from peculiar circumstances the Clerk declined giving him a certificate, tho' in my judgement his reasons for declining were insufficient*



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Abijah Winton of Salem took tea with us.

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July 22, Wednesday: French forces were routed by the British and Portuguese south of Salamanca, opening the way to Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 M 22 / Drums fifes & Guns are daily heard. a company in uniform are this moment passing they are marching about trying to induce others to enlist with them – Oh! what dismal effects on the minds of the people has War. Well indeed it must be so, for sacred writ declares that it cometh of Mens lusts, & when men are given up to follow their own lusts wether it be in one thing or another, what poor depraved creatures we are, & when War is the rage, how does it tend to demoralise mankind.- My heart is sadened at the prospect & prayer often raised that the days of this calamity may be shortened. –

*I omitted to particularise a matter yesterday which has dwelt much on my mind since. – In the Afternoon a lad came into the shop & told me that from particular circumstances the Clerk of this meeting has refused to grant his brother a certificate, which would have exempted him from a draft in the Militia, & it was then too late for me to see the Clerk on the subject. – & I thought to myself there is nothing to be done but to pray that he may not be drafted this time, & such feelings attended as begot earnest intercessions that he might not be, & as my mind was thus engaged it seemed as if a living faith arose that he would not –& when I was informed that he was not it seemed as if I was renewedly confirmed in the assurance of Christ to his disciples. Whatsoever ye ask in faith Shall be granted
Reced a letter from Lewis L Clarke containing much good matter. –*

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July 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7th M 23rd 1812 / Our meeting was pretty well attended C R spake a few words. When the Queries were read in the Preparative, the one respecting property taken in War fastened on my mind & I was brought under exercise, which induced me to make a few observations calling the minds of friends to a carefulness with respect to being concerned in the purchase of goods that might be brought in by Privateers. which was followed by a few seasonable remarks by D Buffum & A Mitchell
Sister Mary took care of the little boy while my H went to Meeting*

This afternoon recd a letter from Hannah Pope dated 16th inst which was very agreeable, he situation has claimed my sympathy many times & particularly at the last Yearly Meeting, & soon after he return home I felt a disposition to write her &



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*accordingly did.-
Aunt Patty Gould Set the eveng with us.*

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July 24, Friday: Tsar Alyeksandr made a public appeal in Moscow for assistance from every ablebodied Russian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th M 24th / Nothing worth inserting. -

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July 25, Saturday: Spain reasserted its power in Venezuela. Revolutionary leader Francisco de Miranda surrendered his troops to the Spanish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 M 25 / I am going presently to Narragansett to attend to some buisness at Cousin Silas Caseys.

Arrived at Narragansett before dinner. Dined at cousin P Gardiners & after dinner went with cousin L Clarke to cousin Caseys, compleated my buisness & took tea there my aunt was very agreeable found there an old relation whom I never saw but once & that when I was a boy, it was cousin Caseys Sister [-] Gardiner She appeared to me to be a very meek spirited woman, & while sitting with her my spirit was not a little affected. she is 80 years of age has gone thro' much affliction in this World & now appeard to be much refined & I believe will shortly be taken to REST - After tea we returned to cousin Gardiners & lodged. -next morning I went to Meeting in So Kingston where at Present is a very comfortable & thriving little gathering - After meeting Rode with Cousin Lewis & Cousin Patty Hazard to her home & dined spent the Afternoon & took tea, found cousin John Hazard in Poor health & think he is wasting away, but may continue some time in mutability - towards night we returned to Cousin Gardiners & lodged next morning being 2nd of the week I rose early & caught the ferry home & found my Dear H & little boy pretty well. -but heard that my dear Aunt Martha Gould is more unwell than she has been. -

In the eveng walked to see Aunt Martha found her very poorly but sitting up. - She set the eveng with us last 5th day & if it should be the last I shouldnt be disappointed. -

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 July 26, Sunday: Franz Schubert sang as chorister in the Imperial Chapel for the final time. He was entering adolescence and his voice has broken. He marked the occasion by writing in the alto score of Peter Winter's Mass no.1 "Schubert, Franz, crowed for the last time, 26 July 1812." He would begin to devote his energies to composing church music.

Fire destroyed a good part of the city of Baden, southwest of Vienna.

 July 27, Monday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) left Teplitz (Teplice) and would never see [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) again.

 July 28, Tuesday: When Allied forces reached Vitebsk west of Moscow, they found the city vacant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 M 28th 1812 / This mornng I called early to see my dear Aunt Martha. I found her sitting up & she thought rather more comfortable than yesterday - I conceived her ease quite alarming, & have requested Dr Easton to visit her & try to help her a little; tho' there appears no expectation of her ever being well, yet she may be kept along for some time, her life is of importance to her sisters. She has been her whole life time a care taker of them & her removal will be a severe shock, but I have no doubt that when ever it pleases the Lord to cut the slender thread of time, her change will be from a life of care & anxiety to one of happiness forever - She hath been ever since my time a religious & faithful Woman, & to her counsul [sic] & example I owe much. in my childhood I lived with her several years & her care & tender concern for my present & future wellfare was obvious then, & has continued to the present day. One instance of her faithfulness to religious scruples was so impressive in my mind at the time, that I have not forgotten it tho' a long time ago, & has been frequently revived since the present War & privateers have been fitting out, - When I was quite a boy, a Spanish prize was sent into this port by some of the then contending powers & the property sold, by some means a rare & delicious nut fell into my hands that came in the prise. I carried some of them to her prepared for eating, with which she seemed much pleased & was going to eat some, but at that moment was informed, either by me or some one standing by, which I do not recollect, of where they came from. She immediately declined touching them & altho' I labord hard to induce her to partake of them, yet I could not succeed. - her firmness in declining was very impressive in my feelings, & the savor of it has never entirely left me. -

Our dear little boy was very well & playful in the forenoon but in the Afternoon was very feverish & sick, & continued so thro' the evening -

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 July 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 7 M 29 1812 / Our little boy was some restless last night, but rested much better than we expected when we went to bed. he however is not much better this morning. – Aunt Patty Gould much as yesterday
Our little boy seems much better this evening, for which I desire to be thankful. –*

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 July 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7th M 30th / Our little boy continues better, seems quite pert & lively this morning.
In our meeting which was Our Monthly meeting held in town, Anne Greene & D Buffum were Labourers in the Gospel. – In the last we had ample scope for the exercise of patience, several matters of the lesser importance was disposed of - & Certificates were granted Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis to pay a religious visit to friends in NYork State particularly the Quarterly Meetings of Stamford & Nine Partners.*

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 July 31, Friday: One final [telescopic](#) observation of the great [comet Flaugergues \(C/1811 F1\)](#) was accomplished, as it was entering the constellation of Capricornus. The astronomer Wisniewsky described it as a faint yellowish nebulosity with a diameter of about an arc-minute and a half, without a detectable tail.

SKY EVENT

Francis H. Gregory sallied out of Sackets Harbor, New York hid three gigs among the Thousand Islands and captured a British ship. He then needed to burn his prize in order to avoid its recaptured by a British gunboat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 M 31st / Our little boy being very smart & well we spent the day at My Mothers with him. – Aunt Gould some better

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 August: The 38 “oathers” who had been arrested in June in Lancashire/Cheshire were acquitted. Meanwhile, in Yorkshire, at least three food riots were taking place.

 August 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th M 1st 1812 / Aunt P Gould much as yesterday. Our little boy pretty smart but my H poorly –

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 August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 M 2 / In the forenoon meeting H Dennis had a considerable to communicate twice, father had little once. In the Afternoon we were silent. after meeting Went with Br D R & took tea with Saml Thurston. –

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 August 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 M 3rd / The heart sickens & is very sad at the prospect of things in the nation. an hand Bill has been printed in town this Afternoon giving an account of a shocking Mob in Baltimore wherein some were killed & many wounded. Oh! Alass what are we coming to – In these times of calamity, the mind has no safety but in its God & may we so conduct in times of tranquility as in the Season of tumult & the clashing of the Potsherds to look unto him with assurance that He will help us. –

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 August 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th M 4th / Our friend John Casey & several others have come down to Quarterly Meeting I was glad to see them all but the sight of our dear old friend J Casey was very salutary. – John Casey & Loyd Greene paid us a visit this evening which was very greatful. –

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 August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th M 5th / Friends from the Narragansett county have come over pretty thick this Afternoon to attend the Quarterly Meeting. I am very glad to see them. it always very pleasantly Salutes my feeliings to see them riding by at such a public time

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 August 6: The allied (Great Britain/Portugal) army began its march from Valladolid to Madrid.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) performed a concert, along with Giovanni Battista Polledro, in Karlsbad (Karoly Vary) to benefit the victims of the fire in Baden of July 26th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th M 6th 1812 / My dear H could not leave the little



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boy to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting held there this day, so Sister Ruth went with me in A Chaise The first meeting was Solid & but little Preaching soon after it was settled J Greene had a few words to communicate, which I thought sound & not unsavory. Then a long pause of more than an hour ensued, in which I thought our dear friend J Casey might (from the exercise he appeared under) have communicated something that would have benefited the meeting – The next after J Greene was Hannah Dennis, who was very Sweet & savory. The next was A...C... a friend from S Kingston who I believe is generally well approved in his own meeting, but made a most miserable & feeble fight in the Quarterly Meeting but I hope did not much hurt. –the meeting ended –
In the last we had much business. The Queries & answers drew forth many pertinent & seasonable remarks especially That concerning our testimony respecting War - Matthew Franklin had much to say & much of it very agreeable to my feelings – [Moses Brown](#) very feelingly made a remark to this effect speaking of the beauty of our principles. he said Methinks the contrast between a similar number of Warriors to the number present would be very Striking, one sitting in solemnity & in peaceable spirit, the other all in jar & confusion, which may be seen in all who are in the spirit of it & traced down the the councils that declare it – I have not done the remark justice, but that is the substance of it. – The certificates of Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis were endorsed & they set at liberty to proceed on their journey
After Meeting we dined at Anna Anthonys & then rode home

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August 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 8 M 1812 / At 4 O'clock this Afternoon Matthew Franklin appointed a meeting for the inhabitants of this town, which prov'd to good satisfaction – Matthew was favor'd to explain the inconsistency of War with the christian religion, in a clear point of view, but it did not appear to be so open a time as some, yet he appear'd to be much help'd on in his subject - he concluded the meeting in supplication.

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August 8, Saturday: Russian Cossacks repelled Allied cavalry near Inkovo.

The 30-ton paddle steamer *Comet* began the first commercial steamboat service in Europe, over the 39 kilometers of the River Clyde between Glasgow, Greenock, and Helensburgh (this craft had been constructed by Henry Bell and John Wood).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*7th day 8th M 8th / Matthew Franklin has been in town resting & visiting his freinds & acquaintances. -
Our dear little son has been quite unwell all day*

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 August 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 M 9 / Our dear little boy was so Ill this foenoon that my dear H was unwilling to be alone with him & I staid from meeting to assist her - In the Afternoon I went to meeting & the little boy was so much better that I took a Walk to the beach with David Rodman.

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 August 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8M 10 / Our little boy has been better today but on the whole rather poorly. -

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 August 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 8M 11 / Saw a man of colour at Wm Pattens from Philadelphia who is a Presbyterian preacher by the name of John Gloucester he was formerly a slave, has purchased himself & family which has cost him 1500 Dollars. two of which remains unpaid & he is now in town trying to collect the ballance due by donations from the Rich & humane. - he appears to be an intelligent & good looking man. - I can only wish him success being unable to assist him in a pecuniary way. -
Our little boy has been very smart today -*

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 August 12, Wednesday: British, Portuguese, and Spanish troops under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington of Talavera and of Wellington](#) entered Madrid.

Amos Perry was born in South [Natick](#), Massachusetts. After graduating from [Harvard College](#) with [Henry Thoreau](#) in 1837 (he was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, which Thoreau was not) he would teach in New London, Connecticut and [Providence, Rhode Island](#). He would visit Europe several times and would be from 1862 till 1867 the United States consul at Tunis. In 1873 he would become the secretary of the Rhode Island historical society and in 1880 its librarian, and in 1885 he would be made the superintendent of the state census. In 1841 [Brown University](#) would award him the degree of A.M. He would publish, in 1869, CARTILAGE AND TUNIS, in 1883, MEMORIAL OF ZACHARIAH ALLEN, 1795-1882, and in 1887, RHODE ISLAND STATE CENSUS, 1885.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 8M 12 / Our little boy is but poorly at best, but I hope he will not be much worse. –
This evening I went to Tennys meeting house & heard John Gloucester the man of colour mentioned yesterday preach & I thought he misapplied Scripture exceedingly, yet he appeared to be a man of some ingenuity & readiness of utterance. –*

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August 13, Thursday: The *USS Essex* defeated *HMS Alert* off Bermuda, and captured a troop transport.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8thM 13th 1812 / Our Meeting was a precious one. I thought I was sensible of more life circulating among us than I had felt for some time. – life seem acceptable if the mind like agitated Needle varied from the pole it seemed easily to return to its wonted place again, for this favor I desire to be thankful. –

Lydia Almy was concerned to speak a few words which I thought was savory. –

While setting in Meeting today I could but contrast ours with the one I was in last evening. While there it seemed as if the sound was nearly all that I could find among them.

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August 14, Friday: Allied forces reached Krasnoye, southwest of Smolensk, and met the first organized Russian resistance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8M 14 / Our dear little boy seems to be very well now for which I believe my dear wife & I are cery thankful.

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August 15, Saturday: Mass in C by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, at Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8M 15 / The mind has been turned on vaious subject, which very often deeply impress it. – The present State of things in this world & this beloved Nation in particular. The times are very trying, it seems as if there is nothing doing or to be done whereby an honest livelyhood can be obtained & what little that is done is so mingled with iniquity that one can scarcely touch & remain unpoluted. – I hear that this Afternoon that a prise has been sent in this Port by some privateer, & I am sure that knowingly I could not buy an ounce or gill of any thing she has



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on board & to have my hands or mind free from the most despicabile & mean kind of all Warfare –

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 August 16, Sunday: The summer and early fall had been quiet on the Niagara Frontier, such as at [Fort Niagara](#), with local American and British commanders having agreed upon a local truce while they each attempted to strengthen their respective positions. During the truce, however, the British took an opportunity to transfer some of their soldiers westward, and on this day they achieved an important victory at Detroit. The US commanding general, William Hull, would find himself being courtmartialled.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8M 16 / In our forenoon meeting Father Rodman had a few words to communicate – then Hannah Dennis, & then D Buffum. I thought it was a very good meeting. The sap of life seemed to circulate without much obstruction. –
In the Afternoon Father R was concerned in supplication. This Afternoon Mother Rodma & John went to [Portsmouth](#) to see Sister Eliza who has been there some time & on 6th day was taken ill of a bilous complaint but is now better. –
After Meeting visited the work & Alms houses with D R*

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 August 17, Monday: The Federalist Party convened in New-York, choosing De Witt Clinton to run against incumbent President [James Madison](#).

Russian and Allied forces had been battling near Smolensk for a couple of days and there had already been approximately 23,000 casualties without any strategic result. Under cover of darkness the Russians evacuated the city, which they had so trashed that it would prove logistically useless to the Emperor [Napoléon I](#)'s Grand Armée of Twenty Nations.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8thM 17 / It has been a very stormy day, much rain & the Air as cold as in the [?] M – Our little boy has been very smartly well for several Days – The mind has been very lean & barran of Good – how poor & weak I am & alass I know not when it will be more in the fullness with me. –

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➡ August 18, Tuesday: The Friends of Liberty, Peace and Commerce staged an anti-war mass meeting in New-York.

At this point during the 1812-1815 war with Great Britain, the *USS Constitution* captured the British frigate *Guerriere*. 101 people were killed.

The scene would be depicted in the following year by Thomas Birch:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18th of the M 1812 / The day has passed pretty much as usual – We had tea at father Rodmans – In the eveng Walked round the Hill with Br D Rodman

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➡ August 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 8M / Not a small degree of depression has been the companion of my mind. Things as to the outward appears very dubious, however may I be favord to view the favorable side of them as long as I can. –

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➡ August 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*5th day 20 of 8 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended,
– & I thought the forepart of it was favor'd with the
circulation and spreading of life & was thankful in feeling
myself in a measure partaker of it. – A friend appear'd in the
Ministry in the latter part of the Meeting.*

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 August 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 8M / James Lovegrove & his Wife with Josiah Siddons
are in town. – James belongs to Baltimore & has been to Bolton
& married a Daughter of Folger Popes & is now on his return home
with his new Wife*

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 August 22, Saturday: Swiss adventurer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt “discovered” the ancient city of Petra near Wadi Musa (Jordan).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 22 of 8M / Rote a leeter to Hannah Pope & mentioned her
Brother & Sisters being in town. –*

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 August 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 8thM / Our Morning Meeting was large as usual –
According to my sense a good degree of favor was mercifully
extended a friend appear'd in testimony & supplication – In the
Afternoon we were silent & a pretty good time. My Dear H left
the little boy at her fathers & went to Meeting*

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 August 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 24th of 8M / I have had a very low spell, having felt
as the Pelican in the Wikderness as described, alone lonely &
lonesome in a great barraness, both as respects outward & inward
prospects, & tho' my prospects as to the outward are very small
& streightened, yet have now been favor'd in buisness today
beyond what is common, for which I desire to be thankful –
My dear Mother spent the eveng with us*

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August 25, Tuesday: Following reverses in western Spain, the French lifted the siege of Cádiz and moved north.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 8M / It has been a pretty stiring day in town, on account of the Election of Jackson & Potter – the town Meeting was conducted with order & things acceded according to my wishes

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August 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 8M / My mind has been brought under some feelings on account of several things. my dear H was taken quite unwell at dinner time which was somewhat alarming

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August 27, Thursday: French forces abandoned Seville and moved north.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 8 M / Our Monthly Meeting is this day held at [Portsmouth](#). I made arrangements to go & early My dear Wife & little son but the morning was very rainy & unsuitable for them. I thought my circumstances would not admit of my hiring a chaise for myself only & my health would be endangered by going on horseback

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August 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 8th M 1812 / Sam'l Thurston & I having a little buisness with Sam'l Plum[?] we went out to his house & spent this Afternoon with him, he treated us very kindly, shewed us some curiosities around his house & several pieces of ancient Coin, one that was more than one thousand seven hundred years old, another that was coined of the gold that was dug out of Ancient Herculanium, another of gun metal coined at a time of great scarcity of money in England, & many of their guns were converted to that purpose - altho Money & doubtless a source of evil to some yet I had much rather the guns that are now in the world we put to that use than to kill men with. –

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 August 29, Saturday: Mikhail Ilarionovich Kutuzov took command of the Russian army.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 8M / My dear Wife not having been to [Portsmouth](#) in rather more than a year. We concluded to take this pleasant Morning & go thither we carried our little Son he slept most of the time we were in the Chaise while going – We left him At Anne Anthonys & went to Meeting After meeting we returned there & dined then went to Cousin Z Chases & took tea, where we saw my dear Aunt Patty Gould She went out there some days past in hopes the change of Air may be beneficial to her health After tea we rode home & I believe our little Son is none the worse for his visit. –

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 August 30: [Isaac-Farwell Holton](#) was born in Westminster, Vermont, a son of William Holton and Olive Rockwood Holton (they named him after Isaac Farwell, a revolutionary commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill). He would commence classical studies in Maine at the academies of South Berwick and Limerick, under the tuition of his uncle Isaac Holton, and complete his preparatory course under the Reverend Simeon Colton at the Amherst Academy in Massachusetts.

Daniel Rice Milts of East Sudbury got married with Nancy Baker.

Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia met Swedish Crown Prince Karl Johan at Åbo (Turku) and they reaffirmed the April 5th Treaty of St. Petersburg. The Tsar promised 35,000 men for the Swedish conquest of Norway.

 August 31, Monday: Carl Maria von Weber left Berlin for Gotha.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 31st of 8 M / Our dear little boy seems to have taken no cold by his ride yesterday; that we yet perceive –
This Afternoon a Privateer arrived & in her salute fired grape shot one of which grazed Benj Marvels Wife on the thigh, but did not hurt her materially. Such is the effects of those Wicked exploits.*

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 September 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 9 M / Nothing worth inserting. –

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 September 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 9 M 1812 / This is a day AWFULLY to be remembered about 10 OClock this forenoon two companies of volunteer troops



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under James Perry & David Mellvill paraded down street on their way to meet an enemy if one comes, which is the Prayer of my heart never may molest them. – Their faces were all well known to me, & many of them intimate acquaintance & old school fellows some of them men advanced in life & will probably according to the course of nature descend into their graves very shortly Should no cannon ball ever reach them. – On seeing them pass, mine heart was deeply reached, & prayer arose to the Great Over ruler of events, that he would hasten the time when nation should no more wage War with Nation & the Implememnts of Death be beaten into Instruments that may further the happiness of Mankind, & in a very particular manner to hasten the time when this highly favor'd nation may again be restored to peace & as formerly persue, every one his own occupation without the fear of an enemy. –

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September 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 9M / Our dear little son has been very sick, was complaining yesterday & the day before, but today his Cough & oppressed lungs grew worse and assumed an unpleasant & alarming appearance that I was ready to conclude that the time was at hand when we must resign him to HIM who lent him to us. he is however relieved this evening from a puke for which I desire to be thankful. I find that he gets a fresh hole in my affections every day. –

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September 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 4 of 9 M / Our dear little boy rested pretty well & had but one coughing spell thro' the night & has been comfortable today 7th day 5th of 9 M / Our dear little son is still better but not Well
It has been a very rainy day which with the uncommonly cold & wet weather that we have that of late renders the prospect very dull & even gloomy respecting Corn, which is feared will be vert scant throughout New England –*

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September 5, Saturday: Allied forces reached the village of Borodino where the Russians had massed for the defense of Moscow. Some skirmishing began.



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September 6, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Gotha from Leipzig and Berlin. He was alone, as Heinrich Baermann has given up the tour, leaving Weber in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 9M / Our meetings were small woing to the very wet weather – The forenoon a good time to me the Afternoon rather more roving - CR spake a few words. –

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September 7, Monday: Twelve hours of fighting between Russian and Allied troops at Borodino, west of Moscow, ended in complete stalemate, both sides too exhausted to continue. The day produced somewhere between 70,000 and 90,000 total casualties (more soldiers were killed at Borodino than in any battle prior to World War I).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 7 of 9 M / This morning I looked over some English news Papers - they much affected my mind particularly in observing their numerous notices of mirrors[?] theft & need of every kind under the head of such trials by Law which it appears to be their custom to publish a list of accd to my heart true Prayer is the only safe spirit to dwell in & prayer ?? raised in my spirit for preservation from every vice

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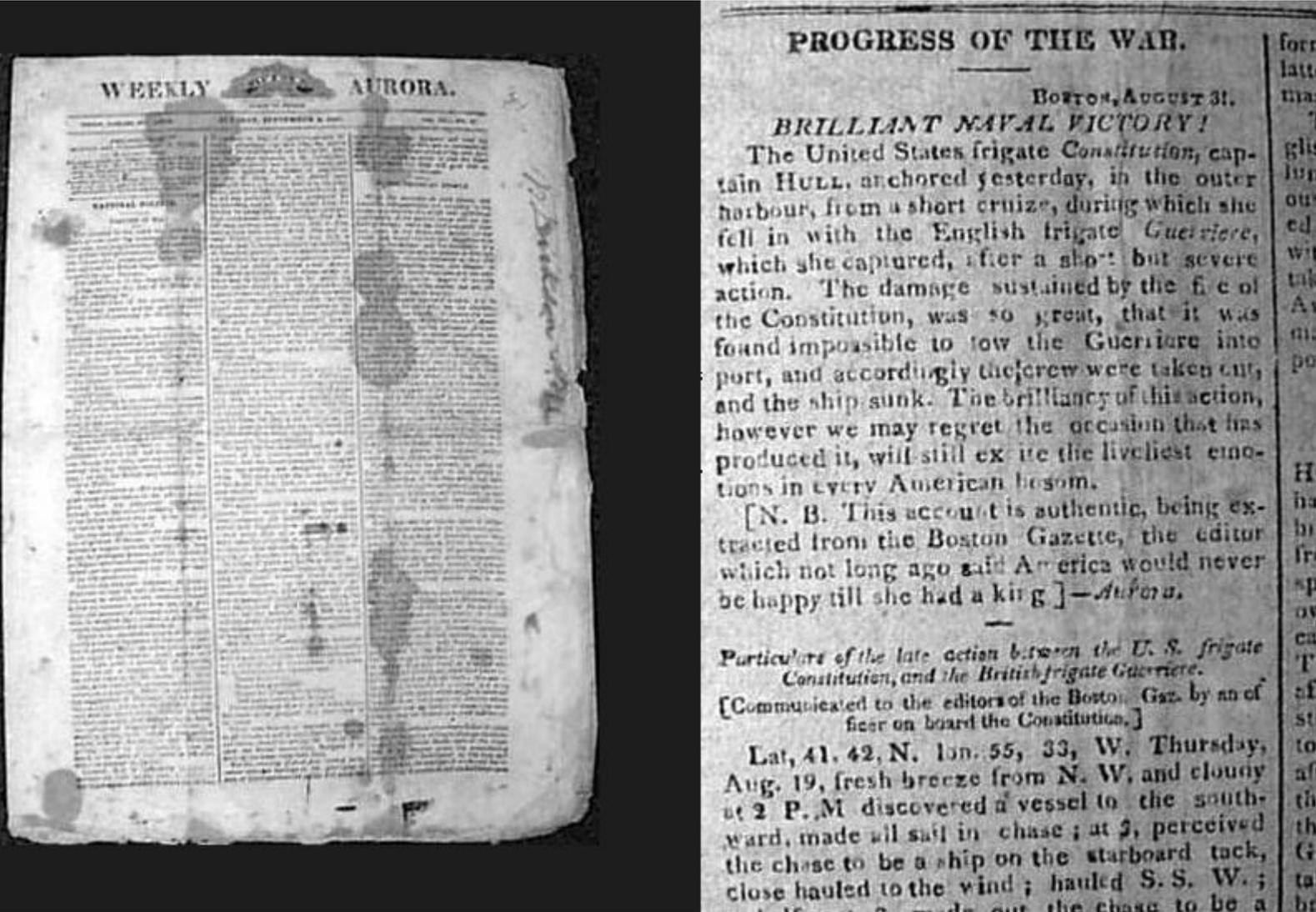
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September 8, Tuesday: Russian forces withdrew from Borodino.

The news:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th of 9th M 1812 / It is a very cloudy time both as respects the natural & Political world in the natural we have a very uncommon proportion of Cloudy & rainy weather & in the Political things are very dubious many days Mail brings fresh accounts of increased difficulty from various parts of the United States - Our Armys taken & defeated in some instances with much slaughter, & in the Southern State Negroes have in some places become disaffected & made attempts to rise. - & the Minds of the people in allmost every quarter are much agitated some with jealousies towards one another & some of the Government, & where these things will end is very uncrtain. -



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*May we flee to the Strong Tower in which there is safety & there abide. I feel the desire to arise in fervant intercession in my own behalf from the full persuasions that nothing short will avail us in seasons of inward or outward conflicts
This Afternoon in Company with Wm Allen & C J Tenny & some of the colourd directors visited the African Benevolent Society - was pleased with the appearance of the Scholars & their improvement in education. -
As I was reurning from the above mentioned School saw our Ancient & very venerable friends Jeremiah Austin Senr standing on Washington Square with several with him - I was very glad to see him if it was but for a few minutes - he came to town on buisness & went out again directly. -*

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 September 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 9 M / Rec'd a letter from David Smith, which was very grateful. - My H & little son took tea at aunt A Carpenters also my Mother Aunt P Stanton & Brother Isaac & Wife also Lewis L Clarke who is over on a short visit to us

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 September 10, Thursday: French soldiers pillaged Novospasskoye, home town of Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 Of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended the weather was pleasant & several elderly people came that does not in common from age & infermity - Job Chaloner was also with us & preached very sweetly & acceptably. I believe his appearance in the ministry was edifying & comforting to many present - C R had a few words towards the close of the Meeting, & I think I may say it was a season of favor. -

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 September 11, Friday: Sappho von Mitilene, a ballet by Johann Nepomuk Hummel to a scenario by Viganò, was performed for the initial time, in Vienna's Theater-an-der-Wien.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 9 M / Widow Sears, Nancy Rathbone & daughter, Mother Rodman Josiah Lawton took tea with us. - Aunt Patty Gould spent the forenoon & dined with us.

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September 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 9M 1812 / Yesterday Abigail Robinson Went to [Providence](#) accompanied by Saml Thurston to pay a little visit in a religious Way to friends there. -

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September 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 9 M / In our forenoon Meeting D B & C R had public communications to bear. - In the Afternoon we were Silent. - by the kindness of Sister Ruth my H was at meeting This forenoon & in the Afternoon we left the little boy at Aunt Patty Goulds & after Meeting we returned there & took tea with her. & tho very feeble she was very glad to have him. - After tea Brother D Rodman & I took a walk around the Hill & as we were returning up the Mainstreet we saw around Townsends Coffee house a large gathering of People which led me to suspect that some news had arrived. I stepped up to one standing by & inquired what it was. - he informed me that there was a report that three English shipes were seen off between Block Island & Point Judith - We walked up street & extended to the head of the Alms House lane & back thro' Farwell Street & as we got near the Parade. We found the Town was under **General Alarm**. Drums beating fifes Playing & People running with their Arms in every direction. Soon a very considerable Military force was underway to Fort Adams & a gard set to Watch the town. The w[h]ole of the evening & forepart of the Night was Noisy - but thru the Whole I can truly say that fear scarcely possessed my mind. -*

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September 14, Monday: Russian soldiers and citizens torched Moscow and retreated to the southwest. About midnight the vanguard of the Grand Armée of Twenty Nations of the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached the abandoned metropolis. There would be no shelter and nothing to eat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 9 M / This morning things have assumed their usual tranquility the English Ships appear to have gone by & the Military companys returning to their homes- It is wonderful how soon the Mind becomes fitted to its condition, perhaps if actual engagement had taken place I should have felt different but as it was in all the Meeting my mind was very calm. -

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 September 15, Tuesday: In New York, Robert Fulton reached a compromise with the Albany Company.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) took up residence in the Kremlin as fires broke out in the city, mostly set by Russian agents.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 9 M / Jeremiah Austin Junr is in town & been at the Shop he shewed me a letter which he had written to James Madison which I though a pretty good one. – I wrote to D. Smith –

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 September 17, Thursday: Over the previous three days fire had been destroying three quarters of Moscow as the invading army looted whatever they could.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 9 M 1812 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, specially on the Womens side of the house. – We were silent in the first & the last (preparative) we had no buisness. My mind was comfortably refreshed in the first meeting, tho' some roving was experienced.

This Afternoon I took a Walk into the Neck as far as the Telegraph erected for the purpose of Alarm in case of Ships of War – John Tillinghast went with me. – I had much agreeable reflection of Mind & our conversation was mostly on subjects interesting & innocent – I travelled over fields & viewed scenes that I never did before & in returning we came the way I was Just eight Years & three days ago with Thos Hornsby. – My mind was solemnized in many reflections on things that are past since that space of time. – What will happen or where I shall be in the eight years to come is hid with him who knows all things, & who in infinite wisdom has ordered it so, for if we knew our fate, Miserable indeed should we be. – Many of my intimate friends & dear connections have within the last years descended to the grave & perhaps before the next comes around I may be number'd with them. And Oh saith my soul may my exit be in PEACE come when it may

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 September 18, Friday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) and his staff returned to Moscow from their temporary refuge in the Petrovskoye Palace outside the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 9 M / My H with our little boy with Mother Rodman Spent the Day at Uncle Saml Thurstons. –

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September 19, Saturday: Admitted to the bar in Middlesex County, [John Keyes](#) “hung out his shingle” as a lawyer in [Concord](#).

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) authorized a French retreat from Russia.

In Spain, British forces withdrew from Burgos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 9 M / Our dear little boy seems to be well at present which with the present good health of his mother I feel as a blessing to me.

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September 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 9 M / In the forenoon meeting C R had a few words to communicate - After Dinner my mind being inclined I went out to Middletown & visited some of my relations there Took tea with cousin Sarah Gould Widow of John Gould - On my way home called to see cousin Elizabeth Anthony I find that with the removal of individuals places in a very great measure lose their charms from my boyhood up to the present time I have occasionally had many very pleasant visits in that neighborhood, but since the Family of my dear cousin Thos Gould has been broken up the center has seemingly been removed & there is not so great an enthusiasm as when his family were there

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September 21, Monday: US forces marched under Captain Benjamin Forsyth from Sackets Harbor, New York to Cape Vincent, crossed the border under cover of darkness, and attacked British and Canadian forces at Gananoque, Ontario. The US forces were victorious.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 9 M 1812 / The day has passed with the general sameness of most The mind has been turned in many ways. [black lines obscuring]

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September 22, Tuesday: A Kyrie in C by Antonio Salieri was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

The Spanish cortes offered the post of commander in chief of its armed forces to [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 9 M / Aunt Molly Wanton was this eveng taken ill with faintness & sickness of the stomach but got most renewed before bed time.

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 September 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 9 M / Aunt Molly Wanton seem'd quite poorly this morning but after the medicine had effect she was quite smart in the Afternoon. I did not know but she was about to leave us, from the manner in which she was taken.

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 September 24, Thursday: At Mozhaysk, west of Moscow, Russian forces severed the main supply line of the Emperor [Napoléon I](#)'s Grand Army of allies. Suddenly this Grand Army was all alone and on its own. Oh, this is going to get ugly.

The Principalities of Waldeck and Pyrmont were rejoined as the Principality of Waldeck-Pyrmont under Prince Georg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended & a precious good one it was our friend Daniel Howland of [Greenwich](#) was with us & preached very sweetly & with good gospel Auntority. Job Chaloner was also present & concern'd in an acceptably testimony In the last meeting (Monthly) we had considerable buisness, some of it was exercising both on the mens & womens side of the house but things I believe will end well at last. – Rich Mitchell Geo Dennis & Anne Anthony dined with us. In the eveng went with my H & sister Ruth & sat a while with our good Old neighbor Saml Towle & Wife –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 9 M / Daniel Clapp Jr of Pomfret & Sarah Albro of Middletown were married at our Meeting house a meeting was appointed at the 3rd hour in the Afternoon for the purpose. – towards the conclusion of the Meeting D Buffum made a few observations which were very gratefull to my feelings. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 26, Saturday: Gioachino Rossini's melodramma giocoso La pietra del paragone to words of Romanelli was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan. The work was an instant success.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 9 M / Nothing material to insert - Mother R Set the evening with us

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September 27, Sunday: Pedro Gómez-Labrador Avelo replaced Carlos Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marques de Casa-Irujo as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27 of 9 M / C R & D Buffum were concerned in testimony
& in the forenoon Meetings – Colonel Kingsbury was present. –
In the Afternoon C R had a few words to communicate – After
meeting I took tea with Saml Thurston Danl Clapp Jun & Wife were
also there. –*

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 September 28, Monday: According to the journal of [Friend Thomas B. Hazard](#) or Hafsard or Hasard of [Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), also known as “Nailer Tom,”¹⁵⁷ there was a “Ginneral Muster” on this day at Exeter, Rhode Island.

The Count von Rumford’s will was witnessed by, among others, the *Marquis de Lafayette*. He left his watches to Humphry Davy and Daniel Parker and the bulk of his estate he divided among his daughter Sarah, whom he had once abandoned, [Harvard College](#), which he had never attended, and the United States Military Academy of an army he had once betrayed.¹⁵⁸ In his dotage he was writing an article “On the Salubrity of Warm Bathing” while occupying his time playing solo bridge and chess and riding around Paris in a carriage dressed entirely in white. He was also scribbling on the *magnum opus* by which he was to be remembered,

157. He was called “Nailer Tom” because his trade was the cutting of nails from scrap iron, and in order to distinguish him from a relative known as “College Tom,” from another relative known as “Shepherd Tom,” and from his own son who –because he had fits– was known as “Pistol-Head Tom.”

158. It would be the sheerest surmise, and probably inaccurate, to infer that Benjamin Thompson had had any second thoughts about any of his activities.

“The Nature and Effects of Order,” from which we have most fortunately been spared.¹⁵⁹



Sarah, Countess of Rumford, as of 1797

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28th of 9th M / The times a[re] serious & gloomy. The War has involved us in many miseries which I think thicken every day, where or how the many of the inhabitants of this town are to get even the common necessaries of life the coming Winter is hid in dark uncertainty
I feel not a little depressed at the prospect as respects my*

159. After his death, his daughter Sarah, angry at not having been allowed to marry and at having been forced all those years to attend an old father, decorated her home with portraits of his mistresses and used the manuscript pages to start fires in his fireplace.



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self, but hope to be enabled to place my confidence in HIM who is not now less in power, than in the days of famine formerly

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 29, Tuesday: Sometime after this date, the [Shelleys](#) went with Elizabeth Hitchener to London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 9 M / Edw W Lawton & wife J Rodman & Wife Mary Anthony & her brother George & E Rodman took tea with us - & some of them set the eveng (on our part) very agreeably - I love the company of my friends, & the circle of this Afternoon & eveng were peculiarly pleasant. - [five lines crossed out]

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 9 M 1812 / here ends the Month with account of a d in the Upper burying ground in the Meadow field - his remains were first carried to the Meeting house - C R & D B made communications sad disaster which happened last night - A gun boat was cast away on Bevertail & nine men lost. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 10 M 1812 / Our Meeting was small principally owing to a considerable number of friends having gone to Thurston to attend the Marriage of David Buffum Junr & Susan Ann Barker. the Meeting was appointed at 2 OC PM This Afternoon Mother & Aunt Patty Stanton return'd from Narragansett where they have been on a visit three weeks lacking one day. - My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers with the little boy - I took tea with them -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 10 M / The day has passed without any thing particular to insert. -

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 October 3, Saturday: La duchesse de la Vallière, a cantata by Louis Joseph Ferdinand Hérold was performed for the initial time, at the prize-giving ceremony for the Prix de Rome, in Paris (Hérold's work won 1st prize).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 10 M / My H and little son spent the day at my Mothers -

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 October 4, Sunday: In London a spendthrift 19-year-old heir to a baronetcy, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), who was just getting his bride [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#) pregnant, met [William Godwin](#), a liberally oriented man whose defenseless daughter [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) had just turned 15. Hot damn!



WILLIAM GODWIN'S LIFE

US forces defeated British forces at Ogdensburg, New York after a British raid out of Prescott, Ontario had failed and their two gunboats had been forced to return.

The French garrison of the Spanish city of Burgos was besieged by British and Portuguese troops under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#). The siege would fail when French forces would be relieved, but Wellington would capture the city during June 1813 shortly before the battle of Vitoria.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 [sic] of 10 M / C R was concern'd in testimony in the



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forenoon & Afternoon Meetings – Visited the Work & Alms houses –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 5, Monday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) sent out emissaries, searching for someone with whom he might conclude an armistice or peace. –My goodness, Mon General, are you suddenly interested in declaring peace?

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) arrived in Linz to try and break up an affair between his brother Johann and the sister-in-law of Johann's tenant, Therese Obermayer. The dispute would result in a physical brawl between the two brothers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 10 M / The day has passed pretty much with the usual rounds – Aunt Patty Gould dined with us. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 10 M / Nothing particular to insert.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 7, Wednesday: In 1806 Edward Flint had been appointed guardian over the five minor children of widow Mary Brooks Merriam, but at this point guardianship was transferred to her 2d husband William Swan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 10 M / My Mother and Aunt patty Stanton spent the Day & set the evening with us. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 10 M / This forenoon I went to Connanicut on buisness of the Estate of Daniel Holloway, after I had compleated what I went for – Called a little while at Cousin Joseph Greenes & Cousin Molly Howland & got back to town at rather late Dinner time –

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 October 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 10 M / Tho' somewhat unwell & fatigued yesterday I consented to set up last night with our Aged friend Wm Lee who appears near the conclusion of time – & tho unwell I may acknowledge that I was helped for I was not sleepy in the night & have not felt those disagreeable feelings today which follow watching. –

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 October 10, Saturday: It may have been on this day that in a transparent attempt to resolve his pressing financial issues, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) proposed marriage to the heiress Anne Isabella Milbanke (she had the sense to refuse him).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 10 M 1812 / This Afternoon in company with the others of the committee for the purpose visited Sarah Stevens, late Sherman in consequence of her having Married out of the order of society. - Towards night I went to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness Lodged at Z Chases. - After breakfast the next Morning I called at P Lawtons & from Thence went to Meeting which was a good comfortable time to me - no one preached - After Meeting I went to Abraham Anthony's & dined then returnd to Cousin Z Chases & took tea then Walked homeward. found my H & little son in good health. -

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 October 12, Monday: Dr. Peter Goodnow of Bolton established a medical practice in Acton.

Dr. Peter Goodnow was from Bolton, commenced practice in Acton, 12th of October, 1812, left 18th of February, 1827, and is now [1835] a merchant in [Boston](#).¹⁶⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 10 M / This forenoon Departed this life in the 84th Year of his Age William Lee, An exemplary man in the various walks of life, and has been a useful member of society especially as one of the Trustees of the Point land. - & the last man living of the former set. -

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160. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 October 13, Tuesday: US military forces began crossing the [Niagara River](#) at Lewiston, New York by occupying the village of Queenstown Heights, Canada and killing the commander of the British forces there, General Isaac Brock. However, the state militiamen were refusing to leave the territory of the United States of America, and so, when the British forces counterattacked, the federal troops who had made the crossing to the Canadian bank, unsupported, out on a limb, found it necessary to surrender. The garrison of [Fort Niagara](#) attempted to divert enemy attention with a bombardment of Fort George on Queenston Heights. Fort George returned the cannon fire and, because of their higher position, were able to drive the American gunners away from their weapons. The American fort, its guns silenced, was then abandoned. Its garrison huddled outside its walls. Realizing that under these conditions the British would be able to simply walk in and occupy the American position, the American officers called for volunteers and reoccupied the fort. (In the lull that would follow this fighting, United States Engineers would attempt to improve the old fortifications by strengthening the exposed river side of the fort with temporary walls. To compensate somewhat for the fact that the batteries of Fort George could fire down on Fort Niagara, the Engineers removed the roofs of the two redoubts and the “French Castle” and remounted their cannon on the upper floors to gain every possible bit of extra elevation.)

On the following day, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would write this in his journal:

3rd & 4th days / Have passed much as usual, & nothing has occur'd worth inserting. -

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 October 15, Thursday: The Reverend Ephraim Abbott interviewed a violent psychopath, John Usher, whose hands were being kept tied at all times:

“The more evil he does, the more he seems to rejoice.”

(On the same day, this Congregationalist pastor made an attempt to persuade a birthright [Quaker](#) to convert. :-)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 10 M / Wm Lee was this day inter'd in the Upper burying ground in the Meadow field - his remains were first carried to the Meeting house - C R & D B made communications

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 October 16, Friday, and 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 & 7 days / Nothing particular to insert

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 October 18, Sunday: On the same day that the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) resolved to retreat to Smolensk, Russian forces took a body Allied cavalry near Vinkovo completely by surprise (the French would nevertheless manage to make their escape).

Jacob and Wilhelm, the Brothers Grimm dated the preface to the initial volume of their *KINDER- UND HAUS:MÄRCHEN*.

The *USS Wasp* captured the *HMS Frolic* well off the Virginia coast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 10 M / Our friend Christopher Hely & Nathan Spencer & his wife of Rensillerville in N York state were at Meeting Christopher is an excellent preacher in a plain simple way - in the Afternoon he called together as many of the inhabitants of the town & people of colour as he could get & a favor'd meeting it was.

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 October 19, Monday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Moscow. The Grand Armée of Twenty Nations began its long homeward trudge. In two days of fighting the Allies would be driven back at Polotsk, northwest of Smolensk.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 10 M / Much occupied in settling the Estate of Daniel Holloway which we are in hopes soon to compleate

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 20, Tuesday: Austin Flint, who would become a pioneer in US heart research, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 10 M / Occupied much as Yesterday.

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 October 21, Wednesday: When they learned of the advance of the French into La Mancha, the British and Portuguese raised their siege of Burgos and retreated towards Valladolid.

Samuel Wesley wrote to his mother in Brighton asking for money. Since she has recently come to his aid he requested half of his inheritance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 10 M / Again much occupied about the Estate of D Holloway

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 October 22, Thursday: A 1st child, [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#), was born to [John Thoreau](#) and [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#), who had married one another on the eleventh of May in that year.



John in later years



Cynthia in later years

DUNBAR FAMILY

We may note that when this child would belatedly be recorded in the Concord town records, she would be recorded as having been born as of the year 1813. (The town's records are not all that accurate or complete, but might this error have been purposefully registered in order to remove any doubt as to Helen's legitimacy as the eldest child of this very new marriage?)

Births

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
THOREAU, John		1754	Concord		
THOREAU, Mary	F	1786	Concord	John	
THOREAU, Sarah		1791	Concord		
THOREAU, Helen L.	F	1813	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, John	M	1815	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, Sophia Elizabeth	F	Sept. 27, 1819	Chelmsford	John	Cynthia

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 10 M / Our friend Christo Hely was in town & attended Meeting & the funeral of Sam Wilcox - but being previously engaged I went to Conanicut with our friend D Buffum to attend the funeral of Job Watson where David was largely & very acceptably engaged in declaring the truth to the People. - We dined at John Weedens & got home before sunset. -

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October 23, Friday: US troops at St. Regise, New York killed 8 British soldiers, took 23 prisoners, and captured supplies meant for trade with the Indians.

After the retreating Allies took control of Maloyaroslavets and a bridge over the River Lusha, Russian troops appeared and drove them away.

In France a group of officers headed up by General Claude-François de Malet (who had for four years been being detained at a lunatic asylum), announced that the Emperor [Napoléon](#) had deceased and read to the public a faked proclamation of the French senate authorizing formation of a new government. The conspirators suborned the officers of the 10th Cohort, a body of 1,200 soldiers, and set up their military headquarters in the Hotel de Ville. General Malet occupied the offices of the district general of the Place Vendôme where, confronted by General Pierre-Augustin Hulin, commander of the Paris garrison, he shot him. Recognizing Malet as a recent detainee, Major Laborde then disarmed him, returned him to custody, and ordered the 10th Cohort back into barracks. A total of 84 people would be taken into custody.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 10 M 1812 / Nothing very particular to insert, the day has passed with the usual rounds. –

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October 24, Saturday: After a fierce battle for Maloyaroslavets, during which the town changed hands five times, the Russians were forced to withdraw, although they would continue to fire on the Allies in the town.

Publication of Eight Piano Pieces op.37 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 24 of 10 M / Our much lov'd friend Obadiah Williams left us this forenoon with his family for Albany intending to settle some where in the state of N York. – my mind was not a little affected at parting with them I loved them much & consider him & his family a loss to this meeting. –
This Afternoon visited Sarah Stevens in company with the others of the committee, her situation is peculiar & has engaged our sympathy & fervant desires for her welfare in treating with her my mind was uncommonly opened & favor'd to speak in a manner that was peaceful to myself*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



October 25, Sunday: *USS United States* defeated *HMS Macedonian* off the Azores.

When French forces defeated the Spanish at Palencia, effectively they obtained control over Valladolid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 10 M / Our forenoon Meeting was to me a very precious season, a renewal of lif was experienced for which I desire to be thankful. – C R spake a few words –
In the Afternoon not quiet so much favor'd but a pretty good*



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meeting. -

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 October 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 26 of 10 M / Our dear little boy has been for several days quite complaining & today has had an eruption on his skin which I think favorable if it does not strike in
The Doctor say this eveng that the eruption on Johns skin is the Wild fire & that care must be taken to keep it out -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 10 M / My spirit is deeply oppressed & depressed & was the same feelings to continue for any length of time I dont know what would be the consequence. - but thro' favor it goes off & I am favor'd with quiet. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 10 M / After breakfast this mornng in walking to my Shop I was inform'd of the decease of my wife's Uncle in law Job Almy he was up very early in the mornng & complained of a pain in his stomach but walked out in his Orchard, came in again & soon expired in his chair. the news of his sudden departure very much affected my feelings. - I went out directly to his house in season to assist in laying him out. Oh! the great necessity of ever keeping on the Watch, even unto prayer to God for help for we know not in what day or hour we may be called to render an account of our Deeds

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 October 29, Thursday: General Claude-François de Malet and 22 others involved in the failed *coup d'état* against the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) were convicted by a council of war.¹⁶¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10th M 1812 / Rode with my dear H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Christopher Healy was there & was very largely concern'd in testimony he is a man of no education & not very largely endowed with human understanding, but is very uncommonly gifted in the Ministry. he is powerful & reaching upon an Audience & appears to attend very closely to divine openings & I said in my heart with Wm Penn who remarked after a very powerful testimony from John Steel appointed for a great Public dispute with some of the Priests of that day - After the Meeting ended Wm Penn remarked to Robt Barclay "This is neither the Wisdom of the North nor the

161. It is accepted that a *coup d'état* that fails is by definition a mutiny, and treason. Nobody likes losers!



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*elloquence of the South but the Power of God thro' a Plowman
which is Wonderful in our eyes."*
*Our last meeting was favor'd Christopher having much to
communicate. - our buisness was conducted with unanimity & love
tho' some exercising things were before us & the meeting was
detained late. - We reached Richard Mitchells about sunset &
dined. - then rode home & found that our dear little John had
done exceedingly well without his mother under the care of Mary
Briggs which I consider an encouragement for her to leave him
again when duty calls her away which at this time I thought did -*

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October 30, Friday: British troops began retreating out of New Castile, which would leave the capital city of Madrid undefended. The British soldiers took out their frustrations on the Spanish populace and there was the usual round of murders, rapes, and looting.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30 of 10M / Job Almy was inter'd this Afternoon.
My H went to the funeral which was very large but the Widow
Phebe Proud Aged 91 Years being to be buried at the same time
& in a plain way in our burying ground, I thought it probable
but few people would attend & duty seemed to lead me there,
so I omitted the first mentioned funeral & went to the last
& was glad I did, & it proved as I supposed it would, but few
people were there & they were beset to get suitable bearers.
I called a while this eveng at D Williams, & went home & found
My Mother & Aunt P Stanton setting with my H. -*

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October 31, Saturday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) reached Vyaz'ma, 218 kilometers west of Moscow, and paused to assess his situation.

In France, 13 persons convicted of the failed *coup d'état*, three of them generals of the army, were executed on the plain of Grenelle.



As you can see here, mass executions by volley tend to be messy because not everybody gets aimed at — someone usually need to wait while the guys reload.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 10M 1812 / Aunt Patty Stanton sailed this forenoon about 10 O'clock for New York. —

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November 1, Sunday: At high mass in St. Michael's Church in München, Georg Joseph Vogler demonstrated his triorganon for the initial time (he had only recently completed construction of this instrument).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 11 M 1812 / Our forenoon Meeting was large & a season of great poverty of spirit to me. C R had a few words to communicate. In the Afternoon it was larger than Common for an Afternoon Meeting Wm Almy was with us & rose late in the sitting apparently poor & the seed low in his mind & in Meeting but by his keeping close to the openings of truth & foloowing it faithfully in its risings & falling. Truth rose sweetly into dominion & I have no doubt but he was favor'd to minister very suitably to the states of some present & I felt pretty clearly that his communication was blessed to us I sat the eveng at home. —

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 November 2, Monday: Near Prague, Prince Ferdinand Johann Nepomuk Kinsky, an important patron of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), fell off his horse — he would soon die.

Martin Van Buren was sworn in as a New York State Senator.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 2 of 11M / I have some exercises to pass through which are indeed painful to flesh & blood, & I find no way so safe as to turn the mind inward & pray secretly in the ability afforded for help preservation & forgiveness, which has been my experience this morning. which I desire to render thanksgiving to Him who thus helpeth. –
Went this evening to see Dorcas Easton & Abigail Lee to advise with about their affairs. –*

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 November 3: A Republican caucus chose DeWitte Clinton to run for the governorship of New York.

From this date until January 26, 1813, [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s Belles Lettres and his [Shakespeare](#) lectures would be being presented at the Surrey Institution.

Pursuing Russians succeeded in surrounding the Allied rear guard. The rear guard would eventually be saved, but at great cost to the Allies.

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) became a juror:

3rd day 3rd of 11 M / I have the misfortune to be drawn a Juror at the now sitting Court of Common Please & have spent much of this day at the Court house.

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 November 4, Wednesday: Samuel Wesley wrote to his mother once again to notify her that if her son failed to receive £100 immediately, he was going to be clapped in the debtors' prison.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 11 M / Occupied as Yesterday had two cases committed to the Jury & was favor'd to give such a Verdict in each case as feels easy to my mind. –

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 November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 11 M / Got discharged from the court so as to be at Meeting late, but was favor'd to get quiet soon considering



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the confused litigation I had just left - [Paul Cuffe](#) was at meeting & Dined with me after dinner settled a little buisness between us & in the Afternoon went to Court again, tried a case but did feel so well Satisfied as in the former ones tho' I could see no other way to get along with it. -

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 November 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 11 M 1812 / Got clear of the Jury this forenoon in consequence of being a relation to one of the Parties concern'd -

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 November 7, Saturday: Allied troops in the north of Spain retreated to Chereya.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 11 M / Again on the Jury but got discharged this eveng -

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 November 9, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote a final letter to [Caroline Lamb](#), which she would later publish in her novel, GLENARVON.

[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) and the Grande Armée reached Smolensk where they proceeded to loot the city. At the same time, Allied reinforcements were attacked by Russians southwest of the city and induced to surrender.

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 11 M / Been buisily engaged in getting in my shop wood &c. -

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 November 11, Wednesday: US troops led by Commodore Isaac Chauncey sailed out of Sackets Harbor, New York and attacked the Canadian Provincial Marine Fleet at Kingston, Ontario. Chauncey was, however, forced to withdraw without having driven the British from Lake Ontario.

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 11 M / Buisily occupied at trade & find myself much behind hand in consequence of last weeks service at Court

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 November 12, Thursday, 1812 Allied forces began to retreat west from Smolensk.

5th day 12 of 11 M / I have seem'd to be so much occupied in my shop that I was inclined to believe that duty to my family demanded the omission of Meetings, but on the whole I dont know nor hardly believe that I gained any thing by it. - By those who did attend I learnt that C R had a few words to communicate & H Dennis was largely concerned in public testimony - In the eveng I called a little while at D Williams.-

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 November 13, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Eywood after his stay with [Lady Oxford](#).

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 11 M / I felt disposed this forenoon to write to Edward Cobb of Portland, In the eveng called & set a while at Aunt Martha Goulds - My H & little son spent the Day at her fathers. -

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 November 14, Saturday: The Allies attacked the Russians at Smolyani but were forced to withdraw.

Back again in [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 11 M / This eveng by moonlight walked to [Portsmouth](#) & reached cousin Z Chases in season to set some time very agreeably with them before bed time - In the mornng I rode with him to Meeting which was silent & a poor wandering time to me. I rode back with cousin Chase as far as Uncle Peter Lawtons where I stoped & dined transacted the little buisness that called me to [Portsmouth](#) & spent the afternoon very agreeably.- after tea Uncle Peter brought me homeward as far as John Goulds from thence I walked home stopping by the way at Sam'l Thurstons -found my H & little son fine & well -

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 November 15, Sunday: John Clarke Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

At about the midpoint of November the [Shelleys](#) returned from London, without Elizabeth Hitchener, to Tremadoc.



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 November 16, Monday: Russian troops captured Minsk, the main Allied supply point.

Georg Joseph Vogler gave the first public concert on his instrument, the triorganon, in St. Michael's Church, München. This performance was a great success.

General Henry Dearborn began moving 5,000 men from Plattsburgh, New York to Rouses Point for a planned invasion of Canada.

In [Newport](#), Rhode Island, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2&3 days 16th & 17 of 11 M 1812 / These days have passed as usual except that My H & little son on 3rd day spent the day at my Mothers

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 November 17, Tuesday: Allied troops attacked the Russians south of Krasnoye and sent them reeling. Left for dead on the battlefield was 24-year-old Jean-Victor Poncelet. He would recover and in the following spring, in a Russian prison camp, invent projective geometry.

 November 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 11 M / Nothing material to insert that occurs to mind

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 November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 11 M / Our meeting was large as usual & I doubt not but a season of instruction to some minds present - C R was concern'd in testimony & supplication -- In the last meeting (Preparative) Osborn Mory requested to be admitted into membership

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 November 20, Friday: General Henry Dearborn's New York militia refused to cross over into Canada.

Russian troops crossed from the west bank of the Berezina into Borisov, 73 kilometers northeast of Minsk, and captured it from Polish defenders.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 11 M / On 2nd day [Monday, November 16th] last Died Samuel Young Aged 85 Years he was a fisherman & accounted an honest Man I have been accustomed from boyhood to see him moving round the Neighborhood & Standing at the Grainary corner with his fish. he was a short man & wore a wig which rendered him somewhat remarkable for appearance as wigs of the description he wore are now very uncommon. - Thus one old



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standard after another is removed & we may in time take their places in the minds of the rising posterity & then be removed ourselves, but to calculate on long life is very precarious for we know not what Day or hour we may be called away, -

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November 21: Alterations to [Fort Niagara](#), New York had been made just in time. The US forces there and the British at Fort George on the far side of the [Niagara River](#) found themselves engaged in an artillery duel. The action produced a heroine: when, at the height of the battle, a cannon mounted on the roof of the French Castle lost one of its crewmen, a soldier's wife, Betsy Doyle, stepped in to help keep the cannon in operation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 11 M / The day has passed with the usual rounds. -

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November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 11 M / Our meeting this forenoon was large & I believe a solemn season to minds present C R had a few words in testimony on the subject of living faith -
In the Afternoon it was better attended than usual for an Afternoon Meeting D Buffum was concern'd on a remarkable pointed manner to warn us of the possibility of withstanding the day of visitation until it closes upon us, & repeated this Passage with great earnestness & power "Call upon the Lord while he is near & upon our God for he will have mercy & abundantly pardon" saying that it had rung in his ears from hour to hour both in the present & morning sitting
After Meeting I walked into the common burying ground with Christo Almy, then took tea with Aunt Patty Gould & set the remainder of the eveng at home Molly eveng passed it with us with her son John very agreeably on our part*

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November 24, Tuesday: L'occasione fa il ladro, a burletta per musica by Gioachino Rossini to words of Prividali after Scribe, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice. Public reaction was tepid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd & 3rd day 23 & 24 of 11 M 1812 / Nothing uncommon has occur'd these days, but the mind hath been mindful of many things.

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 November 25, Wednesday: After pressing Russian forces under Mikhail Kutuzov, Peter Wittgenstein, and Admiral Pavel Chichagov off the west bank of the Berezina River, the Grand Armée of Twenty Nations of [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) began to cross at Studienka. The river was unexpectedly thawed and, since the bridge had been destroyed, difficult to cross. Finally the river was crossed on a reconstructed pontoon bridge. Casualties were very high on both sides.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 11 M / My mind hath been introduced into feelings not a little exquisite in looking at the prospect of things as respects a livelihood if things remain as they are. The Rich will be made poor & the poor, poorer still even to wretchedness. The War obstructs almost every kind of traffic in which a man may be innocently concerned & there is no human prospect of cessation of hostilities between this country & Britain & where we shall land is only known to him who sees & knows all things. – Under these prospects my mind sometimes much depressed, for since the War commenced I have not done business sufficient to maintain myself & family & see no way to extend it. And Oh that my dependence may be on the Lord who is mindful of the smallest amongst men.

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 November 27, Friday: Lowell Mason left his home in Medfield, Massachusetts to move to Savannah, Georgia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 11 M / Our Monthly Meeting this day held in town has been a remarkable one for divine favor. Abigail Robinson was first concerned in testimony then Anne Greene in supplication & then in testimony, then D Buffum in testimony then Hannah Dennis & then Abel Collins from So Kingston, then A Robinson concluded with a few pertinent words hoping that we might abide under to present favor. I do not recollect a meeting of more openness in the ministry in this town nor one wherein divine good seemed nearer. – The business in the last was conducted with unanimity & love & I believe all ended well with us. – Isaac Lawton & Darius Lawton Dined with us. –

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 November 28, Saturday: Russian forces attacked remnants of the Allied force still east of the Berezina River. Retreating to Studienka, the Allies gave battle but were captured.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7th Days of Week / Have passed pretty much as usual & nothing particular to insert. –

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 November 29, Sunday: The Allies completed their crossing of the Berezina River and blew up their pontoon bridges, leaving behind 15,000 camp followers and refugees most of whom would be massacred by Cossacks. Russian forces attacked Plechenitzi on the Allied route of retreat but in a desperate action were fought off.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 11 M / Our meetings were very small owing to its being a very uncommon heavy rain all Day – I was however glad to observe John Castons zeal in getting out both forenoon, of whom recent convictions & change from a careless & very unconcern'd life to one very devoted & concern'd for his immortal part I may write when I feel more like it. Lewis Clarke & his nephew Sam'l took tea with & cousin Saml spent the evening – he appears to be of strict Presbyterian he lives in Pomfret in Connecticut Sister Eliza has been with us all Day. –

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 November 30, Monday: Birth of the second child of [John James Audubon](#) and [Lucy Bakewell Audubon](#), [John Woodhouse Audubon](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 11 M 1812 / Cousin Lewis & Sam'l Clarke return'd home this forenoon –

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 December 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) became a juror:

3rd day 1 of 12 M / Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from Micajah Collins which hath been indeed as a pleasant brook by the way. –

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 December 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 12 M / The mind occupied on various subjects of importance This evening finished & carried to the Post Office a letter to Micajah Collins

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 December 3, Thursday: At Molodesczo, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) issued the 29th Bulletin informing his countrymen that there has been a disaster in Russia and he would need for them to get busy and raise for him a new army of 300,000. –Hey, French people, “when the going gets tough the tough get going”!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 12 M / Our meeting was well attended & a comfortable season my mind was favor'd with a good degree fixedness tho' somewhat tried with roving – C Rodman was

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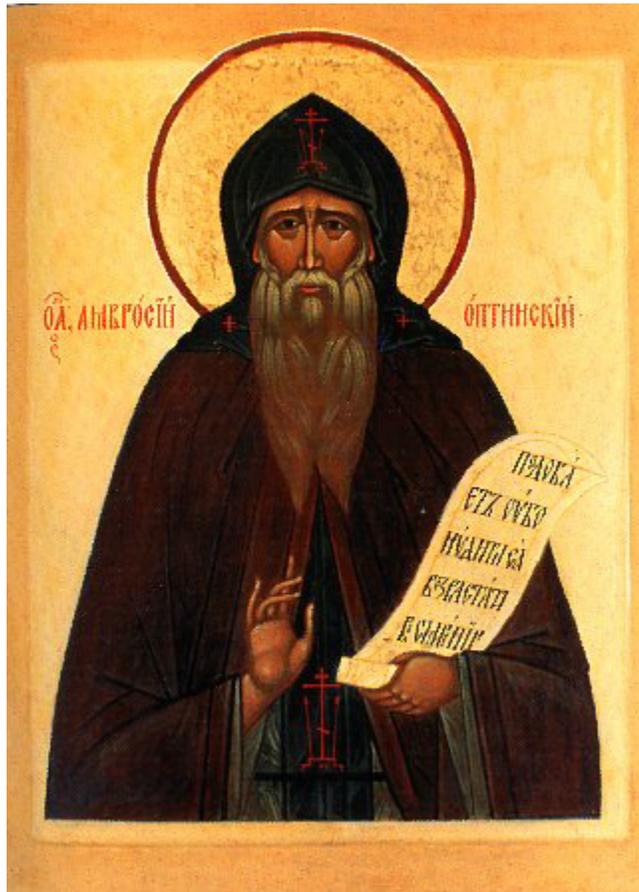
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concerned in a few warning sentences to such as rejected the truth, & A Robinson was larger in testimony to the same effect

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 December 5, Saturday: At Smorgon' 75 kilometers east of Vilna (Vilnius), [Napoléon](#) informed his generals that he was abandoning the army in retreat and making a separate dash of 12 days toward Paris, where because of the recent attempt at a *coup d'état* he obviously needed to be. He departed that evening.

In the Bolshaya Lipovitsa settlement in Russia, Aleksandr Mikhaylovich Grenkov was born in the family of sexton Mikhail Fyodorovich Grenkov and Marfa Nikolayevna Grenkova as the 6th of 8 children. He would become the venerable Ambrose of Optina Monastery, would be referred to in [Dostoevski](#)'s THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV as "an earthly angel and a heavenly man," and would in 1988 be canonized (he can now be referred to as St. Ambrose of Optina).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day & 7th day 4 & 5 of 12 M / 6th day furnished nothing worthy of remark -7th day I attended the examination of a young man taken up on suspicions of robing David Williams shop the night preceeding. he was an object of pity, but I was far from feeling him guiltless of the charge tho nothing could be proved



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against him.—

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 December 6, Sunday: According to the journal of [Friend Thomas B. Hazard](#) or Hafsard or Hasard of [Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), also known as “Nailer Tom,”¹⁶² “The British Ship Macedonia, a prize to the U.S. Frigate United States got into [Newport](#)” on this day.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 12 M / To me pretty good meetings. C R spake a few words in the mornng & again in the Afternoon H Dennis also was concern'd in testimony H Dennis Dined with us & before meeting brother JR came in & set with us. we soon fell into silence & H addressed him in a remarkable manner – My H went to meeting in the Afternoon – Sister Ruth took care of the child the while, & set the eveng with – brothe Isaac also called

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 December 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 of 12 M / The town has been in much stir & what some call rejoicing at the arrival of a British Frigate called the Masadonian yesterday – which was captured by the United States Frigate
What man possessing real christianity will rejoice at such an occurrence especially under the corroding reflection that there are now on board many wounded some with legs & others with arms shot off with their sores still green & needing the attendance of a Surgeon, & last of all that in the action many were precipitated into an Awful Eternity. What heart possessed with human feelings will not recoil at deeds so horrible? & certainly will not the humble christian drop a tear at the depravity of poor fallen & degenerate man – parents deprived of their children, Children of their Parent &c or on their native to their hospitable board, witness the most lamentable & awful sight of their limbs shot off –OH! who can reflect on these things without exquisite pangs –*

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 December 9, Wednesday: The exhausted Allied army reached Vilna (Vilnius) and found it was not too exhausted to plunder.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd & 4th days / On third day nothing to insert. On fourth day rec'd a letter from D Smith which seem'd refreshing –

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162. He was called “Nailer Tom” because his trade was the cutting of nails from scrap iron, and in order to distinguish him from a relative known as “College Tom,” from another relative known as “Shepherd Tom,” and from his own son who –because he had fits– was known as “Pistol-Head Tom.”



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 December 13, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached Dresden on his way back to Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 12 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was well attended but to me a poor wandering season. After I came out I thought I felt so poor & destitute that I could hardly realize that I had been setting in a meeting. –
Hearing the decease of my Aged cousin Elizabeth Anthony mentioned at the close of the meeting I thought I would walk out to her late residence & passed a little time with the family, & I was glad I did as the visit & walk afforded sensations which produced very precious feelings & I was not a little thankful to feel my mind quickened with the renewals of life – My dear H attended both meetings, & in the eveng went down to see my mothers who is very unwell*

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 December 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14 of 12 M / I feel thankful that my mind is again today in a solid frame & not so dead & hard as yesterday in the forenoon

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 December 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 15 of 12 M / This day cousin Elizabeth Anthony was buried – I should have been glad to have attended the funeral but I thought I could hardly spare the time. She was first cousin to my father & a relation he much exteemed. – Aunt Patty Gould told me a few evengs ago that since her remembrance there were of them 28 own cousins living & that she was acquainted with 27. there are now only 7 remaining. –
This evening called to see Edw & Mary Lawton this is the first time I have called on them since their marriage of which I feel ashamed, as they have been intimate friends & relations.*

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 December 16, Wednesday: A cantata for “La Goguette” by Luigi Cherubini was performed in Paris at a meeting of that singing society.



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December 17, Thursday: The 29th Bulletin of December 3d of the Emperor [Napoléon](#) was published at Paris.

The Piano Concerto no.2 J.155 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Gotha, with the composer himself at the keyboard. Weber would report that everything “went excellently.”

Upon orders from General William Henry Harrison, Lieutenant Colonel John B. Campbell took a detachment of 600 mounted troops on a sweep down the Mississinewa River valley, to destroy all the villages of native Americans there all the way from what is present-day (relocated) Somerset to what is now the city of Peru (“PEE-roo”) on the Wabash River. This of course was genocide, but it was all right because neither the word nor the concept had yet been invented — and of course it would be mere presentism to condemn the past on the basis of present-day enlightened attitudes. Anyway, on this day the armed white men arrived at a Miami village and destroyed it at the cost of two dead troopers and eight dead native Americans. Then the troopers proceeded downriver for a couple of miles, destroying a couple of other villages, before they returned to site of their initial triumph in order to bivouac for the night.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th of 12 M / Last night D Rodman & myself watched with John Cooke; he died this mornng at exactly 5 OClock
In consequence my last nights Watching I feel very miserable today with a pain in my side & drowsiness, & have not felt able to attend meeting. I understood however that it was a quiet season & C Rodman & H Dennis had short testimonys to deliver.*

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 December 20, Sunday: Intending to undertake another concert tour, Carl Maria von Weber left Gotha.

At Fort Manuel in what is now South Dakota, Sacagawea died. William Clark, in St. Louis, assumed custody of Jean Baptiste and her infant daughter, Lisette. (Legends would arise later, that it was Charbonneau's other wife who had died, and that Sacagawea herself lived until the late 1800s and died on the Shoshone reservation in Wyoming — but these legends are without corroboration.)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 12 M 1812 / On sixth & seventh days I was much unwell on Sixth day my side was so painful that I was obliged to leave my shop & Doctor pretty sharply thro' the Day - I am today much better but feel the effects of it - Attended Meetings - father Rodman had service in the mornng - in the Afternoon silent & after Meeting brother D Rodman & I went to visit the work & Alms houses & in the eveng went a little while to D Williams -

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December 24, Thursday: Anhalt-Bernburg-Schaumburg-Hoym, having been separated from Anhalt-Bernburg in 1707, was rejoined to the Duchy.

[Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) arrived in Cádiz to accept command of the Spanish armies from the cortes.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24 of 12 M / Second third & fourth days passed with the usual rounds -
Our Meeting today was rather small & silent & to me a dull season tho' I think there was not that hardness which I sometimes feel - In the last (Preparative) A certificate was requested for O Williams & family -
This Afternoon in company with the others of the committee visited Sarah Stevens again & it proved a season of favor tho' way does not open in her mind to make acknowledgement or request a longer continuance of the subject under the care of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - When I first went my mind was under great leanness & Poverty for sometime but by keeping down & attending to the little & keeping close to the little life afforded, I found it to increase & I became sweetly tendered & had much more to offer than had any expectation of, & I believe the opportunity will not soon be forgotten - as we left her much tenderer in spirit*

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December 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 12 M / Mine heart hath been sweetly tendered at seasons this the Day for which I desire to be thankful, at such seasons I am rejoiced even if my feelings are but very low, Yet if I am but favor'd with feeling I consider it a blessing & an evidence that Good has not left me. -

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December 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 27 of 12 M / My Meetings today were attended with but little life in the Afternoon C Rodman had a few words to communicate which I believe were in the life. After meeting in the Afternoon I went with Brother D Rodman to Jon a Dennis & spent the eveng very agreeably

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 December 30, Wednesday: Russian troops surrounded Prussian forces who were among the allies evacuating Riga. The Prussians, in the “Convention of Tauroggen,” declared themselves neutral. Even though the act was unknown to King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia, it signaled a change of heart among Germans.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) petitioned the estate of Prince Kinsky that he be paid his stipend at the revalued rate to which the Prince had agreed (before being thrown by his horse and dying).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 12 M / With this Day I finish my 31 Year of my life. I feel most sensibly feel that time with me is passing away very swiftly & that I Shall soon come to a conclusion & Oh that I may be prepared

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 December 31, Thursday: In München, Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) played the piano at a concert to benefit wounded Bavarian soldiers. His performance so overwhelmed everyone that when he entered the room at the dinner that followed, the guests burst into applause.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 12 M 1812 / Sister ELiza & Mary Briggs being willing to keep house for us & take care of our little son I went with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was to me a good time Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively & well Authorized testimony Also Sarah Fish – In the last Meeting buisness was conducted in good harmony, tho’ some things of an exercising nature was before us – Sarah Stevens was disowned – & it was agreed to cut the Wood from the lot on which [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House stands which is supposed will sell for money sufficient to pay the present Debt of the Meeting We dined at Peter Lawtons & rode home before Dark & learn’d our little boy had done well without his Mother. –

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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1813. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

 [John Lauris Blake](#) was licensed to preach by the [Rhode Island](#) Association of Congregational Ministers.

 [Zachariah Allen](#) and [Joel Hawes](#) graduated from [Brown University](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Zachariah would go back to his family’s industrial pursuits and eventually would become a trustee of the university. Joel would study theology at Andover and make of himself a lifelong pastor of a flock.



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 At the Hazard fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), a power loom went into operation. Later, the Narragansett Cotton Manufacturing Company would allege that this was the 1st power loom to be operated successfully in America.

In Waltham, the Boston Manufacturing Company mill was built (this is now the Francis Cabot Lowell housing complex).

Also, in Waltham, the Boies Paper Mill was purchased, and was converted by Francis Cabot Lowell into a [cotton](#) textile mill.

Phineas Whiting and Josiah Fletcher began a [cotton](#) mill near the present day Lower Locks of Lowell MA.



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A WEEK: Already, as appears from the records, "At a General Court held at Boston in New England, the 7th of the first month, 1643-4." – "Wassamequin, Nashoonon, Kutchamaquin, Massaconomet, and Squaw Sachem, did voluntarily submit themselves" to the English; and among other things did "promise to be willing from time to time to be instructed in the knowledge of God." Being asked "Not to do any unnecessary work on the Sabbath day, especially within the gates of Christian towns," they answered, "It is easy to them; they have not much to do on any day, and they can well take their rest on that day." – "So," says Winthrop, in his Journal, "we causing them to understand the articles, and all the ten commandments of God, and they freely assenting to all, they were solemnly received, and then presented the Court with twenty-six fathom more of wampom; and the Court gave each of them a coat of two yards of cloth, and their dinner; and to them and their men, every of them, a cup of sack at their departure; so they took leave and went away." What journeyings on foot and on horseback through the wilderness, to preach the Gospel to these minks and muskrats! who first, no doubt, listened with their red ears out of a natural hospitality and courtesy, and afterward from curiosity or even interest, till at length there were "praying Indians," and, as the General Court wrote to Cromwell, the "work is brought to this perfection, that some of the Indians themselves can pray and prophesy in a comfortable manner." It was in fact an old battle and hunting ground through which we had been floating, the ancient dwelling-place of a race of hunters and warriors. Their weirs of stone, their arrowheads and hatchets, their pestles, and the mortars in which they pounded Indian corn before the white man had tasted it, lay concealed in the mud of the river bottom. Tradition still points out the spots where they took fish in the greatest numbers, by such arts as they possessed. It is a rapid story the historian will have to put together. Miantonimo, – Winthrop, – Webster. Soon he comes from Montaup to Bunker Hill, from bear-skins, parched corn, bows and arrows, to tiled roofs, wheat-fields, guns and swords. Pawtucket and Wamesit, where the Indians resorted in the fishing season, are now Lowell, the city of spindles and Manchester of America, which sends its cotton cloth round the globe. Even we youthful voyagers had spent a part of our lives in the village of Chelmsford, when the present city, whose bells we heard, was its obscure north district only, and the giant weaver was not yet fairly born. So old are we; so young is it.



Richard Henry Dana, Sr. married Ruth Charlotte Smith of [Providence, Rhode Island](#).¹⁶³

163. There would be four children: Richard Henry Dana, Jr., Ruth Charlotte Dana, Edmund "Ned" Trowbridge Dana, and Susan Dana.



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The [War of 1812](#) was an unpopular cause in [Rhode Island](#), which as a nautical state expected to bear the brunt of what was expected to be a largely naval war. A privateer, while being fitted out in [Providence](#), was therefore cut loose from its dock during the night, and scuttled, by unknown private citizens. The governor of the state, William Jones, floated trial balloons about the possibility of secession from the new federal union of American states. The state General Assembly appointed a committee to determine whether Rhode Island's acceptance of [the Constitution](#) of the United States of America might be declared to have been in fact invalid, and therefore null.

During this war a prison hulk would be moored in the harbor, and British prisoners of war would be kept there.

Documents associated with the "[War of 1812](#)":

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There is a way to make an effective distinction between the "American War of Independence," on the one hand, and the "[War of 1812](#)," on the other, although this continuation of conflict between the former American continental colonies and their British homeland is commonly distinguished by historians merely as "the 1st and 2d Anglo-American wars." In the initial phase of the conflict in the late 1770s and early 1780s, the offer of freedom made by the British forces to Patriot-owned slaves had been contingent only upon their absconding and successfully reaching British lines. At the winding-down of this initial conflict, the British authorities therefore did not return any of these fugitives to their American slavemasters, and did not provide any compensation to the American slavemasters for the loss of their slave property. The American owners were assuming that this would of course happen, and the cease-fire treaty that ended this phase of the conflict had allowed for this to happen — but nevertheless it had not happened. However, by way of a radical distinction between the two phases of the conflict, as part of the post-[War of 1812](#) peace settlement the British authorities would compensate American slavemasters for slaves who had obtained British protection. (What an interesting way this is to distinguish between the two phases of the conflict!)



Although reared as a Six-Principle [Baptist](#), [Adin Ballou](#) was, with his whole family, during this year converted in a Christian Connexion revival. Adin wanted to go to college but his father wished him to run the family farm. Inspired by a vision of his deceased brother Cyrus, whose specter pressed him to "preach the Gospel of Christ to your fellow-men" or "the blood of their souls will be required at your hands," Adin felt called to the ministry. His father suggested in response that he remain on the farm, while pastoring at the local meetinghouse part-time.¹⁶⁴

David Benedict's [A GENERAL HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN AMERICA, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD](#) (London: Printed by Lincoln & Edmands, No. 53, Cornhill, for the Author).

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164. In fact the son, by that time a Universalist, would at first preach in Bellingham, Massachusetts and other communities near the family farm.



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 Although Connecticut had long before passed a law abolishing slavery, and although that law had specified that newborns would be free and all others were to be [manumitted](#) when they reached the age of 25 –or by this year of 1813 at the latest– and although this might indicate to some unwary readers that slavery would have ended in Connecticut effectively at the very least by this point in time, indicating that when the captives of the [La Amistad](#) arrived in that state’s prison system as pawns in the [international slave trade](#), they would be arriving in a state that knew nothing of human slavery — such an appreciation would unfortunately be entirely inaccurate. In fact Connecticut’s “gradualistic approach” to the elimination of human [enslavement](#) would never emancipate any enslaved females who had been over 21 years of age at the time of the law’s passage, or any enslaved males who had been over 25! Thus there still would remain according to the US Census, even as late as 1840, a small number of slaves in Connecticut. This state actually would not be clear of slavery until death would come to the last of its slaves — “free at last” in the Year of Our Lord 1848!

(The discerning reader will note the use of exclamation points above, indicating amazement.)



“It is simply crazy that there should ever have come into being a world with such a sin in it, in which a man is set apart because of his color – the superficial fact about a human being. Who could **want** such a world? For an American fighting for his love of country, that the last hope of earth should from its beginning have swallowed [slavery](#), is an irony so withering, a justice so intimate in its rebuke of pride, as to measure only with God.”



– Stanley Cavell, *MUST WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY?*
1976, page 141

 January 1, Friday: Russian troops crossed the Nieman in pursuit of the French.

Carl Maria von Weber’s cantata *In seiner Ordnung schafft der Herr* for solo voices, chorus and orchestra to words of Rochlitz was performed for the initial time, in Leipzig.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 1st M 1813 / This Morng rec'd a letter from Betsy Purinton & another from L L Clarke - My H spent the Day with our little boy at Aunt A Carpenters & this eveng I met with the



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Directors of the A Benevolent Society at C J Tennys —¹⁶⁵

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The New Year never comes in but that I notice another Year of my life has rolled away & reflect that they will all rapidly fly away even should they be extended to the age of Man allotted by scripture, but the time no Man knows, therefore how great indeed is the necessity of a preparation for the solemn change. —

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January 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 1st M / My dear Mother has been unwell for some weeks - I went in to see her at Noon & found her spirits much sinken & quite alarm'd about her situation I persuaded her to have the advice of a Physician but Doctr Easton being confined & she not being inclined to have any but him - I went to his house & stated her case to him as well as I could & received his advice & communicated it to her as well as I could & hope she will follow it - but if she does not get better soon I fear the case will work hard. —

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January 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 1 M / From the medicine which Mother has taken she is more relieved this eveng - In the forenoon Meeting H Dennis D Buffum & father Rodman bore testimony to the necessity of doing our Days work in the Day time - In the Afternoon father R had a few words to communicate - My mind was much tried with

165. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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insensibility but the Keeping close to the little; believe I was favor'd to experience a little quickening. -

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 January 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 1sr M / This has been a day of such great depression of spirits that I have been allmost good for nothing. -

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 January 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 1sr M 1813 / This mornng my mind was refreshed with the arisings of life & I was in hopes a better meeting than I had tho I believe it was not the worst of times. - C R had a few words to communicate. - This eveng call'd to see Benj Reynolds who is very low I believe in a [consumption](#) tho' he may get about again, he sent for me from a regard he appears to have for me & I wish I had have found his mind more abstracted from the world. -

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 January 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 1st M / Our Mornng Meeting was silent - In the Afternoon I started at home to take care of our little boy while my H went to Meeting & consider'd it my duty so to do - This eveng visited Benj Reynolds again & thought him better -

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 January 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd 12 of 1 M / Oh! that I had money, how would my heart bound within me at relieving distress - My mind was much affected a few minutes ago by a young Woman who came into the shop & offered me a Watch for sale with this information that she had two children the youngest nine Months & very sick with a sore mouth, she had no wood nor money & her husband a Lieutenant in the Army & absent for many Months & uncertain when she shall hear from him. but Alass times are so streightened that it was our of my power to do any thing for her. - My heart is much larger than my purse it was willing, nay further than that it was pained at not being able take her Watch & give her the Money. -

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 January 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 1st M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended Silence prevailed among us - to me it was a more than common quiet & favor'd season some jostlings of the enemy but his power was not great. - This eveng the Overseers of the poor met at our house (Male & female) to consult several cases which require our attention

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 January 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 1st M / Our Mornng Meeting was pretty well attended C R had a few words to communicate. - In the Afternoon Amos Peasly & his companion were at Meeting & a very favor'd season it was, Benj Fry the companion first spoke & rose a second time. H Dennis & Father Rodman said a few Words, then Amos in a long & excellent testimony, his companion rose again, then Amos addressed the those that were under affliction & concluded the Meeting in Solemn supplication. Making in all eight different public appearances in the Meeting. Divine good seemed near & I believe many Minds were Made to rejoice to find the fountain so sweetly opened. the Meeting was not as large as could be wished - My dear H was at Meeting -our kind neighbour Mary Briggs took care of our little son while she went - This eveng we rote to Uncle & Aunt Stanton -

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 January 21, Thursday: Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was named to the committee tasked to rebuild the local Friends' meetinghouse.

Completing a trip of 55 days, Lowell Mason arrived in Savannah, Georgia from his home in Medfield, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 1st M 1813 / It is just one Year this day since My dear Father departed this life - - The day I well remember & the sensations felt at the time has been renewed at this time. I feel his loss & expect I shall for years to come & perhaps to the end of my life. -

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 January 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 1st M 1813 / This Afternoon Rode to [Portsmouth](#) on Thos Potters horse & clean'd his Clock which I finished in the evening & went from thence to Abraham Anthonys & staid all



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night -1st day [Sunday] Mornng Rose & found a severe snow storm however after eating breakfast with Abraham & his very agreeable family, I encountered the storm & went across to Cousin Zacheus Chases found the dear old Man recovering from a severe attack upon the lungs which I think has destroyed his future activity he seemed very tender & sweet in his Mind - The day proving very stormy I could neither go to Meeting nor come home in the Afternoon I consequently lodged there & 2nd day [Monday] Mornng rose early & got as far as Cardir Hazards farm in Middletown when the gun fired for day break & to Saml Thurstons when the Bell rung for sun rise, & home in good season to open shop - found My H & little son had been well in my absence but had a bad pain in her side this Morning

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January 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12th M 1813 / Our meeting today was as well attended as our Moy [Monthly] Meetings usually are at this season of the year. There were many there whose faces I was glad to see, both among the Aged & Youth, & particularly our frd Richard Mitchell who Yesterday had a very narrow escape of his life, when on the Parade in a sleigh his horse took fright at a passing Drum & ran away, brought up against the Brick Market full but with his head & in his falling fell on Richd who was much hurt but was immediately bled & was comfortable today - the horse died in a few hours after, & Jacob Richardson & Benj Pearce narrowly escaped being crushed to Death by the horse & sleigh. - Our Meeting was a good one to me. -C R & H D had short testimonies in the first & in the last our buisness went on as well as could be expected. Osborn Mory was rec'd into Membership. - Philip Anthony Dined with us & I have very much to regret that My Dear H could not attend Meeting being unable to get any body that the child was acquainted with to stay with him in her absence.

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January 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 1st M / Sister mary Rodman fell this forenoon on the Ice & hurt her back exceedingly. - 7th day she is Better this Morning. -

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January 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 1st M / In the Mornng Meeting C R had a few words to communicate which were comfortable. - In the Afternoon we



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were Silent. – Brother D R & I went our to Saml Thurstons & took tea & set part of the eveng very agreeably –

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February: The [Rhode Island](#) general assembly appointed a committee to consider whether this nation's declaration of war on Great Britain had been in violation of the compact by which this colony had accepted [the US Constitution](#).

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February 4: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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5th day 4th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was small but I thought favor'd to me however it was a season of life tho' towards the last of it was somewhat tried with roving. C R had a few words to communicate which felt savory. Many friends were absent at [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting whom I have often thought of & should have been glad to have been with, but such are my circumstances & situation that I cannot do as my inclination leads

6th day 5th of 2nd M 1813 / My Mind has this Mornng been brought into sweet feeling for which I desire to be thankful Br D Rodman has returned from Quarterly Meeting & called to see us this eveng & gave a very interesting acct of it, he said our beloved friend Micajah Collins was there & had good service also dear old John Casey. & several others – That Rowland Greene returned his certificate & gave a short but full & very affecting account of his journey into Ohio & parts thereaay. David said it was a favor'd season, & I have no doubt it was & that it will be blessed to many – he said many of our friends made affectionate inquirey me & my dear H which was very acceptable & cordial to our feelings.

7th day 6 of 2 M / I heard this Mornng that our late friend & faithful labour Elizabeth Mott departed this life at her late residence in [Portsmouth](#) Aged 84 Years & some months her Ministry I well remember when I was a child & the solidity of her deportment. She was a near relation to my father & was frequently to see him & Aunt Patty Gould which gave me frequent Opportunities of being in her company I may acknowledge this eveng that it has been a precious Day to me my mind has enjoyed a Sweet tenderness, for which I desire to be thankful

February 7, Sunday: Russian forces occupied Warsaw.

A column of whites set out to destroy Alachua Seminole towns.

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"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

— Declaration of Independence



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 2 M / Rode this mornig to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of my Aged cousin & friend Elizabeth Mott. I went with Walter Cornell & got to the house in good season & proceeded to the Meeting house with the funeral where gathered a large concourse of people for the season of the Year & a meeting of great favor it was. Hannah Dennis first spoke then Abigail Robinson, then David Buffum, & then H Dennis again - all their testimonies were solemn & weighty & I have no doubt but that many were impressed with the solemnity of the occasion & the truths of the doctrined declared. - My Aged cousin Zacheus Chase has gotten so smart & comfortable that he was our to meeting today the first time in three Ms. I dined at Benj Motts which is the first time I was ever at his house.

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February 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day of 2nd M / I have this Afternoon Visited the sick -Vizt My cousin Wm Borden & Joseph Tillinghast - Cousin Wllm has been long time confined but is getting Better slowly poor Joseph is just taken down with the Pirisnumony [?] & is in great distress - My heart deeply affected at the sight & I hope to improve by it

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February 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10 of 2 M / Notwithstanding my many trials I have to acknowledge & be thankful for a tender heart. I have been this day much tendered in spirit & I trust enjoyed a measure of the divine presence. -

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February 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was rather small, but I thought in good measure favor'd C R had a few words to say -- Satan is continually buffeting me a circumstance took place this orng which I afterward regretted, wherein I manifested more temper than was becoming or warrantable. -

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February 14, Sunday: John Leighton Tuttle resigned and was replaced as postmaster of [Concord](#) by [John Keyes](#).

Alyeksandr Sergeyeovich Dargomizhsky was born in Troitskoye, Tula District, south of Moscow, son of a wealthy landowner who was the illegitimate son of a nobleman, and Princess Kozlovskaya, a poet.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 2nd M 1813 / I watch'd last night with Joseph Tillinghast who is very low & at times much lost in his Mind but at intervals quite rational & conversed on subject of a serious nature very properly He spake to me of the beauty of Brethren dwelling together in love & observed it was very precious - he said he had been much exercised for some Months past & had labor'd to have his mind settled on good things, & that from time to time in his life he had been much edified in reading friends writing & considered them very beneficial to young people - he several times appear'd in prayer & thanksgiving for the Many favors vouchsafed. - & I was glad I passed the night with him -
I was so unwell in consequence of Watching that I did not attend Meetings today - & my dear H went all day -*

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December 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 2nd M / Called this eveng to see Jos Tillinghast found him very low & much distressed - but frequently calling on his Maker in a solemn manner & affecting to those Present. - he often desired to be released from his great distress of body but prayed for patience to the end. -

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February 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 2nd M / My H & little son spent the Afternoon at My Mothers. - In the eveng visited Jos Tillinghast again & found him no better -

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February 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 2nd M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended but I believe a low time to most present as respected life. Jos Chaliner was present had a short but acceptable testimony C R also said a few Words. – In the preparative meeting David Rodman & I were proposed as overseers of the Poor for this ensuing Year & Anthony Shove was reported by Overseers as having married out of the order of society.

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February 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 2 M / Our Meetings were pretty well attended In the forenoon LYdia Almy & father Rodman had a few words to communicate - In the Afternoon father was again engaged to communicate a little – Meetings were poor a lean seasons to me – J Dennis & Wife dined with us. – After Meeting in the Afternoon Br D R & I visited the Work & Alms House. – My H went to meeting in the Afternoon while Sister Ruth took care of the little Boy —

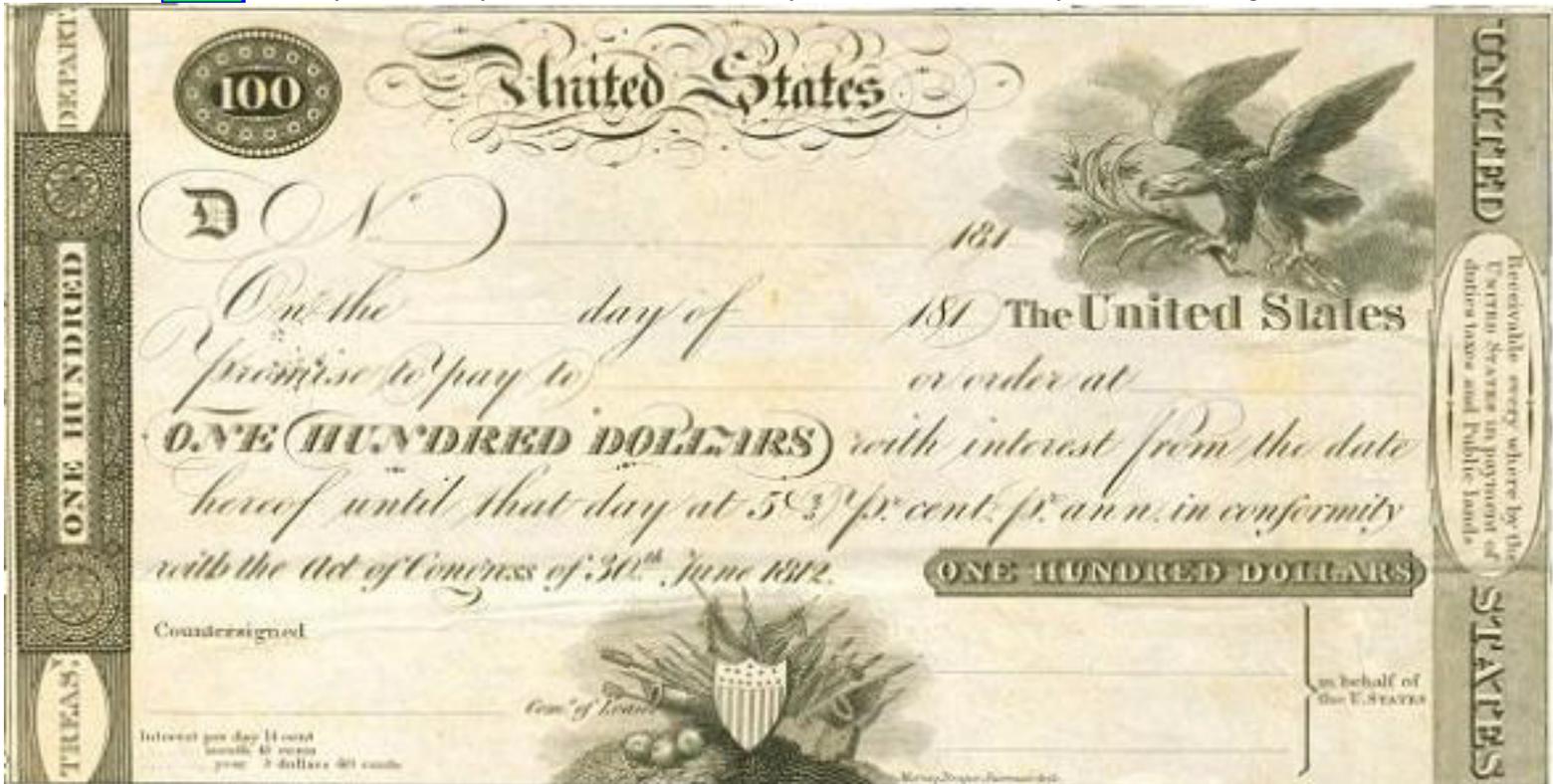
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 February 25, Thursday: A 2nd Issue of US Treasury Notes was authorized by our national congress:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25 of 2nd M / The Day being fair & pleasant & Sister Eliza & Mary Briggs being willing to take care of our little boy -I went with My H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was a low time in some respects was a season of some instruction to my mind - We had much buisness but it went on to pretty good satisfaction considering some of it was a very affecting nature. -In the first meeting Father R had a few words to communicate
We dined at R Mitchells & then rode home & found our son well.*

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 February 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 2M 1813 / Last night I was on the volunteer town Watch & was not in condition to attend Meeting in the forenoon. In the Afternoon I went which was silent & a dull sleepy time to me

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 March 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*3rd day 2nd of 3rd M / My spirits are allmost below nothing today
- from a complication of difficulties which I have been brooding
over I feel as if I was of no Service in this world. -*

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March 4, Thursday: President [James Madison](#)'s 2d Inaugural Address.

French forces evacuated Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4 of 3rd M / Our meeting was a remarkable opportunity soon after I sat down my mind became sweetly cloathed with that which was precious in which I sat most of the Meeting & desire to be thankful. - about the Middle of the Meeting John Easton who has for sometime attended our Meetings under much exercise of Mind stood up & deliver'd something by way of a Prayer & preaching together which seem'd very inthusiastic & to appearance his mind was a little deranged. however I have no doubt he had many sympathisers in the Meeting. -D Buffum was engaged in the most lively & appropriate testimony I ever heard which was in substance as follows

*"Thy will Oh! Lord be done" was perhaps the highest Anthem every sung by men or Angels. - We may suppose that we have made considerable progress in the work of Religion & think ourselves resigned to the divine Will, yet when there are sacrifices required or we called upon to give up to some things which are very near to us there is a holding back - I have remembered these expressions "Say unto my people go forward which might be no very hard thing as the land of Canaan was in view before them, but I have also remember'd a very different case a trying situation in which they were placed, when the enemy was behind & the red sea before them, there were brought to a stand & the command was "Stand still Stand Still & see the Salvation of God. - having droped these few hints as they impressed my mind, I feel willing to leave them, desiring as I believe it attainable that we may labor for that state wherein we may **experimentally** say thy will be done O Lord in all things"*

This is but a very impefect sketch of what was said but it being so remarkably sweet & lively I withall toucing poor exercised Johns case, that I thought best to insert it according to my recollection: - C R then spake a few words to the moint & Meeting concluded. --

After Dinner I visited Dorcas Easton who is very in of the Perisnumony. -

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March 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 3 M 1813 / Last eveng rec'd a very acceptable Letter from J D Ladd Dated Montpelier Virginia 2M 20 1813

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 March 7, Sunday: The Russian army began crossing the Elbe River and moving slowly toward the west.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 3 M / In our forenoon Meeting father C R had a few words & then Hannah Dennis was pretty large in the Ministry -In the Afternoon C R was again concerned in few Words - In the eveng I called a little while to see Dorcas Easton & my H went to see Sister Joanna & Sister Sarah -

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 March 10, Wednesday: In Linz while on his way from Bavaria to Vienna, Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) unexpectedly encountered Georg Joseph Vogler, and his old teacher informed him that he had been appointed as Court and Chamber Music composer by Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10 of 3 M / Last night I Watched with Joseph Tillinghast he is very weak & low & it is wonderful that he lives as long as he has

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 March 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 3 M / Our Meeting was a better time to me than some - - We had a few words from C R - John Weaver Dined with us -After Dinner in company with him & J Mitchell Visited, Anthony J Shove on acct of his having Married out of the order of Society. Our visit was hopeful & satisfactory & I was enabled to say more than I expected considering my poverty & leaness when I went.

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 March 14, Sunday: The US Congress obtained a \$11,000,000 war loan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 3 M / This forenoon Meeting D Buffum was concern'd in a very briefly & powerful testimony. - In the Afternoon C R was also concerned. - Joseph Tillinghast Died this Mornng about 10 Minutes before 7 OClock. -

3rd day 16 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of Doctor Easton he was carried to his farm near the Beach & inter'd in the family burying ground the last internment in that ground was the Doctors sister which funeral I attended with my Dear Father he was constantly in my mind while I was there today which added



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not a little to the solemnity of my feelings. -

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March 17, Wednesday: King José I of Spain (Joseph Bonaparte) departed from Madrid for the final time.

Samuel Wesley's Organ Concerto in B^b was performed for the initial time, in London, with the composer himself at the keyboard.

With the death of [Winthrop Faulkner](#) at the age of 39 in South Acton, the fulling mill at "Mill Corner" in South Acton was leased out until, in 1826, his son [Winthrop Emerson Faulkner](#) would come of age and be able to assume control.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of Joseph Tillinghast which was attended with a good degree of solemnity & as large as could be expected considering the weather. -

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March 18, Thursday: Russian troops occupied Hamburg — the independence of that city was restored.

David Melville of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) patented an apparatus for making [coal-gas](#).



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 3 M / Our Meeting Was small RR said a few Words in the last - three certificates were asked for Vizt Joseph



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Sisson his son Joseph & Solomon B Bess is to proceed in marriage engagements

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March 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 3 M 1813 / In the forenoon Meeting Hannah Dennis appear'd in Supplication & Abigail Robinson & C Rodman in testimony
In the Afternoon Silent Meeting, after which visited the Work & Alms houses & in the eveng made several call with my H*

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March 25, Thursday: At Kalisch, the Russian General Kutuzov, in the names of Tsar Alyeksandr and King Friedrich Wilhelm, called on all [Germans](#) to rise against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 3rd M / In our first meeting father Rodman & Sarah Fish were concerned in testimony. - In the last (Monthly) we had much buisness some of which was an afflicting nature, Vizt two were disowned for incontenency & some other things, did not get along as could be wished, nothing, however but Uninimity prevailed among us which so far was comfortable - - James Tucker of Dartmouth & Sarah Fish published their intentions of Marriage with each other. -- My dear Cousin Zacheus Chase was at Meeting of which I was very glad. -

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March 27, Saturday: Nathaniel Currier, lithographer of Currier & Ives, was born.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Vienna to search for musicians and music for the Prague opera.

The Prussian ambassador in Paris delivered the declaration of war on France.

A combined Russian-Prussian force occupied Dresden after it was evacuated by the French and the King of Saxony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 3rd M / This Afternoon I crossed the ferrys to Narragansett & reached cousin Peleg Gardiners in season to take tea with them, after which took cousin Lewis's horse & rode to cousin John Hazards where my buisness Lay - In riding up there mine ear was very pleasantly saluted with the singing of the Birds which occasioned a pleasing sensation of mind, before I reached his house I Saw two great fires one to the Westward & the other east on Boston Neck the one to the west was the largest



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I ever saw & had a very terrific appearance. It was on my cousin Hazards land, bushes &c which he was burning –

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 March 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day morning after sleeping well, I arose found it a sever rains storm which continued all Day & eveng with great violence so that none of us could go to meeting the day however was spent very pleasantly & I trust instructively as both cousin John & his Wife & Nathan were very interesting in conversation & I did what I could to render myself agreeable. –

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 March 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Mornng - Arose early, took breakfast with cousin Hazard then rode to the ferry found no boat there & went up to cousin Gardiners sat a little while with them & returned again to the ferry accompanying 'd by cousin Lewis crossed both ferrys comfortably & reached home by 12 OClock finding My dear Wife & little son in good health, & my buisness & concerns as I left them. –

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 April 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 4 M 1813 / Our Meeting was well attended C R had a few words to deliver – It was the dulllest of season with me, tho' life in no great dominion.

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 April 4, Sunday: The British placed a 90-day embargo on all vessels in US harbors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 4 M 1813 / Meeting this Mornng was well attended & C R spake a few words. A season of leanness to me – In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of the little boy while my H went to Meeting Towards night took a pleasant walk down town with Br D R & went into the old house which belonged to my father & tho' it is greatly in ruins I could retrace the places which I so muched loved to be in when I was a boy & lived with my Dear Aunt Paty Gould. The rooms below & chambers above all look very natural & recall to my mind many juvinile scenes, when innocency sat an my brow, & if at any time a wrong thing was done conscience awakening concience, would step in to my little



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mind & not leave it untill all was attoned for. -

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 April 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 4 M / Our Meeting was well attended & C R had a few words to communicate - It seem'd like a season of favour of which my mind partook in a comfortable degree. -

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 April 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 4 M / Went on buisness to Connanicut with Saml Thurston & after we have completed it, we called and made a comfortable little visit to cousin Joseph Greene & found them all pretty WELL -

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 April 12, Sunday: Caspar Carl Beethoven, seriously ill with [tuberculosis](#), signed a document appointing his brother [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) guardian over his son Karl in the event of his death.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 4th M 1813 / Our Meeting the forenoon was well attended C R had a short communication & D B a lengthy one & very lively. In the Afternoon it was again well attended & silent -This eveng I visited Thos Robinson & went into the chamber to see his Wife who is sick & sat a little while with her very agreeably. Abigail read an interesting letter from her Sister Morton to me from David Sands -

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 April 15, Thursday: In West Florida, which was Spanish territory, on authority given by the US Congress, General Wilkinson with 600 soldiers seized Mobile Bay. The small Spanish garrison elected not to put up a fight. After this the US would advance, toward the east into disputed territory to the Perdido River, as projected in 1810.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 4 M / Our Meeting was well attended and comfortable Hannah Dennis & father Rodman appear'd in testimony quite lively



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& savory. — In the Afternoon attended the funeral of cousin Wm Borden he was the only male first cousin living in [Newport](#) which my Mother had he was 66 Years of Age & buried in friends burying ground

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April 16, Friday: The 1st mass-production factory started up in the manufacture of that greatly needed object, the pistol. (Every year we find a new way to kill you — and yet some folks will claim there to be no such thing as progress!)

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Paris on his way to rejoin his army, or what was left of it, at Erfurt.

A letter from little [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), when he was about ten years old, to his aunt [Mary Moody Emerson](#), provided an account of one of his days:—

Boston, April 16, 1813.

Dear Aunt,—I am much obliged to you for your kind letter. I mean now to give you an account of what I do commonly in one day, if that is what you meant by giving an account of one single day in my life. Friday, 9th, I choose for the day of telling what I did. In the Morning I rose, as I commonly do, about 5 minutes before 6. I then help Wm. in making the fire, after which I set the table for Prayers. I then call mamma about quarter after 6. We spell as we did before you went away. I confess I often feel an angry passion start in one corner of my heart when one of my Brothers gets above me, which I think sometimes they do by unfair means, after which we eat our breakfast; then I have from about quarter after 7 till 8 to play or read. I think I am rather inclined to the former. I then go to school, where I hope I can say I study more than I did a little while ago. I am in another book called Virgil, and our class are even with another which came to the Latin School one year before us. After attending this school I go to Mr. Webb's private school, where I write and cipher. I go to this place at eleven and stay till one o'clock. After this, when I come home I eat my dinner, and at two o'clock I resume my studies at the Latin School, where I do the same except in studying grammar. After I come home I do mamma her little errands, if she has any; then I bring in my wood to supply the breakfast room. I then have some time to play and eat my supper. After that we say our hymns or chapters, and then take our turns in reading Rollin, as we did before you went. We retire to bed at different times. I go at a little after eight, and retire to my private devotions, and then close my eyes in sleep, and there ends the toils of the day.... I have sent a letter to you in a Packet bound for Portland, which I suppose you have not received, as you made no mention of it in your letter to mamma. Give my love to Aunt Haskin and Aunt Ripley, with Robert and Charles and all my cousins, and I hope you will send me an answer to this the first opportunity, and believe me, I remain your most dutiful Nephew,

R. Waldo Emerson.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 4 M / The times on which we have fallen are indeed distressing and alarming. I see & feel it every Day - but what has excited my feeling particularly at this time is this Afternoon a sharp & successive firing was heard from Fort Wolcot & the first time 3 Guns fired in succession which is a signal of Alarm at the approach of the English which affrighted many people & for the first time since the war startled me a little, it all however proved to be nothing more than that they were exercising their men & Guns - I think however such firing is injudicious & a few Afternoons ago when a British ship chased a vessel within the Reef she fired sharply & affrighted a poor Young Woman the Wife of — Marvel who was near her lying in so she went into fits & labor pains & died in a few hours. Oh the hevy Guilt that will lay on the heads of those who are the Authrs of this most wicked War. -

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April 18, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 4th M 1813 / I staid from Meeting this mornig for my H to go & took care of the little boy the while. In the Afternoon I attended Father Rodman appear'd in Supplication & a short testimony. After meeting D Rodman & I went out to Saml Thurstons took tea & spent the evening very agreeably & may I not add profitably for the precious Life was near both at Meeting this Afternoon & in setting with my friends this evening -

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April 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 4th M / Our Meeting was well attended C R & H D appear'd in testimony - All the queries were Answered in the Preparative Meeting & no other buisness appeared

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April 25, Sunday: When the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) rejoined his army, or what was left of it, at Erfurt, can you imagine how glad these guys were to see him again?

The Bavarian government announced its neutrality.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 4 M / Yesterday & today I have been quite unwell with a pain seated in my shoulders thro' to my stomach which has prevented my going to meeting today.

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 April 28, Wednesday: Prince Mikhail Illarionovich Kutuzov, commander of the Russian armies in Europe, died of natural causes in Bünzlau (Boleslawiec, Poland).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 4 M / About 9 OClock this morning the town was in general Alarm in consequence of an English Frigates approaching the harbours Mouth & finally has run in between Conanicut & Boston Neck The Military company are now in Motion some going one way & some another. & what will be the Issue I know not perhaps before night we shall see & know more about it. - I can not say but that I have felt some perturbation of mind but have indeavor'd to labor for quiet & have been favor'd in good measure with it. -

It now appears that the Frigate above mentioned chased the ship in not far from the South ferry, which appears was the Ship Whampoa of N York from France who -- she found it impossible to avoid a broadside from the Frigate ran on shore, the Frigate came to Anchor & sent Arm'd boats, which took & set fire to the Whampoa but by exercions of the People on shore was extinguished & much of the cargo will be saved. - great Alarm was excited in many Minds in consequence of this circumstance but no lives lost that we yet learn. -

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 April 29, Thursday: Jacob Frederick Hummel of Philadelphia received a patent for a "varnish of elastic gum to render water-proof" shoes and other things (this was the initial US patent for a rubber product).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 4 M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - C R spake in the first - In the last we had much buisness among which were two requests for Membership which was comfortable but we had some other circumstances which render'd it a deeply exercising, yea, even Afflicting time to me - We dined at Cousin Z Chases & when we came [home] we found our dear little boy had not been well this afternoon

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 April 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 of 4 M 1813 / Our dear little Son slept quietly until 12 OClock last night, then awoke with violent puking & a relax which followed him closely till 3 OClock in the morning when it subsided & I went to bed but his Mother sat up with him the remainder of the Night. he seems relieved & revived this Morning but whether he is essentially better I am unable to determine



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in my own Mind. –

Our little boy has been much better thro' the day & the Doctor thinks him doing well. – for which I desire to be thankful

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May 2, Sunday: At Lützen southwest of Leipzig, Russian and Prussian troops attacked the French. The battle, a limited gain for the Emperor [Napoléon I](#), cost 30,000-40,000 men their lives. Arthur Schopenhauer fled a Berlin that had come under threat (he would find refuge for a short time in Weimar and then, after quarreling with mommy, withdraw to nearby Rudolstadt).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 5 M 1813 / Our Meetings were pretty well attended & both silent ??? meeting in the Afternoon David Rodman & I took a little walk in the common burying ground before tea. –

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May 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 5 M 1813 / How has blindness & superstition been foster'd in the minds of the Weak & credulous of almost all Ages of the World I have listened with attention to several Anecdotes related by my Mother at breakfast table this Morning. she said that just before the Lexington fight in the revolutionary War Aun Molly Wanton went to Hanover in Mass State to visit Aunt Joselin & while there the country was in an Alarm with a remarkable Phanomenon lately appear'd in — garden who lived in the neighborhood the Phenomen was Red Cabage a thing never seen nor heard of before in that Part of the country. The Opinions of many old men & women were taken on the subject who all agreed that it was ominous & presaged Blood in great effusion. one morning in came a neighbour with the Awful story of "Have you heard what has been seen in neighbor – garden?" the answer was No. The story was told, & Aunt Molly heard it with attention & reply'd why my father has the seed of red Cabage & plants them every year they are much used at R I as Pickle. This greatly abated the horror attendant on Many minds, but she said they seemed Almost sure it could not be admitted as a very extraordinary affair. –

She also related a story which her Grandmother used to tell soon after the first settlement of this Country before the lands were much cleared Mushrooms were not seen as at this Day at which time a large cap with a remarkable Prominence were fashionable among the Women about that time Mushrooms first appeared which so affrighted them that those caps soon went out of fashion, from the notion that Mushrooms looked like them & were sent as a warning of some hevy judgement soon to await the inhabitants of this country. This has Also been the day of the General Election & much stir as usual & great flocks of Children Passing the Streets – My mind has been on a low key from a sense of the depressed state of things in the World & what they may reduce



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*me & every body else besides me in this town in Particular.
Surely things never was more gloomy. -*

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 May 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 5th M 1813 / Our friends on third day last went to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting & yesterday & today being very stormy, Wind very high & the rain decending in meere torrents They have not yet got down & I hardly think they will until tomorrow. It would have been very pleasant to me to have gone up & attended the Meeting but this detention of two days longer than common would have been irksome. When Friends went up I wrote a few lines to our frd Rowland Greene.

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 May 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 5thM / I staid at home this forenoon to take care of our little boy while my H went to Meeting & soon after she had taken her seat she says our friends came in who had just got down from [Greenwich](#) - C Rodman, H Dennis, A Sherman and L Almy all offered testimonys. - In the Afternoon Sister Ruth took care of John & my H & I went to Meeting together - C Rodman appear'd in supplication & D Buffum in a favor'd testimony & a very good Meeting it was to me After which I went to the Alms House where I saw several men very sick who had been taken Prisoners by the English & returne'd to this country in a Cartael arrived a few days ago, poor things my heart was deeply touched for them. They are far from their friends & in a very suffering condition. one of them has a wife & four children in [Portsmouth](#) N Hampshire. -

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 May 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 5 M / I was informed that one of the Men I saw at the Alms House yesterday, died this morning, poor creature I can feel much for his friends, having had a brother who died from home.

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 May 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 5 M 1813 / My Mind has this mornng been dipt into sweetness & several subjects have been ruminated upon which have been pleasant, & at such times the language is 'Lord evermore



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give us of this bread, ['] but such is the propensity of frail human nature that it is not at all times food convenient for us, from our repeated errings we are brought to Poverty & almost ready to conclude that we have past the day of grace & this Poverty is designed to bring us to a sense of our dependance & to chastise us for omissions & commissions, offensive in the Divine sight, but my heart has been made thankful this morning under a fresh evidence that the good hand is yet with me & will continue with me unto the end if faithful to what is from season to season manifested by the Witness of truth in the heart –

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May 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 5th M / My Mind has again this Day been favor'd with good feelings for which I desire to be thankful. The precious sweetness has arisen much to my comfort & confirmation in the efficacy of truth

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May 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 5 M / Our Meeting was Silent & a season of some favor to me. – This Afternoon recd a very Acceptable letter from Micajah Collins of Lynn, which I answer'd this evening

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May 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 5 M / Tho' much unwell I rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#), on horse back before Meeting called at Cousin Zacheus Chases, found Shadrack very sick (I think) in a rapid decline, he may perhaps live sometime & get smart again. – Then went to Meeting which was Silent but I believe a favor'd season to some minds I dined with Benj Pearce & then went to visit Joseph Fish in company with Richard Mitchell & Jonathon Dennis, being appointed for that purpose in consequence of his request to be received into membership - we found him according to our feelings in a religious frame of Mind & acquainted with the Cross of Christ & my mind was encouraged with a prospect of his future usefulness in society. –We took tea with him – On my way home I stoped a little while at the Widow Shermans - then Rode along pleasantly in company with Jonathon

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 May 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 5 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended,
& silent
In the Preparative Meeting Certificates were requested for Geo.
B Robinson & Anthony Chase. -*

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 May 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 26 of 5 M 1813 / The Mind is this mornng brought a little
down, as into the valley of humiliation from a sense of my many
defects, which tho' I am often sensible of, seem a little more
depressing than common. -*

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 May 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27 of 5 M / Our Meeting was very small. I believe there
were not 40 women which made a very small Moy [Monthly] Meeting
- The first was silent - & in the last we had a considerable
buisness, which we got along with pretty well - Joseph Fish &
Richard Kilson were received into membership - & James W Gould
was disowned. Owing to its being a very Rainy Day we had no
company at Dinner & was the reason of the Meeting being very
Small -*

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 May 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 30 of 5 M / In consequence of my having been for sometime
quite unwell I was bled this forenoon which has prevented my
attending Meeting today. I understood however that there was
considerable preaching both fornoon & Afternoon. -This eveng
feeling pretty Smart called to see my friend Mary Tillinghast*

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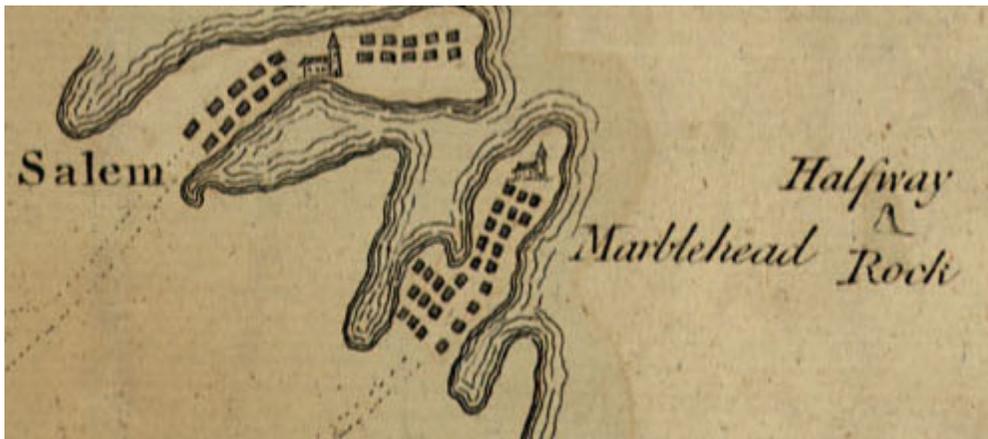
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 June 1, Tuesday: [Évariste Régis Huc](#) was born in Caylus, France.

French troops occupied Breslau (Wroclaw) and Katzbach.

Austrian Emperor Franz and Count von Metternich, on their way from Vienna to Gitschin, ran into the Russian Count Nesselrode looking for them. The Russians wanted Austria to commit to their cause. Franz told him that he would side with Russia in the absence of a favorable peace agreement with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#).

Off the port of Marblehead MA there was an engagement between the HMS *Shannon* and Captain James Lawrence's USS *Chesapeake*. Although the *Chesapeake* was being defeated by the *Shannon*, the seriously wounded Captain bravely advised his crew "Don't give up the ship." (This has been painted as really a nice story, but it wasn't but fifteen minutes later that the crew struck the ship's colors — and he would die of his wounds.)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 6 M / I have today been more engaged than is pleasant at the election of town Officers - Father Rodman was candidate for town Treasurer which naturally occasioned considerable anxiety & consequently exertion to Stimulate his friends to give him a vote & my labor was not wholly without effect, for he succeeded by a majority of more than 70 votes. -which insures him a comfortable living for the coming Year. -

The spirit of party is a bane to all true Religion but a becoming care to have our Councils to consist of men that will be likely to do justice to their constituents as far as their knowledge extends, is in my opinion the duty of every good citizen, for truly when the "Wicked rules the Land does Mourn." for I truly have seen it, & experienced it, to my full conviction. -

5th day 2 of 6 M / Our Meeting was rather Small, but I believe a season of favor to many Minds Sarah Tucker late Fish appeared in a lively testimony I have no doubt to the comfort of some afflicted minds present. -

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 June 6, Sunday: At Stoney Creek, the American invaders of Canada were attacked and defeated by British forces. 50 American soldiers and 400 Indians were taken prisoner. The American troops would soon be buttoned up in the forts at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 6 M 1813 / Our Meetings were silent except a few words from a friend in the Afternoon - After tea took a pleasant Walk round the hill with D Rodman & on my return was informd of the Arrival in the Harbour of Uncle Stanton in the Ship Pacific from Lisbon I immediately came down Street & found him at Mothers & was very glad to see him. I went with him to the Ship & spent an hour for the first time I was ever on board a Ship that floated. -

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 June 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 6 M / At meeting CR was concerned in testimony - the Meeting was to me a pretty good time for which I desire to be thankful

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 June 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 6 M / Yearly Meeting has this Day commenced at [Portsmouth](#) friends are Now coming into town but much fewer in numbers than I ever before saw them, & I suppose there will be but few here to what we have had in years past. -

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 June 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our forenoon Meeting was unusually small owing I suppose In great Measure to peoples not coming in from [Portsmouth](#) as usual on 7th day night & the Mornng being very rainy & the weather very cold for the season The Meeting was very much favor'd with quiet & the current of Gospel testimony. - first in supplication by Ann Shipley then by Mary Clisby [?] then Henry Hull in a loving testimony as perhaps was ever delivered in our Meeting house. then Eliza Coggeshall in a sound good testimony & H Hull concluded in solemn supplication. - In the Afternoon Henry Hull again in testimony with life & power inviting the Youth to godliness of life & conversation. Then L Cofggeshall with good Authority. text "the fool saith in his heart there is no God." -

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June 14, Monday: [William Henry Farquhar](#) was born in York, Pennsylvania. This family was from Scotland. [Friend](#) Amos Farquhar, the father, a cotton manufacturer who had turned to farming and teaching school, had been born in 1768 as a great-grandson of Allen Amos Farquhar, the original immigrant of 1721, and his marriage with Friend Mary Elgar Farquhar had begun in 1795. William had a brother Charles Farquhar, Sr. who would become a physician in Alexandria, Virginia, and a brother Benjamin Hallowell Farquhar, so named in honor of a Quaker educator in Alexandria, who would get married with Mary W. Kirk.

The 1st Treaty of Reichenbach was signed between Great Britain and Prussia (this called for Britain to pay a substantial subsidy to maintain the Prussian army, in return for the Principality of Hildesheim being ceded to Hanover).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our Meeting opened this mornng under a very solemn covering. Short testimonies from Abel Thomas Henry Hull & Enoch Dorland - Much feeling was excited at the reading of the Epistles especially those from London. - Wm Rotch Junr in a weighty feeling manner proposed the attention of the Meeting to the distresses of the people in the eastern country on acct of provision, which was refer'd for future consideration. - 2nd Afternoon - The state of society as represented In the Answer to the Queries was gone into & many feeling & weighty remarks were made by H Hull & E Dorland & others. - The Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings gave information of six appelants[?] two of whom appear'd this Afternoon & committees appointed to hear the parties. - Wm Almy opened a concern that the Meeting should present a petition to the general government which took much hold of the Meeting but from the advanced state of it was refer'd to a future sitting - - the meeting adjourned to 3 OClock tomorrow Afternoon. -



June 24, Thursday: Henry Ward Beecher was born in Litchfield, Connecticut (8th of the Reverend Lyman Beecher's 13 children, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe).

At Beaver Dams in Ontario, the American invaders of Canada were again attacked and defeated by British forces. The American troops would soon be buttoned up in the forts at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 6thM / This Mornng took Chaise & rode with my dear wife & little son to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. left John at Anne Anthonys & went to Meeting A Sherman H Dennis Obadiah Davis & Parker Halls wife were concernd in testimony & a precious Meeting it was to me. We had much Buisness in the last Meeting some of which worked unpleasantly to my mind we dined at Anne Anthonys & came home early & found Uncle & Aunt Stanton had Arrived last eveng from [Providence](#). - I can best remark that in riding to [Portsmouth](#) this mornng in observing the fields in a very flourishing state & the Clover yealding a rich perfume my mind was humbled under a sense of the Goodness of God & the small returns poor rebellious man is making for the Beauties received at his hand - I thought did but our



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conduct arise in as sweet insense before him as does his inanimate part of the creation in what a different stall would our minds be in How sweet & clean would they be - On observing large fields of Whiteweed [?] I could but breath forth the Prayer "Oh Lord keep thy fields White unto harvest" I remember Anne Greene expressed those words in Supplication in our Meeting some Years ago & they particularly struck my Mind at the time & the feelings were sweetly renew'd this Morning

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 June 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 6 M / I find that I quite misunderstood the observations of a friend in Meeting Yesterday which drew some remarks from me which were improper & on reflection today leaves an uncomfortable savor. - I believe my remarks were to hasty, & it is poor consolation to say, it is not the first time I have missed - I hope however that by being humbled under it, the effect may tend to deepen me in experience & make me more cautious in future.

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 June 26, Saturday: At the French headquarters near Dresden, Austrian Count von Metternich had an intensive negotiation with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) and pushed four points of mediation: the dismantling of the Duchy of Warsaw, the enlargement of Prussia, the return of the Adriatic provinces to Austria, and the renewed independence of Hamburg and Lübeck. At the conclusion of nine hours of fruitless bargaining the Emperor would threaten war.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 6 M / This Afternoon rec'd a few lines from L E Clarke giving us the affecting news of the Decease of our Dear & much lov'd Cousin John Hazard of North Kingston after a lingering consumption of several Months. Lewis state that he died in sure & certian hope of the Life to come, that Peter Hoxie observed to him just before the close "The Master is nigh to uphold & John thou'd whn knowest it" he bowed his head in the Affirmation tho' nearly Speechless. - My exercise has been today somewhat uncommon. Soon after I came down to the shop a hevvy depression came over my mind which continued till I went to dinner, when I went home my H told me that Sister Eliza & Mary Briggs had carried our little John to [Portsmouth](#) which served only to increase my previous apprehensions that something was going to happen & would happen to him however this soon wore off but I become more & more distressed in spirit. about the Middle of the Afternoon brother Isaac came in with the account of Cousin Hazards Death. Soon after which it seemed to pass my mind with a degree of Sweetness "Surely the bitterness of Death is Past." & the exercise gradually wore off & I am inclined to believe that my mind was thus Dipt into sympathy with my dear cousins in N Kingston, tho'



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at the time I knew not what it was for - for I am sure had I lost a very near relation, my mind would not have been brought under closer sufferings -

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June 27, Sunday: The 3d Treaty of Reichenbach was signed by Austria, Prussia, and Russia, with Austria pledging that it would declare war on France by July 20th should the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reject Count von Metternich's offer of mediation (the deadline was to become August 10th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 6 M / I attended Meeting this forenoon which was not the worst of seasons to me. - In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of John while my dear H went to meeting - - In the eveng I walked our to D Buffums to wait on Ruth home. -

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June 28, Monday: King José I of Spain (Joseph Bonaparte) left Spanish soil for the final time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28th of 6 M / This has been a peculiar Day of my life. In the forenoon my mind was under exercise for what I knew not. it seemed however as if my spirit was continually under pressure & I was glad to feel my heart tender, feeling it as a renew'd pledge of the extendings of Divine goodness. - As I came down from Dinner & as I was walking across from the Shop to go into my mothers I saw a young man look at me with a familiar countenance & looked at him a second time & recognized the looks of my long loved & very dear friend **ISAAC AUSTIN**. I staped up to him & took him by the hand & asked him into the shop where we sat down together for more than three hours. This meeting was very unexpected & very affecting to both our Minds. we have not seen each other for nearly Seven years. In the interim whereof many & great changes have taken place, & tho' I have been preserved from grose wickedness, yet, ah! poor thing the round of wickedness he has since been, I feel myself humbled under a sense of my own failings & feel no disposition to boast over him, since I saw him he has been confined nearly five years in the State Penitentiary at Richmond Virginia & is just released & on his way to [Nantucket](#) - I was glad yea my spirit bowed in humble thankfulness to find him a true Penitent & seeking his fathers house both his earthly & his heavenly fathers house with great apparent sincerity - Early in life while I was an apprentice I form'd an acquaintance with him which increased untill he undertook buisness for himself when I was obliged from occurences too obvious to relinquish a part of my confidence, but the love that I had felt for him was too strong to be eradicated from my heart & with all his faults there was*



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something in him which made me love him much, he soon failed in trade & went from here & settled in Abany [Albany?] opened trade again & committed greater enormities than hi?? & went off privately & was finally taken up in Richmond & committed to the Penitentiary, for what exactly I was never informd - but seeing him today my love was very tenderly renew'd for him, for beyond all doubting in my mind he has known the ways of Truth with great clearness & his heart was early visited with the Day Spring from on high, & many times in our early youth have we sat together & spoke of the Lords dealings with us in a manner which both abundantly confirm'd me that he has been made Acquainted with the Lords dealing & now after all his rounds of folly & disipation to see him while Youth still sits on his brow, so humble & contrite in spirit is matter of great rejoicing & consolation. - My heart was exceedingly tender'd at the interview & was a season which I shall never forget while I remember any thing - he went from here & has gone on board a vessel in the harbour intending for Nantucket this eveng

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June 29, Tuesday: While the allied forces were closing in around San Sebastián on the Bay of Biscay, in the Théâtre Feydeau of Paris, *Le nouveau seigneur de village*, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Creuzé de Lesser and Favières, was performed for the initial time (it's like they didn't know they were being snuck up on).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 6 M 1813 / My dear Isaac did not sail last night & has been on shore again this Morning & spent some time in my shop renew'd tender love springs in my heart towards him, his situation excites my sympathy & my pittty beyond any words which I have at command to express them in Uncle & Aunt Stanton spent the afternoon with us, also Mother & Sister Sally

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June 30, Wednesday: At the French headquarters near Dresden, the Emperor Napoléon I signed off on Count von Metternich's four conditions: he accepted the armed mediation of Austria, he accepted a meeting of all belligerents at Prague with negotiations to be completed at least by August 10th, and he accepted a suspension of all military activity until August 10th.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th [sic] day 30 of 6 M / I saw My Beloved Isaac this morning walking the deck of the vessel in the harbour thro' a spy glass, the sight of tho' thus far moved my heart with pittty & compassion, -I well knew him by his gate & his cloathing & I could even discern his features thro' the glass which I had. -

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 July 1, Thursday: Import duties were doubled by the US Congress.

The trade monopoly of the East India Company was abolished.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 7 M 1813 / My buisness was such that I omitted meeting & in this instance as in almost all others it proved of no advantage to me as I could have done all that was necessary before & the man did not call in meeting time as expected for his Watch – We spent the Afternoon & took tea at Aunt A Carpenters with Uncle & Aunt Stanton.

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 July 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 7 M / I have been to day much Afflicted with the Tooth Ach, & have felt almost good for nothing.

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Our national birthday, Sunday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne's](#), or [Hathorne's](#), 9th birthday.

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4,000 of our slaves would be able to depart from their American servitude by way of an arrangement with the Royal Navy during the [War of 1812](#). On the face of it, this was the largest [emancipation](#) between the revolution in Haiti in the 1790s and the British colonial abolition of the 1830s (though the emancipation in New York state on July 4, 1827 is a possible contender). These freedom fighters began to leave American waters left in this month and the last would have departed by April 1815. Just under 1,000 would settle in Trinidad, with the remainder settling in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick — apart from a few who would wind up in Bermuda and a score or so who would reach England.

[Joshua Barney](#) proposed a plan for the defense of Chesapeake Bay.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 7 M / I staid from Meeting this forenoon for my H to go & took care of our little boy – In the Afternoon went - M Morton preached & C R Prayed – Walked out with D R to J Dennis & took tea & set the eveng very agreeably. –

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July 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 7 M / We all [??] Uncle & Aunt Stanton, Isaac & Sally, Mother & My H & little John took tea with Aunt Patty Gould

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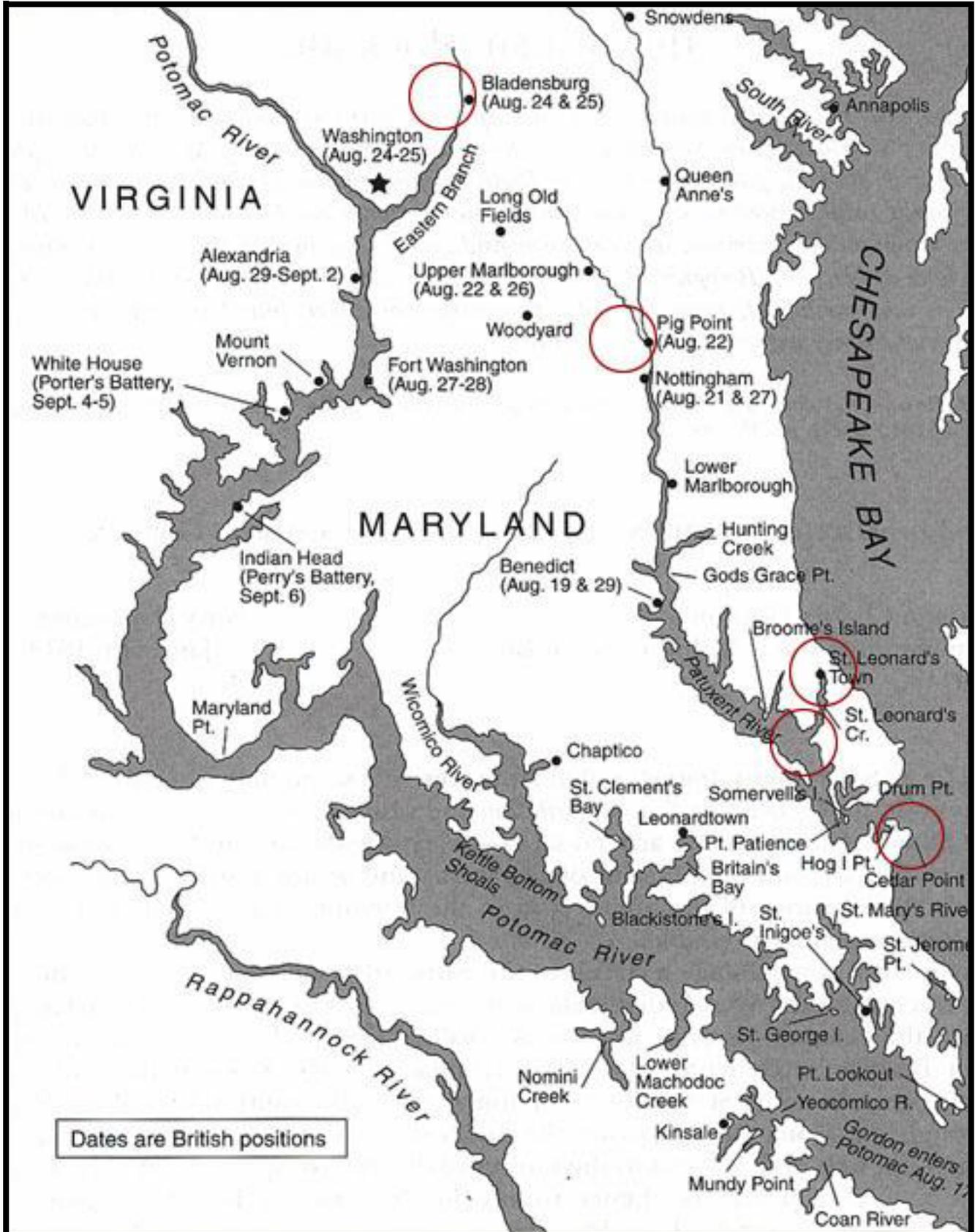
July 12, Monday: First recorded “12th of July” sectarian riots in Belfast, [Ireland](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 7 M / An Account was rec'd last night of the probability of a Cessation of hostilities between this country & England & the hope is considerably Strengthened by further intelligence this eveng, & mine heart had leap'd with gratitude at the pleasing prospect - not that I see any great pecuniary

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advantage that I should particularly derive even in case of a peace, but Oh by the Millions of treasure & the rivers of Blood that hath been lost by this very Wicked & very impolitic War, & over all & above all the Guilt that fall on our once peaceful happy Country in consequence of it, is sufficient to make a heart capable of it shudder as the very thought. -

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 July 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 7th M 1813 / The report of an Armistice yesterday is much doubted today - as there is no confirmation of it from Boston by this evengs Mail - Alass! how long shall this state of tribulation continue. -
Our Meeting was small & silent but quiet & favor'd -*

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 July 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18 of 7 M / At last Moy [Monthly] Meeting the case of Solomon Lawton was refer'd on acct of Jonathon Dennis & myself & today we went to [Portsmouth](#) to pay him a visit, which we did after meeting. He treated us respectfully, but we could not feel that we gained an entrance for the Truth in his heart, yet we are encouraged to hope that after many days the bread may be found returning on the Waters - We felt the satisfaction of having labor'd in love & faithfully according to the Ability rec'd -
I rode out with Jon & before meeting stoped at P Lawtons Dined at B Freeborn's Visited Solomon at his fathers & took tea at cousin Z Chases.-*

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 July 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 21 of 7 M / We have for several weeks past had the very Acceptable company of Uncle John Stanton & Aunt Martha from N York which we have enjoyed much & this Mornng they have left us for their home - They went to Narragansett Intending to take the Stage thro New London - My Mother went with them to Narragansett intending to spend some time with our friends & relations there. & I crossed the ferry to Connanicut & saw them across the Island.
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They are very affectionate relations to me, having manifested a disposition to do much for my advantage & will no doubt to me make proof of their disposition should occasion offer. -*

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 July 22, Thursday: On the island of Barbados, after a hurricane, 18 were dead and an additional 8 were missing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22 of 7 M 1813 / Our Meeting was small but I believe attended with a degree of favor. - My cup was not made to overflow but I was thankful under a sense that I was a partaker of the small measure Vouchsafed. - In the last Preparative a certificate was requested for John Carl Junr [Earl?] Williams Directed to Scipio [New York]

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 July 25, Sunday: After a siege of almost a month, British troops attacked the French defenders of San Sebastián — but were thrown back.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 7 M / Our Meeting this Afternoon was small but I thought was under a good degree of favor. After it D R & I went out to Saml Thurstons & took tea - - I did not go to meeting in the forenoon being in the mornng under the necessity of Drinking some Salt Water - so I staid at home & took care of John, while my H went. -

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 July 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 7 M / Our first Meeting was nearly silent. A friend was concerned in a few words - The last (Monthly) was long & much buisness before us which we got along with to pretty good satisfaction. - Sarah Tucker late Fish obtained liberty to visit the Quarterly Meetings of Sandwich Salem & Falmouth. - Uncle Benj Freeborn & wife & Benj Mott & Geo Dennis Dined with us -

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 August 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 8 M 1813 / In our Meeting this Mornng Anne Greene & D Buffum were concern'd in Public testimony - In the Afternoon C R had a few words - both of them & particularly the morning were favord Seasons to me. -

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 August 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 8 M / Br David Rodman & I took a carriage & Carried our Wives & Sisters to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting we stoped a little while before Meeting at P Lawtons where we had the company for a little while of Our Venerable &



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very interesting friend [Moses Brown](#) of [Providence](#) his conversation was amusing informing & edifying -- The first that Broke Silence in the Public Meeting was Peter Hoxie, the next James Greene then Mary Morton then C Rodman & then John Casey to whom the weight of service fell, but according to my capacity of Judging all that were concern'd in Public appearance were favor'd & particularly Dear old John Casey - - In the last meeting Our buisness went on pretty well & the London printed Epistle for the present Year was read, & was very excellent. - Our Dear friend J Casey concluded the Meeting in a very solemn & impressive prayer to the Lord for the three classes of Mankind, The Aged, Middleaged & Youth
We Dined at Anna Anthonys & rode home toward night - father Rodman was taken Faint in the Carriage & Obligated to get out for some time & then ride very slowly home. -

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 August 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 8 M 1813 / Wm Almy Attended our forenoon Meeting & appear in testimony & Supplication much to our satisfaction & edification C R Also said a few words & the London Epistle for last Year was read. - Wm Almy attended a Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) appointed by him at 4 OClock -Our Afternoon Meeting was Short & Silent

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 August 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12 of 8 M / Attended Meeting C R & H Dennis appear'd in agreeable testimonys
My Mind has been much in sympathy with a poor dear young woman Wife of Edw Stanhope who hath for about two years been afflicted with a dreadful sore leg & it increased in size untill it measured 27 inches round with the most excruciating pain, all applications that could be thought of were made but none afforded even temporary relief for several months past & it was at length concluded that there was no chance for her life but Ampitation which has been this forenoon perform'd by Dr. Turner.*

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 August 13: Austrian rule was restored in Carinthia.

Captain David Porter's *Essex* captured the British sloop *Alert*.

Mr. [Walton Felch](#) of [Rhode Island](#) as Proprietor entered for copyright his manuscript "A *Dissertation on Fire*, or, Inquiries and Reflections concerning the operations of the Laws of Nature — By Philosophers."



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August 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 8th M / Our Meetings have been Silent today except a few words in the forenoon by C R – Towards night took a walk down to the garden & into the Clifton burying ground where many of our relations lay buried both Goulds & Wantons & Rodmans; & the graves of my Grandfather & Grandmother Wanton & have lately had made up & some stones put to dissignate them by, they are close to the Mouth of the Vault on the West side between that & the grave of their son MIchael which has an head & foot stone letterd. – I know very well know that there is no great use in dissignating graves, but there is a decency which is becoming, & which I think friendly & other people ought to attend to. –

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August 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 8 M / Sister Ruth & Eliza went this mornig to [Providence](#) intending to go from there to Lynn & Salem to attend their approaching Quarterly Meeting. – Our Meeting this day was as well attended as usual & to me a degree of favor was extended. –

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August 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 8 M / In our forenoon meeting D B was concerned in a short & lively testimony -- In the Afternoon C R Said a few Words -- Sister Mary & Ruth Freeborn took tea with us. – In the eveng our little John was taken very ill with a puking but was relieved by bed time

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August 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 8 M 1813 / This Morning under no small discouragement I set out to Walk to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting our little boy being complaining My H was not easy to leave him – When I had Walked as far as Middletown Town House Deacon Wm Tilley took me into his carriage & carried me as far as Mitchells shop which was a great relief I then traveled on & got to the House of our late friend Holder Almy with comparative ease & remembered the Account of Peter Gardiner that his "Master would give him hind feet" my reflections in the Walk was very pleasant & encouraging – took some refreshment before meeting -Went to meeting where we sat in silence & to me it was a good time, in the last I found it more my place to be still & make but few remarks on the buisness but towards the close a



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little jostle took place, but I dont know that much Damage was done, or at least my condition I thought was not injured – After Meeting David Shove & Mary Sherman received liberty to consummate their Marriage & a Meeting appointed tomorrow Afternoon at 3 OClock for the purpose - And Job Baker & Eunice Anthony published their intentions of Marriage with each other. – After Meeting Joseph Wilbour took me into his Chaise & brought me home, we stoped by the Way at Cundals Mills & I dined at Rich Mitchells & Joseph & Isaac Mitchells – On my return found my H & John as well as when I left them which was cause of thankfulness & they occaisoined some thoughtfulness at leaving them for only that short time. –

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 August 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 8th M / In our Mornng Meeting CR appeard in testimony. In the Afternoon we were silent - Solomon B Boss went home with me & took tea sat the eveng & staid all night. –

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 September 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 9 M 1813 / The Month commences with depression of Spirits indeed there is hardly any Prospect looks promising. my buisness Dull & very little Money fall in my Way – Our little son seems to be unwell & I think in addition to the difficulty of his eye teeth which are now coming through, I believe he has the hooping cough coming on - Ah poor little fellow, trouble is commensurate with Our existence & if his life should shortly terminate there is this consolation that his troubles will end with his life –

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 September 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 M 5th 1813 / We had a Short testimony in the forenoon Supplication in the Afternoon. – Our dear little son has been quite indisposed for several days & this Afternoon we gave him an emmetic which operated favorably in the evening. –

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 September 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9M 8 / Since dinner my Mind has been affected in a way which it hath not for a number of Years & indeed I do not recollect that my feelings were ever similarly arrested at a



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similar sight. – it was at seeing a poor miserable object of a Man singing an heroic Song of the revolution with his Wife sitting by, & a parcel of Boys & Men standing at the corner of the Brick Market - there was something in his countenance so depraved & his manner so corrupt that my heart was greatly affected with the sight & a prayer arose for his reformation. –

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September 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 9M / Our Meeting was attended by most of our members who are able to get out & was I think a pretty comfortable gathering

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September 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 9 M / My Mind is far from being in an elevated condition on the other hand depression is very much my portion -Oh that in all situations my hope & trust may be Steadfastly on the Lord. –

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September 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 9th M / Our Mornng meeting was large & quiet & I thought favord Mary Morton appeard in a Solemn supplication & H Dennis in testimony In the Afternoon we were Silent but I thought a good degree of favor was extended - After meeting walked with Br D R & took tea with Saml Thurston

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September 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 9 M / Our Meeting was silent but well attended, & I thought a good degree of favor was extended --

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September 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 9 M / My Mind has for several weeks been perplexed about Moving from our present habitation which is in every respect very agreeable to us, our neighbours very kind & affectionate & our rooms very pleasant - but the house annexed



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with my shop being vacant & to be had for a few Dollars more than what we now give, has proved a temptation & it seems now pretty much concluded on that we move in a few weeks, not however without much regret at leaving our neighbors who are Wm Briggs's family & have ever proved very kind & affectionate to us. -

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 September 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 9 M 1813 / I staid from meeting this forenoon to take care of John for my H to go - She told me that it was a favord meeting - D Buffum M Morton & H Dennis appeard very sweetly in testimony. - In the Afternoon I went - Silence prevailed & I thought a pretty good Meeting - towards Night took a pleasant Walk with Br D Rodman. -

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 September 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended & to me a very comfortable season - soon after I took my seat life sweetness & tenderness arose in my mind which frequently moistened mine eyes with tears, & while thus sitting the substance of a testimony once delivered in our Meeting house by our leams[?] came very fresh & sweetly into my mind "Every true servant will be occupied in his Masters service or Watching at the door of the tabernacle until he appear." which continued at times thro' the whole sitting, & Mine heart was rejoiced to find that the good spirit was still with me, & did arise this day greatly to my comfort & has continued near this Afternoon - Our friend Anne Greene was over from Connanicut & had a precious little testimony to deliver. -

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 September 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26 of 9 M / Our Meetings were silent but good seasons to me - After meeting with Br D Rodman & J Sherman walked out to J Dennis & took tea - Brother Isaac Is very sick I found him this evening much worse than he has been with a fever - This mornng The Frigate President arrived in the harbor & in the evening went up the river this circumstance I consider a great calamity to this town as the Probability is that We shall be under a rigorous blockade by the British
Last eveng James Irish was Drowned in Coddingtons Cove he had been to Prudence after grapes with John Chase & [] Sherman a lad about 13 Years of age - they landed John Chase at his shore & the other two were carrying the boat to James Chases boat house*



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- a flow of Wind upset them but by exercion they righted her again but she soon overset again & Irish perished the boy held on to the boat & after an hour or two drove on shore allmost exhausted but saw the light at Jonathan Dennises house & with great difficulty just as they were going to bed they very humanely administered to his necessitys & soon recovered him so that he could give an account of himself -

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September 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 9th M 1813 / This Day Brother Isaac & I have enter'd into an agreement in much love respecting the settlement of our late dear fathers estate - The Will left it in four parts to be divided at the Decease or second Marriage of our dear Mother. - The decease of Brother David left it in three, that is, between Isaac James & myself - The personal Estate he gave to mother of course is at her disposal & the real estate which was only dividable by fathers Will Consisted of the House & lot in which he lived & an old house & lot at the lower end of Thames Street which he purchased of John Tracy & a lot in Gidley Street which he purchased of Phineas Gilbert & has been called the Gilbert Garden. - The estate was in debit rising 1200 Dollars - Brother Isaac sometime past went to Boston when Brother James was there & purchased his right of one third in the estate which left it only dividable between him & me & Isaac has now agreed to give me the Old house & lot & the Gilbert Garden & fifty Dollars to quit claim to the house & lot up town & he to cancell all the debits, the principle part of which is due to him for building the addition to the house in which father lived & which he & mother now occupies. - The Inventory amounted to a little rising 400 Dollars including the House & leased lots which was purchased of Deborah Garrison for our Aunts Patty Mary & Hannah Gould to live in - none of which we consider as belonging to us, but to Mother who has the right of Disposal - Thus we have come to know our particular right & proportion of the estate in reversion of after Mother without any Difficulty & in great Brotherly harmony which I pray may ever exist between us.

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September 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 9th M 1813 / Our Meeting was small but thirteen women attended owing to the weather being exceedingly stormy - yet we held Monthly Meeting & in the first Job Challinor preached with acceptance in the last our buisness labor'd exceedingly owing to the womens committee not sending their report respecting the clearness of Eunice Anthony to preceed in marriage with Job Baker in consequence of which the Meeting was adjourned till One OClock tomorrow at [Portsmouth](#) - Antipas Chase



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& Susanna Hicks dined with us having this day published their intentions of Marriage with each other. -

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 October 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 10 M 1813 / In understood by a friend that attended the adhourment that the young friends were reported clear & a meeting was appointed in the Afternoon at which they solemnized their Marriage. -

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 October 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 10 M / This Afternoon Brother Isaac & I have concluded the buisness between us & passed Deeds - which puts to an end between us all concern of our late Dear fathers estate, we each know our share in reversion from Mother - I have the two lots down town & he has the homestead. -

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 October 3, Sunday: At Wartenburg, Prussian troops inflicted heavy losses on the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 10 M / In consequence of having scraped the skin from off my heal & being quite lame with it I staid at home from Meetings.

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 October 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 10 M / We have this Day removed from our very comfortable & agreeable accomodations in Spring Street owned by Jethro Briggs & occupied in the lower part by his son Wm & family -Into the house to which my Shop is attached where I have said before we shall be comfortable in some respects but not so much so on some others - We leave our dear Neighbors with much regret we had lived on such intimate terms with tham that they really claim a great share of our affections. -

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[Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) resigned as commander in chief of the Spanish army.

In the “Battle of the Thames” or Moraviantown, east of Chatham in Ontario, United States forces under General William Henry Harrison, victor at the battle of Tippecanoe (Keth-tip-pe-can-nunk), Indiana, who had crossed the Detroit River in pursuit of British General Proctor, captured Ft. Malden south of Detroit at the entrance to Lake Erie.



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Shawnee headman Tecumseh was shot dead and General Procter fled.



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Here is the death of Tecumseh as it has been depicted in a Brumidi frieze on the rotunda of the US Congress:



The body was skinned and the white soldiers made nice forget-me-not strops for their straight razors (not depicted). A friend carried the bones off and, it seems, buried them on an island, but upon the death of this friend, the location of the burial was lost.¹⁶⁶



October 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 10 M / This forenoon I calculated to go to Meeting till within a few minutes before the time when my Wood came which I thought would overlay my time so as to prevent - but I afterwards found as I allmost uniformly have that I might have gone to meeting & nothing have differed by it. -

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166. They must have been a little disappointed! Because, as [Herodotus](#) noted, death knowing not color, no matter what hue human skin is while it is adorning a living human being, when our skin has been cured and dried it uniformly becomes just another piece of whitish stuff.

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British, Portuguese, and Spanish forces led by [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) crossed the Bidassoa River from the Iberian Peninsula into France.¹⁶⁷



The Iron Duke pissing in the Bidassoa?

167. Entering the French homeland like this was a really, really big deal — making a legitimate comparison of the French emperor with the German *Führer*, this must have felt something like our crossing of the Rhine River during WWII. So, did the Iron Duke piss in the Bidassoa the way General Patton would piss in the Rhine?



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October 10, Sunday: At 8PM, Giuseppe Fortunio Francesco Verdi was born at Le Roncale near Busseto northwest of Parma, eldest of two children born to Carlo Verdi, a tavern owner, with Luigia Uttini, daughter of tavern owners.

Juan O'Donojú O'Ryan was named First Secretary of State (Prime Minister) of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 10 M 1813 / In consequence of indisposition I staid from our forenoon Meeting - but my H went, & told me that D Buffum & A Robinson preached sweetly - In the Afternoon I went, had a good Meeting - father R said a few words. -

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October 14, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) entered Leipzig at the head of 200,000 men. "It ain't over 'till it's over." Bavaria declared war on France.

There was a ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela at which Simón Bolívar was awarded the title "El Libertador."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 10 M / Our meeting was large as usual, silent & I thought a pretty good time. - Wm L Burling late of N York is now here. -

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October 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 10 M / Wm Burling & L L Clarke took tea with us & Wm set the evening in addition came Sisters Ruth, Eliza, Joanna & Rebecca - Br David & John who made a very agreeable circle

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October 17, Sunday: During a lull in the fighting at Leipzig both sides were reinforced.

Fernando de Salerna replaced Juan O'Donojú O'Ryan as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 10 M / In our Morning meeting D Buffum was much favord in testimony - Illustrated the passage of Felix trembling before Paul & apply'd it to the condition of an individual or individuals present In the Afternoon we were silent. -

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 October 19, Tuesday: When the French began to pull their forces out of Leipzig, a rear guard was supposed to hold off the advancing Allies. However, a corporal who had been left in charge of destroying the causeway out of the city got nervous and blew it up while French troops were still crossing over it. This trapped the rear guard in the city where it would eventually be obliged to surrender. Total casualties in the Battle of the Nations at this point mounted to some 92,000, not to consider thousands of civilian casualties in and around Leipzig. Wurttemberg and the rest of the Confederation of the Rhine joined the Allies against France. Saxony was occupied. Prussian troops occupied Frankfurt-am-Main. The French empire east of the Rhine was obliterated.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 10 M / I have been much occupied today in attending to the pulling down of the house which falls to me After Mother It was with much reluctance that I consented to its being taken Down as it was the place of my Youth, where I lived very hapily with my dear Aunts Patty Mary & Hannah Gould & spent many pleasant hours, & in going over it this morning recognized the various corners in which I played & Kept my pretty things in those Days, which were days free from care & trouble, & it is no small test of feelings to see it taken our of sight. - here many would think I have evinced weakness, & perhaps I may, but the scenes of my youth were pleasant & on them I love to reflect & I do not feel that there can be much harm in it - - In consequence of the extreme rottenness of the building I have been long sensible that it could never be enjoyed again as an habitation, or even as a store & The boys were daily carrying it off peace by peace. -

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 October 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 10 M / Attended Meeting but a dull time to me. - A Short testimony by father Rodman - Jona Dennis & Solomon B Boss dined with us - - - Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening

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 October 22, Friday: [Maria Louisa Sampson](#) was born in [Plymouth](#), Massachusetts.

The Meerfeld Endowment, by Imperial decree, was awarded to Franz Schubert.

[Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 1st birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 10 M 1813 / Last Night I watched with David Huntington & feel but Poorly today We have this Afternoon finished pulling down the old house & building the fence round the Lot. -

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October 24, Sunday: In Prague, incidental music for *Das österreichische Feldlager*, a play by Schmidt after Schiller, by Carl Maria von Weber, was performed for the initial time.

From this day until November 5th, Persia and Russia would be negotiating the Treaty of Gulistan of 1813 that would end of the Russo-Persian War by Persia (Iran) surrendering to Russia all territories to the north of Aras River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 10 M / In our Forenoon Meeting D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony, in the Afternoon we were silent. & both Meetings were unsettled seasons to my mind. -

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October 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 10 M / This forenoon was the funeral of Sam'l Elam it reached town about noon & the corps was carried to the Meeting house where was collected a considerable number of the great folks of the town & our friend David Buffum was concerned in a testimony which was pertinent & attended with power. - After Meeting the corps were enter'd in the burying ground near the Meeting house by the side of our late friend John Hadwen -

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October 28, Thursday: An allied administration took over in Saxony and Stolberg-Wernigerode. A Prussian administration took over in Quedlinburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 10 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) & attended our Monthly Meeting. - - Dined at cousin Chases & rode home During the deliberations of this day a very exercising case occur'd - It seems that a certain friend has taken a dislike to me & thinks I have joined the party against him (as he calls it) but I believe there is no party except which wishes him all love & good Will & today he undertook to handle me in a very indirect & unhandsome manner - but I concluded it was best to take no notice of his remarks neither did any other friend & the Meeting ended very quietly. - This friend is very bitter in his spirit towards many friends & why he should be against me who never did him any harm in my life either in word or Deed, I know not - I feel nothing but love for him & hope he may yet experience the Strong man to be bound hands & feet in him -

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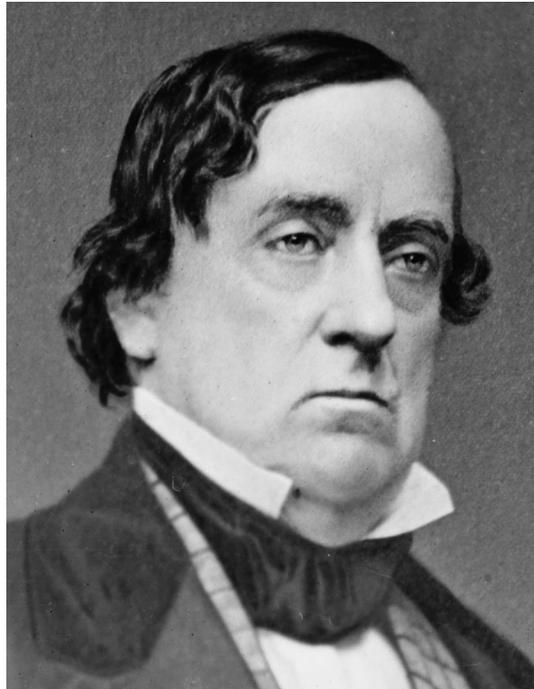


October 29, Friday: [William Benjamin Carpenter](#) was born at Exeter in England, the 1st son of the [Unitarian](#) Reverend Dr. Lant Carpenter.

An allied occupation administration took over in Hannover and Hildesheim.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) performed for the 1st time at Milan's Teatro alla Scala, presenting the initial performance of his "Le streghe, variations on a theme from Süssmayr's Il noce di Benevento." During this visit to Milan he met the singer Antonia Bianchi of Como, Italy.

President [James Madison](#) appointed [Lewis Cass](#) as the Governor of the Michigan Territory to serve in that capacity whenever convenient (that is, with long periods of absence during which a Lieutenant Governor would take over), until 1831.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 10 M / Rode out to the late residence of Saml Elam & met the Town Council, but the Witnesses to the Will not being present it was not Proved - The Object I had in going was to be engaged as an appraisor to the Estate - Wm Rotch having requested me to Act in that capacity. -

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October 30, Saturday: An Austrian-Bavarian force that had placed itself at Hanau east of Frankfurt-am-Main, astride the line of French retreat, was decimated by the French forces.

An allied occupation administration took over in Brunswick. The Kingdom of Westphalia was dissolved. Wilhelm I resumed his throne as Landgrave of Hesse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 10 M 1813 / I have been quite seriously indisposed today with a cold which I have labored under with a sore throat -today the soreness of the throat has much increased - but I have kept about & been out some. -

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November 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th days of the Week / I have been pretty much the whole of the time confined to the House with the most severe Cold & Cough attended with a considerable degree of inflammation on the Lungs, besides which I have been so hoarse I could scarcely speak - My Cough still holds on & I have some fever remaining, but I raise pretty freely & I feel in hopes that the greatest difficulty has passed by - I was not at Meeting on first day & have not been today, & had I been in health it was my intention to have gone to Swansea to have attended the Quarterly Meeting which is held there this Day -

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Arthur Schopenhauer returned from Rudolstadt to his mother's home in Weimar.

By the Treaty of Gulestan signed on this day, Russia received all Persian territory north of the Aras River (this included Abkhazia, Dagestan, Baku, and Georgia).



November 6, Saturday: Bremen was returned to the status of a free city.

The Duchy of Brunswick was restored. Duke Friedrich Wilhelm was returned to his throne.

The Electorate of Hannover being restored, Georg III (who was also King George III of England) was restored to that throne.

An allied occupation administration took over in Frankfurt-am-Main.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 11 M 1813 / I have been better of my Cold for Yesterday & today, but I raise a great deal yet. Cough hard & have a shortness of Breath which is very tedious.

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 November 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 11 M / Attended Meeting this forenoon we had a short testimony & supplication of the merits of which, from my own state of Leanness I was no judge of – In the afternoon I staid at home for my H to go which she did & said meeting was silent.

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 November 11, Thursday: The French garrison at Dresden surrendered to the Allies.

British troops defeated American forces at Chrysler's Farm, Montréal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 3rd, 4th & 5th Days / These Days have been occupied in taking an Inventory of the Personal Estate of Saml Elam at his late residence at [Portsmouth](#), Wm Rotch Junr was there, also Thos Arnold two days, whose company was very pleasant - conversation with Wm Rotch Junr was edifying & I may safely say that the time spent with him was to proffit both spiritually & temporally - - It Rained so hard on fifth Day that we could not come from [Portsmouth](#) to attend Meeting - but I rode home in the Afternoon with Wm Rotch Junr. -

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 November 14, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) confessed to the French Senate that its Grand Empire was no longer in existence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 11 M 1813 / Attended Meetings which were seasons of favor but considerably obstructed by hindering things & endeavored however to keep up the contest pretty closely -

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 November 18, Thursday: In Alabama, United States troops from Fort Strother raided a settlement of Hillabee Indians at Ten Islands on the Coosa River. The soldiers were apparently unperturbed by the fact that the Hillabee were currently in peace negotiations with the United States. 60 were killed and 250 captured.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 11 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & I believe was to some a season of favor - I[t] was however to me attended with Barrenness - & Poverty -

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 November 21, Sunday: King Wilhelm I of Hesse was restored to his throne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 11 M / In our forenoon Meeting A Robinson & D Buffum appeared in testimony - Much to satisfaction - In the Afternoon we were silent - Meetings today were seasons wherein my mind was favor'd to keep up the warfare in a good degree - I walked out to Saml Thurstons with D Rodman took tea & set the forepart of the evening. -

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 November 23, Tuesday: An epidemic of [typhoid fever](#) in Leipzig, possibly caused by the dead and wounded from the Battle of Leipzig littering the streets of the city and suburbs (including the Gewandhaus), produced the death of acting Police Commissioner Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Wagner.

In 1813 several British naval officers, prisoners of war, resided in [Concord](#) on parole, some of whom were taken in the *Guerriere*. A number left here, November 23d, but their places were supplied by others the next day. Some of them were of distinguished families and scattered their wealth with liberal hands.¹⁶⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 11 M / Last night David Rodman & I watched with David Huntington whose situation is very distressing -

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 November 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 11 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day held in town was silent - In the last we had but little buisness with which we proceeded in the love no Obstruction thereto appearing.

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 November 28, Sunday: Simon Mayr's melodramma tragico *Medea in Corinto* to words of Romani ater Euripides was performed for the initial time, at Teatro San Carlo, Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 11 M / Our forenoon Meeting was silent & I thought favor'd in the Afternoon the funeral of D Huntington went to

168. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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Meeting - C R said a few Words

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 December 2, Thursday: The County of Hanau was attached to Hesse-Kassel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 12 M 1813 / Our Meeting was silent & a season of some favor to me however, Wanderings of mind was trying but were not permitted wholly to run away with The Mind from best things -

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 December 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 12 M / Last night I watched with Thos G Hazard & have felt so hevvy today that I did not attend Meeting - went to bed early in the evening -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 9, Thursday: A chorus for a production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 12 M / Soon after I took my seat in Meeting my mind became settled & centerd in a favor'd frame And I can say it was a time of proffit for which I desire to be thankful -

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 December 12, Sunday: Great Britain laid claim to the District of Columbia on the west coast of the North American continent (British Columbia), in opposition to a similar United States claim.

After three days of fighting against the British and Portuguese, French forces retreated back into Bayonne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 12 M / Our Meetings were pretty good seasons - in the forenoon D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony - Silence in the Afternoon -

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 December 13, Monday: [James Robert Ballantyne](#) was born at Kelso, Scotland, a nephew of the Ballantyne brothers whose publishing debts would in 1826 so embarrassed [Sir Walter Scott](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*2nd day 13 of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Thos Hornsby to attend the Town Council we were appointed Appraisors to the Estate of Saml Elam & render'd in the Inventory which we had perviously taken - Wm Rotch Junn was there. -
Our Ride tho' very cold was not was unpleasant as might have been expected -*

 December 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 12 M 1813 / Our Meeting to me was comfortable & I believe I can say it was good for me to be there. -

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 December 19, Sunday morning: Captain Nathaniel Leonard arrived at the gate of [Fort Niagara](#) only to be surprised to encounter there British sentries rather than American ones (only his being a prisoner of war in Canada would prevent a courts martial). The British sallied out of the fort, torched the village of Youngstown, New York, and continued up the River Road to drive away an American detachment at Lewiston, New York and torch that village as well (by the end of the year the British troops would have also put Manchester, Schlosser, Black Rock, and Buffalo to the torch).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 12 M / I staid from meeting this forenoon to give my H an opportunity of going - In the Afternoon I went but had a rather a dry meeting - however It has been a day of no small favor - life has been near & my mind has been expanded in a manner a little uncommon on the subject of War as being inconsistent with the pure spirit of Christianity

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 December 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 12 M / I thought our Meeting was favor'd & a degree of it was experienced in mine own particular but was much tried with rovings of mind. -

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 December 26, Sunday: Aureliano in Palmira, a dramma serio by Gioachino Rossini to words of Romani after Sertor, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan. Unfortunately, the effort met with a cool reception.

British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh departed London for the continent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 12 M / We had a testimony in both our Meeting of the Merits of Which I presume not to judge - they were very



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barran Seasons to me. -

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December 30, Thursday: [Walter Savage Landor](#)'s LETTERS TO THE COURIER, SIGNED CALVUS (a pamphlet).

Hannover annexed Hildesheim.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 12 M 1813 / I have concluded not to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & I have serious doubts whether the conclusion is right. The only excuse I can offer is that I was obliged to get up last night with a severe tooth Ach & slept but little sound sleep till after 3 OClock - but my face is easy this Mornng & the day is very fine - this is the first time I have missed a Monthly Meeting in this Month since expiration of my Apprenticeship which is now eleven Years - I am however encouraged that I do not omit going easily - for it really occasions distress of mind & serious reflections. - The foregoing was written in the Mornng & from any thing I have gained in my buysness I might as well have been at [Portsmouth](#) - Nothing I have undertaken has prospered in my hands -I undertook to put a Crystal to a Watch & broke two in doing it -I have been to work on a watch all day & every thing seemed to work against me - however my mind has been tender & my spirit humble for which I desire to be thankful - With this day I complete my 32nd Year, which Also excites serious reflections

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December 31, Friday: Prussians and Russians commanded by Field Marshal Blücher crossed the Rhine River near Mannheim.

In raids over the previous week, native Americans allied to the British had destroyed Buffalo and 6 other western New York towns.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 12 M / Here completes this Year which seldom rolls round but that I feel sensible that another of my life is gone- Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon & took tea with us

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 THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1814. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1814. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#): John Carter. Sold also by George Wanton, [Newport](#).

 At this point there were small pockets of [Catholic](#) French-Canadians in Winooski, Vermont and in [Woonsocket](#), [Rhode Island](#).



 The Reverend Timothy Alden mentioned that “the genuine aboriginal name” for “[Mount Hope](#)” had been “Mon Top.”





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 January 1, Saturday: On the New York side of the [Niagara River](#), Youngstown, Lewiston, Manchester, Schlosser, Black Rock, and Buffalo had been put to the torch. By holding [Fort Niagara](#) the British were in control not only of the mouth of the river but also of a safe haven for their warships and supply vessels.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) replied favorably to the allied offer of December 15th.

[Hung Hsiu Ch'üan](#) 洪秀全 was born. After being disappointed in the Confucian civil service examinations, he would have visions and come to the conclusion that he must be [Jesus](#) Christ's younger brother on a mission to redeem China (don't laugh, 25,000,000 [Chinese](#) are going to die rancid deaths on account of this fantasizing).¹⁶⁹

CHINESE CIVIL WAR

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 1st M 1814 / Recd this eveng a leter from my beloved friend Micajah Collins Dated 12 M 23rd - which was a very agreeable NewYears gift.—¹⁷⁰

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 January 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 1st M / Our Meeting this forenoon was a preciousy favored season our fr D Buffum was much favor'd in a living & baptizing testimony In the Afternoon we felt the continuation of divine regard - I don't know when I have experienced better Meetings - L L Clarke took tea with us -

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 January 5, Wednesday: The Spanish Cortes returned to Madrid.

“Betsey Telock, Æ. 49, is burnt to death. It has been commonly reported, that she came to her end by spontaneous combustion from the inordinate use of ardent spirits. But it is the opinion of the gentleman, who first discovered her body, soon after the flames in her room were extinguished, that she caught her bed-clothes on fire with a candle, and thus lost her life.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 1st M / I Dreamed last night of seeing Our friend Mary Mitchell deceased - She seem'd to be in the Meeting house Yard in company with my Aunts Martha & Mary Gould & as I approached her she put out her hand to me & we shook hands

169. For all that he was JC's little brother, this guy wouldn't actually have much use for anything peculiar to the New Testament — such as for instance kindness, or forgiveness, or redemption. Instead his [Christianity](#) was going to be long on obedience, and proper worshipfulness, and his dad was to be construed as a God of vengeance. But the *Tai-p'ings* did have a useful list of prohibitions: there was to be no prostitution in their Kingdom of Heaven, or even divorce, there was to be no enslavement or even foot-binding, there was to be no recreational use of [opium](#) or [wine](#) or [tobacco](#) — and of course there was to be no gambling! Both the Chinese Communists of the PRC (People's Republic of China, on the mainland) and the Chinese Nationalists of the ROC (Republic of China, on Taiwan) now claim that they originated as this nativist resistance movement against the Manchu overlords in Beijing.

170. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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*together in the same manner in which we did when she was alive
– This Dream has left a pleasant savor thro' the day –*

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 January 6, Thursday: In [Concord](#), formation of a society for the suppression of [alcohol](#) abuse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 1st M / Our friend Gideon Molineux & his companion
Silvester Birdsill from NYork state were at our Meeting today
& at [Portsmouth](#) yesterday - Gideon is a preacher of the true
stamp, & manifested himself a deep searcher of States -
he appeared in testimony & supplication much to the comfort of
the living, & the awakening of such as were at ease -
They have gone to Connanicut this Afternoon accompanied by
David Buffum & John Weaver intending to have a meeting there
tomorrow. –*

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 January 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 1st M / In our founoon Meeting D Buffum & H
Dennis appeared in very acceptable public testimony - In the
Afternoon we were silent - - I thought both Meetings favor'd. –
In the eveng My H went with Sisters Ruth & Joanna to Thos
Robinsons*

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 January 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13 of 1st M / Our meeting was pretty well attended
& I thought it was a lean time for life. –*

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 January 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 15 of 1 M / This evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#) to visit
my Aged & much loved cousins Zacheus Chase & Wife – The next
morning it was a severe SnowStorm which kept us within doors all
Day & deprived me of Attending Meeting - The day however passed
pleasantly & on 2nd day [Monday] morning I walked home & found
it quite fatiguing to travel in the Snow, which however was not
over my shoes except in a few places - I found my H & little son
were well & done well in my absence.*

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 January 20, Thursday: [Moses Prichard](#) finally was able to get married with his fiancée of eight years, [Jane Hallett](#). For the initial three years of their wedded bliss they would reside at [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#)'s boardinghouse in [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 M 20th 1814 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & I thought was favor'd - In the preparative meeting, Several of the Queries were remarked upon especially the one respecting the Poor & friends generally that were in ability & the Overseers of the Poor were encouraged to discharge their duty especially at this season of the Year - A request from Sally Hadwen was received to be admitted to Membership - her case is peculiar - she was born after her father was disowned, but lived alternately with her Grandmother Hadwen & Aunt Dorcas Brown who brought her up in the ways of Society & she has attended Meetings of Discipline without knowing she had no right of Membership but being now inform'd of it has now requested to be confirmed as a member -
My H spent the eveng at Gilbert Chases. -*

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 January 21, Friday: Modena and Reggio were occupied by Neapolitan troops.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) ordered the release of Pope Pius VII from confinement at Fontainebleau.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 M 21 / It is this day two Years that my dear Father left time in commemorating the day my mind is led into seriousness & sensations are excited which I trust are proffitable to be abode under. -

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 January 23, Sunday: Prussian troops crossed the Marne River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 1 M / Our Meeting in the forenoon was well attended- A friend appeared in testimony & supplication - In the Afternoon we were Silent
Visited the Work & Alms Houses. -*

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 January 27, Thursday: Creek Indians attacked the United States forces in Camp Defiance, Alabama. The attack failed but the natives inflicted heavy casualties.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 1st M / Our friends Hinchman Haines & Joseph Haines



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from New Jersey were at meeting Hinchman is truly a great & deep Minister - Joseph a good Preaching Elder - Jabez Green from Cornwall Moy [Monthly] Meeting in NYork State was also at meeting & preached a little to us, but the two former were of the most importance. -

In our meeting for buisness Hinchman gave us much good advice. - & a considerable buisness was before us among which a committee was appointed to report the names of some suitable friends to the Station of Elders. -

B Mott, P Lawton, A Sherman, G Dennis & I Lawton came home to Dine with us but our Chimney took fire & burned so badly that they all left us except I Lawton. -

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 January 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 1 M / Our Meetings were well attended- In the forenoon we had a testimony from a friend - In the evening Br J Rodman & Dr Hazard were our visitors- a short call from father Rodman. -

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 February: In his message to the General Assembly, [Rhode Island](#) Governor Jones denounced the Federal government in no uncertain terms for having declared war upon Great Britain. The reverses which had occurred to our arms, he considered, could be due to the new federal government's wickedness in engaging in an unjust war — a just retribution by an all-wise Providence. The governor stopped barely short of a plain threat of his state's secession from the federal Union: "We should, however, indulge the hope that our national rulers will remember that there is a point at which oppression must stop, and that, notwithstanding our respect for the laws and our strong attachment to the union of the states, there may be evils greater than can be apprehended from a refusal to submit to unconstitutional laws." Rhode Island would join with Massachusetts and Connecticut, two counties in New Hampshire, and a county in Vermont, in attending a convention on this topic in Hartford. Rhode Island would send Benjamin Hazard, Daniel Lyman, Edward Kanton, and Samuel Ward as delegates to the Hartford Convention.

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The proceedings of this convention would be published in 1833 in Theodore Dwight's HISTORY OF THE HARTFORD CONVENTION: WITH A REVIEW OF THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHICH LED TO THE [WAR OF 1812](#).

THEODORE DWIGHT



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February 1, Tuesday: This was “Cold Tuesday” in [Concord](#). The temperature was well below zero.

In a driving blizzard at La Rothière, a combined Allied force of Russians, Prussians, Austrians, Bavarians, and other [Germans](#) attacked the French forces. Due to the extreme weather, and some Allied blunders, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) was able to arrange an orderly retreat. The struggle on this day nevertheless produced some 12,000 casualties, order of magnitude.

L'oriflamme de Charles Martell, an opéra comique by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul, Henri Montan Berton, Rodolphe Kreutzer, and Ferdinando Paer to words of Etienne and Baour-Lormian, was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Opéra (this was a government effort to rally support for the Emperor and for France during this invasion).

Neapolitan troops occupied Tuscany.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s THE CORSAIR hit the bookstore shelves — and on this day sold a magnificent 10,000 copies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 2nd M 1814 / It was my intention to have gone this day to [Providence](#) to have attended our Quarterly Meeting to be held 5th day next but the River Shut with Ice last night & the Packets do not run the expense of the Stage is rather beyond prudence for me to bare & it looks so much like a Storm & indeed Snows a little this Afternoon that it seems to be rather too great a risk & undertaking for me to Walk even as far as [Warren](#) which I had contemplated & take the Stage from thence hence I see no way but to abide in the patience & see what the morrow will bring forth - My mind has been quite unsettled most of the day - but since dinner feel more like laboring for the quiet & waiting for the event. -

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February 2, Wednesday: The Spanish cortes passed restrictions on King Fernando VII (should he be released by the French).

Luigi Cherubini was named a lieutenant in the “corps de musique” of the National Guard in Paris.

Visiting [Providence](#) during the cold snap, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and his travel party overnighted at Elmgrove, the home of Friend [Moses Brown](#):

4th day This Mornng tho' the prospect was dubious I went in the mud & slow [snow?] out to J Weavers & rode with him to [Providence](#) - We stoped James Maxwells in [Warren](#) & dined - then went on & reached [Moses Brown](#) before night in evening we crossed Moses Bridge. - We lodged with our fr Moses it is the first time I was ever there & found him the same interesting character at home as abroad. -

The following morning, on their way into [Providence](#), they stopped off to say hello at the home of Moses's son Moses Obadiah Brown.

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 February 3, Thursday: As the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) arrived in Troyes southeast of Paris, the citizens barricaded their houses and were refusing to aid his soldiers. Meanwhile, ministers of the four allies were meeting in Châtillon-sur-Seine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Mornng after breakfast we rode to [Providence](#) stoped a few moments at O Browns - then went down town & did a message or two before Meeting. - At Meeting our fr James Greene opened the Service in a sound & I believe seasonable & savory testimony then Hinchman Haines in a living testimony & supplication - In the Meeting for buisness Sarah Greene - daughter of Paul was appointed to the Station of an Elder - I went with Br D Rodman to Henry Russells & dined where I saw Saml Brown & his sister Eliza who inform'd me of the decease of their Mother Lydia Brown on the 26 of 10 M last. - after dinner we gave a call at Josiah Lawtons & took a dish of tea - Spent the remainder of the eveng at Caleb Wheatens & returned to Henry Russells & lodged. -

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 February 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Mornng - After breakfasting at Henrys set out for home we started from Jos Anthonys came over John Browns Bridge - stoped at Coles in [Warren](#) & bated our horse then over [Bristol](#) ferry to Holder Chases & dined & reached Home early in the eveng - With a thankful Heart that I had been once more favord to be at a Quarterly Meeting & to find my dear wife & little son in pretty good Health

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 5, Saturday: Preliminary peace talks between the French and the Allies began at Châtillon-sur-Seine — the Allies offered the French their 1792 boundaries and the French of course found that utterly unacceptable.

Der Götterbund, an allegorical drama by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Kley, was performed for the initial time, for the birthday of the composer's mother.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5th of 2M 1814 / The savor of my visit still remains & I feel thankful that I have been -

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 February 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 2 M / In our forenoon Meeting A friend bore testimony to the Truth In the Afternoon we were silent & I thought pretty good Meetings
In the eveng called at D Williamses. -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 10, Thursday: French forces attacked Russian forces at Champaubert, capturing General Olssufiev and allowing only a fifth of his army to escape.

The peace talks at Châtillon-sur-Seine had been getting nowhere and at this point were suspended. The allies met amongst themselves at Troyes.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 2 M / Our Meeting owing to the stormy weather was very small - two Women only attended, but it was among the preciously favor'd seasons to my mind -

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 February 12, Saturday: Bayard à Mézières, ou La siège de Mézières, an opéra comique with music by Adrien Boieldieu, Luigi Cherubini and two others to words of Chazet and Dupaty, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 2 M / My Mind frequently runs to my late visit at [Providence](#) with much satisfaction & has this day been reviewed with peculiar sensations which are very pleasant. -

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 February 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 2 M / In our forenoon Meeting C R & D B were concerned in testimony The latter I considerd much favored - In the Afternoon a few words were droped by C R - In the eveng D Rodman & I went our to S Thurstons & took tea. -
I consider it a season of favor to me, being often enabled to experienced the tendering influence of Divine love for which I desire to be thankful. -*

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February 17, Thursday: French forces attacked various German units at Mormant and Valjovan and sent them reeling in disarray.

After a week's hiatus, the peace talks were restarted at Châtillon-sur-Seine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 2 m / Our friends Hinchman Haines & Jospeh Haines attended our Meeting this day general information was given to the inhabitants of the town but the day proving very rainy few of them attended The meeting however was large considering the weather he appear'd both in testimony & supplication in a very deep & weighty manner. -

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February 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wantonould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 2 M / Our Meetings were as well attended as common considering the Walking - we had short communications in each. -

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February 24, Thursday: When the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reentered Troyes there was general rejoicing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 2 M / The riding was so exceedingly bad & withall a very rainy day, that I thought it imprudent to attempt to go to our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was this day held at [Portsmouth](#). - Nobody went from town but D Williams & his daughter Mary & they were obliged to stay out all night. -- It is not a little unpleasant to me to omit a Moy [Monthly] Meeting. I never do it but I feel the omission. -I rote this forenoon to my fr Obadiah Williams in Butternutts. - it is the first time since he left this Town. -

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February 27, Sunday: British forces defeated French forces at Orthez, opening up southwestern France to invasion.

Symphony No. 8 in F Major, Op. 93 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time, in the Redoutensaal, Vienna. Audience response was warm but not uproarious. One musician in the violin section was Louis Spohr.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 2 M 1814 / My much beloved friend Philip Dunham spent last eveng with us & was at our Meeting today. he dined with us & went aftermeeting to D Buffums & to J Dennis to lodge - Philip gave us evidences in both meetings of his Authhority in the Gospel - I love him much & hope he will be preserved &



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 March 3, Thursday: The French garrison at Soissons surrendered to the Prussians and Russians.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 3 M 1814 / Our Meeting today was well attended - & I hardly know what else to say of it - We seldom escape trial of late - as respects my own condition I thought it quite as well as common. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 3 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was large - C R preached first from the Text "Open thy Doors of Lebanon & let the fire devour thy Cedars - D Buffum was then concerned in an appropriate testimony & savory - but our meetings of late are seasons of exercise. - In the Afternoon my H went while I staid & took care of the little boy. - Sister Ruth & Br John set the eveng with us. -

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 March 9, Wednesday: At Chaumont southeast of Paris, Russia, Austria, Prussia, and Great Britain published a joint treaty creating these four countries as arbiters of the future to the exclusion of lesser powers, and pledging themselves to continue the war upon France as long as necessary and never conclude any separate peace. They backdated this document to March 1st.

Prussian troops made a surprise attack on the French at Laon sending them into headlong flight.

French forces in the south fell back to Lyons.

A British force including Lord William Bentinck landed at Livorno and made for Lucca.

Samuel Wesley's Organ Concerto in C was performed for the initial time, at Covent Garden. The music had been intended for a concert on March 4th, but had not been ready — Wesley had finished it on March 5th and then he and Vincent Novello had spent the night copying parts. The manuscript was dated March 8th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 3 M / Our friend Mary Bonsall accompanied by Hannah Elliot & George Williams of Philadelphia came to town day before Yesterday after a meeting at Connanicut in the forenoon -rested yesterday, & today attend Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) & expect to return to town this Afternoon. -

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 March 10, Thursday: Die Eselshaut, oder Die blaue Insel, a feenspiel by Johann Nepomuk Hummel to words of Geway, was performed for the initial time, in the Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 3 M / Our fr M Bonsal & G were at Meeting Mary was concerned in Savory & acceptable in testimony - My Dear H was unable to go to Meeting in consequence of the Disposition of our little Son.

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 March 13, Sunday: When Russian forces made a surprise night attack on French positions at Rheims northeast of Paris, the French repelled the attack, inflicting heavy casualties.

The Allies, having crossed the English Channel, at this point captured the city of Paris. That city's chief of police, Fouché, seeking alliances among the new authorities, suggested that they consider deporting his former boss [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) to the United States of America.

As peace broke out, young [George Back](#) found himself released from the prisoner-of-war camp at Verdun.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 3 M / Our forenoon Meeting was well attended - A testimony from friend - Text "We have a little sister who has no breasts &c --Solomon B Boss & wife dined with us - - My H went to meeting in the Afternoon & I staid at home with John who has not been well for a week past. -

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 March 17, Thursday: Lucca was occupied by Neapolitan troops.

Prussians defeated the French at Fismes.

After their defeat at Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River near present-day Alexander City, Alabama on this day, the defeated Red Sticks (Creeks) would be forced to flee to the Florida peninsula. [Sam Houston](#) had been twice wounded. His combat activities caught the eye of General Andrew Jackson.¹⁷¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 3 M / Attended Meeting which was as large as usual - Asa Howland was there & took tea with us this Afternoon

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 3 M / Both our Meetings were silent which is the first, first Day in Many Months that there has been no public offering in some part of the Day. to me both were seasons of

171. Have you ever wondered about fatherless boys who go out onto a battlefield and either are killed or attract the attention of a father figure? –Have you ever wondered why they would do that? –Do such situations seem like chance events, to you? –Happenstances?



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 March 22, Tuesday: A letter from the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) to Empress Marie-Louise, in which he outlined his strategic plans, was captured by Russian troops.

French troops abandoned Lyon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 3 M / Last eveng was very Dark with very high Wind & Snow - Sam Carr was lost in the Storm in coming from the point to his house he got blown down & Bewildered lost his way, & got into the Water & was drowned - he was this Morning found not far from the house he left When his watch was brought to me to clean off the Last Water I was uncommonly shocked being the first I had heard of the Accident. -

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 March 24, Thursday: In an attempt to create divisions in Spain, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) released King Fernando VII at Bácsara.

The Papal States were returned to the Pope (they had been annexed by Napoléon in 1809). In return, the Pope recognized the French annexation of Avignon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 3rd M 1814 / Our Meeting today was silent but to me a favord Season - In the last Solomon B Boss & Joseph Robinson requested removal certificates - It seems discouraging in prospect to find our meeting so fast diminishing. -

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 March 27, Sunday: United States forces defeated Creek Indians at Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River of Alabama. More than 600 were killed, 146 were wounded, and some 300 native women and children were captured. Headman Red Eagle surrendered, ending the Creek uprising.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 3 M / Silent Meetings & I thought pretty good ones After tea took a Walk round the Hill with Br D Rodman -

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 March 28, Monday: [Friend](#) Obadiah M. Brown signed his last will and testament.



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Extracts from the will of Obadiah M. Brown dated March 28, 1814, and from the codicil to the said will dated October 14, 1822, relating to the “[Yearly Meeting School](#)” as a legatee, as copied from the official clerk’s copy in the municipal records at the [Providence, Rhode Island](#) Town Hall by [Friend](#) John R. Kellam during October 2007:

.... (from the will:)

Item. I give to my honoured Father Moses Brown, as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of Friends School Fund or to his Successor that may hereafter be appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings in the Capacity of the said School Committee, an annuity of three thousand Dollars, and hereby authorize and direct my Executors to pay the same in one Year after my Decease to the said Treasurer for the Time being weather [sic] the School be in operation or not. That the Sum be a part of the Fund of said Institution to be applied for the purpose of procuring an Establishment in Land, Buildings and furnishings the necessary accommodations paying the Salaries of Instructors and assistants, and also the Board of the Scholars and Family of the Institution / nearly similar to Friends Boarding Schools of the Yearly Meeting of New York at Nine Partners, or at Weston in Pennsylvania / wherein the Children members of our religious Society of Friends with such others as may be thought best to be admitted / may receive a religious and guarded Education free from the contaminating Influence of the vain fashionable World which leads young minds from the Simplicity of Truth, and that meek and quiet Spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom we profess to follow.

Item. I also give / after the Decease of my Wife Dorcas Brown / the annuity of Three thousand Dollars more to the aforesaid Institution making up the Sum of Six thousand Dollars to be paid by my Executors in one year after the Decease of my Wife, and annually afterwards to the Treasurer of the said School Fund for the Time being for the purpose of supporting and perpetuating the Institution as aforesaid.

Item. I give all my Books and Maps to the Yearly Meeting School after the Decease of my Wife, or when the School shall be got under Way, providing she is consenting thereto how soon soever the School may be in operation.

.... (from the codicil:)

I hereby confirm the Legacy given in my Will for the use of the Yearly Meetings School, which was not then located, but now under successful operation in the Lot given by my Father for that purpose to the Institution there established to be and remain for the use of said Establishment forever.



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March 31, Thursday: The French defenders of Paris agreed to an armistice. Allied armies, led by Tsar Alyeksandr, entered the French capital. As the Russian and Prussian armies entered Paris, Fromental Halévy broke off piano practice to help his brother stare at Cossacks marching past his home.

There being rumors that the Elysée Palace had been mined, the Tsar took up residence in the home of Charles Maurice de Talleyrand.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) took up residence in Fontainebleau.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 3rd M / Our first Meeting was silent & in the last (Monthly) we had an exercising time. Things however ended well – among the things which occupied our attention was the Appointment of an Elder – Jonathon Dennis was appointed & his name concluded to be sent forward to the Quarterly Meeting. I may now remark that the company of the Aged has many times of late felt peculiarly grateful to my feelings. "Blessings brighten as they takes their leave" & very pleasant was the presence of our Aged friend Thos Robinson at meeting this day when I first saw him I was glad he was able to attend, but before the buisness of the Meeting had got through he was of great use in setting a difficult Matter before us. – My mind is often affected with heviness at the prospect of the short time which several of our worthy & useful ancients have to remain with us & tho' they may outlive many of us who are young & Active yet certainly in the course of nature their days must be nearly number'd & who will be endowed with their quallifications to manage in discipline is a thing hid yet as thro' all generations there have been some raised up & quallified to carry the Ark of the testimony there is yet room to hope that the Testimony will not be left to Reproach –

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April: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the initial issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY. His issue began with a thumbnail biography of local naval hero William Henry Allen, complete with a very nice portrait page.¹⁷²



W^m Henry Allen Esq.

late of the United States Navy.

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"Oh, for the death of those,
Who for their country die!"—

AROUND the car of the conqueror, the bright halo of glory ever hovers. Whether he dare the storm of battle, to wrest the liberties of a nation from a tyrant's grasp; or force his triumphant course over protracted rights and a subjected people; whether he fight for freedom, or conquer to enslave; still his progress is dazzling and glorious. There is a glitter accompanying successful achievement, which takes the reason captive, and forces on the mind, respect for the favorites of fortune. But true fame is not always dependent on success. Glory may surround defeat and gleam from the tomb. Cato, "nobly falling with a falling state," and disdaining to survive the death of his country's liberties, has transmitted to the latest age a name, whose lustre dims the feebler glory of "the world's great victor."—On the fame of the truly great man, misfortune can never throw a shade. "Tis not in mortals to command success," and greatness of soul shines forth with a brighter ray amid disastrous circumstances.

LITERARY REPOSITORY



April 3, Sunday: Nobody loves a loser. The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) was deposed. Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent was named the leader of a provisional government for France.

The name of the Académie Impériale de Musique (Paris Opéra) was changed to the Académie de Musique.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

172. The author would recycle this in the following year, as part of an entire festive volume of such thumbnails of such personages in regard to whom we are anticipated to have "emulous desire": AMERICAN NAVAL BIOGRAPHY. Compiled by Isaac Bailey. Providence: Published by Isaac Bailey, near the Turk's Head. H. Mann & Co. printers.

NAVAL BIOGRAPHIES



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1st day 3rd of 4th M 1814 / Our forenoon Meeting I believe was highly favor'd indeed I thought it much more than commonly so before any thing was Said & I believe nothing that was said hurt the solemnity Our Ancient fr D Buffum was well engaged in testimony wherein he was concerned to call the attention of the Youth to things which belong to their Peace - then a few Words by Father Rodman- & then Hannah Dennis concluded the Meeting in Solemn Supplication. - Our Afternoon Meeting was silent but favor'd with Solemnity. -

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April 7, Thursday: Lucca was occupied by Austria.

[The Reverend Mr. Timothy Flint](#) sent out a rather amazingly self-revelatory open letter to his parishioners, requesting that he be dismissed from his charge at their Lunenburg Congregational Church — a missive his parishioners would be careful to preserve.



Three respectable ministers have been here with a view to settle in this region, have become discouraged and are gone, since I have been here. Twelve at least have been in this way in this country — they are all gone. ... I also, have had enemies, and bitter ones in this place. ... My congregations ... are larger, than when Mr. Mathews, or Mr. Giddings preached here, or other ministers, who are known. ... Religion, when I came here was considered contemptible. The phalanx of opposition was in array from one end of the street to the other. Why did they invite me here? On speculation. A minister — a church — a school — are words to flourish in an advertisement to sell lots. ... I shall not attempt a vindication of my course. ... I have passed through good report and through evil report. I have endured my "cruel mockings" and my perils from "false brethren." ... I came naked here. I am naked still. ... my confidence in the God whom I serve, is deep and unabated. ...¹⁷³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 4 M / Our Meeting today was silent & to me a season of distress - - Recd a letter this Mornng from David Smith 28th Ult & Post Mark of 1st inst.

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173. The God whom he serves. Hmmm.



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 April 10, Easter Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote an ODE TO [NAPOLEON BONAPARTE](#).¹⁷⁴

British forces captured Toulouse.

British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh and Austrian Foreign Minister Prince von Metternich arrived in Paris to represent their respective countries. They met with Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia and worked out the conditions of abdication. This was presented to Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent and the provisional government, who accepted them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 4 M 1814 / Our Meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended And a season of favor - I can say ti was in good measure so the me - D B was concern'd in testimony - - - In the Afternoon father R said a few Words.

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 April 12, Tuesday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), who since his excellent adventure in Russia had been wearing a tiny pouch of black taffeta on a string around his neck, gulped down its contents. It contained [opium](#) with a mixture of belladonna and hellebore. But his suicide potion didn't work, more's the pity — it just made him spasm and go comatose for awhile.¹⁷⁵



Down but not out

DOPE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12th of 4 M / This Afternoon took a little walk with John & called on our old neighbor Briggs. - While sitting there my mind was much exercised on Marys account, she has lately become Serious & I have no doubt but her mind has been tenderly visited & reached by divine love & my fervant secret intercessions have been put up that she may not take up her rest in the barran hills of an empty profession, but Alass it is little else which I can do for her The Work must be on her own part but the [Baptists](#) have gotten hold of her among whom it is a time of much stir & many go into the Water -The young covertes are allmost continually at work upon her, to get her in Also. The event must be left & whether she does or does not yeald to their importunity I shall ever believe that her mind is at present under impressions which if cultivated would lead her beyond Water Baptism or any other outward cerimony even into,

174. I haven't read this, and thus cannot tell you whether it contains the line "Lo, how the mighty have fallen."

175. All the pain of dying with none of the benefit of death: Nazi leaders, with their cyanide-filled tooth cavities, must have learned from this Frenchman's bad example.



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spiritual Baptism & the Spiritual Supper of our Lord & Master these she may know by the depth of experience by due attention to that holy & pure spirit which I have no doubt she hath of late felt the operations of. –

This Afternoon & while writing the above the funeral of Ann Rogers has Passed by she was a young woman of respectability but suddenly taken from time. – but a few nights ago she attended a Ball where with great mirth & gayety there she took a hevy cold which very shortly put a period to her life - I understand she was favor'd in her illness with quiet & resignation to her situation, but I do hope her sudden Death may prove a Warning to the great Party Makers & to the young people of the town. –

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April 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 4 M / Day before yesterday Joseph CARPENTER departed this Life at the Alms House the Keeper being his guardian – & was this Afternoon buried from the house of his sister Anna Carpenter, in the south half of which he had the rents of during his life –he was a man of sense & agreeable in conversation but in consequence of a very sore leg for many years the smell of such as rendered his company very disagreeable. –

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April 14, Thursday: Charles-Philippe de France, comte d'Artois was named Lieutenant-general of the Kingdom, succeeding Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévant as Head of State for France.

Prince Eugène, Viceroy of Italy, signed a peace accord with the Allies and surrendered his forces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 4 M 1814 / In our Meeting to day my mind was agreeably & proffitably employed most of the time & love was renewedly Kindled in my heart towards the small company gathered –& desires raised that we might all labor to improve our time while it lasted. – [Newport](#) has now become striped [stripped] as to numbers, many have removed away & the few which remain who are concernd to be faithful in their day have no small weight to bear
Father R bore a short testimony*

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April 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 4 M / All our aforementioned friends dined with



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Sister R Rodman Also which was to us a great gratification I love them all but my old & long true friend Miciajah is very near to my best feelings - he & Wm Brown have left their home with a prospect of visiting the Southern Middle States as far as Ohio which they expect will not be accomplished in less than one Year, but felt their minds previously drawn to visit us a little - Their case has very tenderly excited my sympathy & I can say my heart has been this day made thankful for their company & the feelings which it has occasioned - They left our house in the Afternoon to drink tea at D Buffums & expecting to lodge there tonight - The only Alloy to this day has been an afflicting Ague -

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 April 20, Wednesday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) took leave of his Imperial Guard at Fontainebleau and departed with a retinue of 14 carriages toward the coast of France.

A mob attacked the Italian Senate in Milan, and the Finance Minister was tortured in an attempt to force him to give over the treasury.

Having received a parish vote of 30 yeas over 10 nays, the Reverend [John White](#) was ordained over the 3d parish in Dedham at a salary of \$600 and ten cords of wood, the ordination sermon being preached by his own pastor, the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) of [Concord](#) (spirits, crackers, and cheese for the occasion cost \$5.63).

[JOHN WHITE](#) [of [Concord](#)], son of Deacon [John White](#), was born December 2, 1787, graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1805, and was ordained over the third parish in Dedham April 20, 1814.¹⁷⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 4 M / Our friends returned this evening which they spent at John Rodmans & at the close of it Abijah & William came & lodged with us. - we sat up till 11 O'clock in agreeable conversation. - I understand by those who were there that Micajah was much favored in their Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today. -

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 April 21, Thursday: A 5-man provisional government took over in Lombardy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 4th M 1814 / Our beloved friends Micajah Collins & his wife Wm Brown & Abijah Chase were at Meeting with us Wm Brown first appeared in testimony very sweet lively & fresh from the fountain then a little before the close Micajah in a short

176. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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but very feeling manner gave us much good advice. - They dined with Br D Rodman, just before they set out I went up & found them in silence I joined with them & soon Micajah addressed us in a sweet & tender manner on the subject of parting from each other & gave us much precious advice which tender'd (I have no doubt) all hearts present. mine was very much so & a very solemn covering seem'd to be over us as I think I ever witnessed - They have just called at our Door to part with my dear H - leaving us under renew'd feelings of that love which length of time nor distance of Miles cannot separate. - They expect to lodge tonight at Benj Freeborns in Portsmouth & go on to Providence the next day, from whence they expect to go on westward, to return they know not when They have my full unity & near sympathy & very particularly dear Wm Brown who leaves at home a wife & two little children. -

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 April 24, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 4 M / Father Rodman in a short & D Buffum a pretty lengthy testimony in the forenoon - in the Afternoon the Meeting was silent - after which Father & I walked down to J Dennis & took tea. -

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 April 28, Thursday: The frigate HMS Inconstant, Captain Sir Edward Tucker, built 1783, sailed from the Mediterranean port of St.-Raphaël, with the Emperor Napoléon I aboard (he had opted for a British vessel, fearing retribution from the French navy).

The Kingdom of Italy was dissolved by Austria.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 4 M / My H and Sister Ruth have gone to Portsmouth together to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which I am unable to attend in consequenc of the effects of a severe ague which I have for some time labored under, it is better but the Stiffness & soreness remain - I feel sorry to be deprived of going to Portsmouth Moy [Monthly] Meeting as I have three times in succession a circumstance which I think has never ocured since I was an apprentice. it is however a comfort to believe that the engagement is still active in my mind & I hope it will not be suffered to abate

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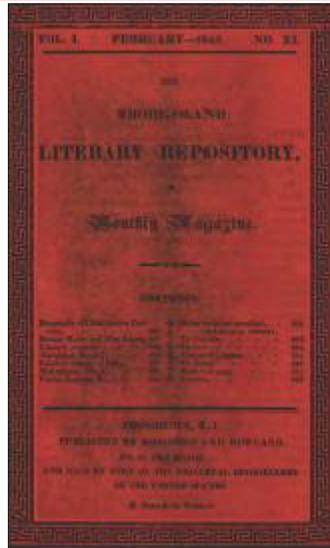
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May: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY.

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May 1, Sunday: Andrew Jackson was commissioned a major general in the regular army with command of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 5th Mth 1814 / Our Meetings were both Silent & I considered lean poor seasons - - After meeting took tea with My H & John father Rodmans

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May 3, Tuesday: King Louis XVIII arrived in Paris and seated himself upon the throne of France.

The Sovereign Principality of Elba was created, to be ruled over by the Emperor [Napoléon I.](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 5 M / Our friends that went to [Greenwich](#) this Mornng to attend the Quarterly Meeting had a fine fair wind & easy time up.

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4th (Wednesday) of 5th Mo.: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 5 M / "In the midst of life we are in Death" - It has been the Day of General Election & as usual much noise & tumult in town - During which my mind has been not a little in the glooms & far from partaking in the coman merriment, so



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tho I have frequently said to myself (particularly this afternoon) "In the midst of life we are in Death" - Toward night heard of the recent Death of our excellenct friend Thos Scattergood of Philadelphia. -

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The accumulating unused education fund of the [Rhode Island Quakers](#) having risen to about \$9,300, there arose yet another scheme to divert the interest to some other more urgent non-educational purpose, and so Friend [Moses Brown](#) submitted the following letter:

The Meetings for Sufferings,
Dear friends:

As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you, that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly brought under my consideration, and believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of Truth. I have for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the West part of my homestead farm, containing about Forty-three Acres for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the boarding School thereon; Provided the Meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a Committee to view the ground, consider the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for Sufferings, which may be more generally attended, they can then Act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears to you best.

As treasurer of the School fund, I may for your information mention that its present amount is about Nine thousand three hundred Dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered and proceeded in conformably to the mind of truth that we may hope for its blessing.

I conclude your affectionate friend,
Moses Brown



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His offer brought the value of the fund that had been being accumulated for some years, for Quaker education, to a total of \$9,300 (not even close to the estimated \$16,000 that would be needed). The land in question is in the area now referred to as “the East Side,” but at the time was being referred to as “Providence Neck,” and very obviously, it wasn’t worth nearly as much then as it is worth now that it is enveloped in the most toney district of Providence. The property contained some seven acres of usable trees, and quantities of stone that might be used in the construction. At the time such land was considered to be worth about \$200 per acre. The land is along what is now referred to as Olney Avenue, but at the time this road was being referred to as “Neck Road.” (Neck Road ran directly up the hill along what is now Olney Avenue, turned at the top of the hill to follow what is now Morris Avenue, then turned again along what is now Rochambeau and plunged through what is now the entrance to Butler Hospital, to Swan Point and then to the Pawtucket Line. This was the track that one would follow if one wanted for some reason to, say, journey to Boston.) It was noted that the plot was situated at the crest of the hill “about Three fourths of a mile from the compact part of the Town of [Providence](#) and Friends Meeting House there, and about the same distance from the College,” the Rhode Island College that is now known as Brown University. The Meeting for Sufferings adjudged this to be “a pleasant and healthy scite [sic] to erect such a Building upon.”

The initial plan would be to construct two buildings, one for the education of boys and the other for the education of girls, but the expense of this would force a consolidation into one building.



May 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 5th M 1814 / Our Meeting was pretty large considering some are absent to Quarterly Meeting. Our Aged friend Thos Robinson & Wife were present whose company was pleasant, their Daughter Abigail was also there who has been confined by ill health for several Months.

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May 6, Friday: Between 4AM and 5AM, Georg Joseph Vogler died of a stroke in Darmstadt at the age of 64. At the time of his death he was penniless, having been ruined by his attempt to construct the Triorganon instrument.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 5 M / Our friends have returned this Afternoon from Quarterly Meeting after a plesant passage up & down the River. -They bring information that John Baley & Amos Peasly were there & allmost on a religious visit to this & [Smithfield](#) Quarterly Meeting

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May 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 5 M / Our friend D Buffum was concern'd in the forenoon Meeting in a Savory & pathetic testimony on the necessity of the frequent reading the Scriptures warmly



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recommending it to the rising generation. – The Meeting however to me was a season of great leanness – In the Afternoon we were Silent & my Mind was in a more favor'd state.

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 May 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 5 M / I have but a poor account to insert of myself which is that I stayed from meeting - perhaps I might have gone, but such was the State of my buisness that I omitted tho' not without considerable inward reproof. - My mind has been in a tender frame & humbled in a considerable degree under a sense of my Short comings. -

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 May 15, Sunday: Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough's squadron sailed out of Otter Creek into the Narrows, and away to the north of Lake Champlain. They would be cruising all summer about the lake, while drilling for the naval engagement they considered to be an inevitability.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 5 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was attended with rather an uncommon circumstance soon after the Meeting was settled a youngish man rose up in the young mens quarter & asked liberty to tell what God had done for his Soul & waited a few minutes, & nothing being said he went on to remark that he had been long a professor of Religion but had not possessed it but a little while, that he was brought up in the Calvinistic order & used formal Prayer &c but that the Lord was pleased to Shew him that his state was then very Dark & has since brought him into his marvelous light & confirm'd his mind that true worship consisted in Spirit & truth so that he felt the Lord Power to constrain him to Publish what he had done for his soul, after giving some little account of the operations of Truth on his mind he went on to encourage christians to hold on their way & stand as examples to the flock & then to exhort Sinners to forsake the evil of their way & turn unto the Lord for grace was free to all - then the Youth he exhorted to Watchfulness & also all classes present - declaring that he Stood in fear & trembling among us as he did at all times when he undertook to speak in



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the Lords name - I was wholly at a loss to conjecture who he was or what he was he spoke rather broken English & I could not understand all he said, but there was not much to find fault with except his breaking the order of Society in speaking where he had not a right - - After Meeting I understood he was a Swiss & had married an Indian in Narragansett & now lived with Nicholas Geffroy & worked at the Watch making buisness. -Father Rodman said a few words D Buffum was concernd in a living & Powerful testimony & Hannah Dennis also appeard in a few words very sweetly & Truth I believed reigned in no common degree In the Afternoon our Meeting was silent except what talking our little John Gould did who was carried for the first time in his life but was so restless that his Mother was obliged to bring him home before the Meeting was fairly settled.

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May 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 5th M 1814 / Our Meeting was silent, pretty well attended but to me a season of but little Spiritual refreshment tho' I have not a Doubt but others were favord to experience the Arisings of life. -
In the Last (Preparative) Mary Perry requested Membership -*

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May 20, Friday: King Vittorio Emanuele of Sardinia reentered Turin for the first time in 16 years and attempted to replace everyone in his administration in their old posts. The laws of 1770 were reinstated and everyone of French descent was ordered out of the country.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 20 of 5 M / A pleasant visit this Afternoon at D Buffums.
My H & John & Mother Rodman were there -*

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May 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 5 M / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony - it was to me a season very devoid of life. my mind however was running on much the same subject which D B had to treat upon
In the Afternoon I was again in a barran State tho' I tried to get centered & settled but could effect but little - times & seasons are not at our command. - The Meeting was Silent -After tea took a Walk to the Beach with Br D Rodman. -*

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 May 24, Tuesday: Pope Pius VII made a triumphal return to Rome.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 5 M / Our frd Amos Peasely is in Town & expects to be at our Moy [Monthly] Meeting on 5 day [Thursday] next. – Many are the Afflictions of this life. my mind has been affected with the situation of Mary Hind who had within a few days become quite distracted She is a West India woman no connections here & destitute of property. –

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 May 25, Wednesday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 11th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 5 M / Our friend A Peasly is at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting today

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 May 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 5 M 1814 / Amos Peasly was at Meeting his Service was uncommonly lively & edifying & Powerful. indeed I do not think for power I ever heard any thing to exceed it - I have no Doubt many were sensibly edified & those who were in allmost a lifeless state had their feelings greatly quickened
In the last Meeting (Monthly) considerable buisness was transacted in good harmony -
Geo Dennis & Jos Wilbour Dined with us & Uncle & aunt Thurston & Eliz Freeborn took tea -
In the evng took a pleasant Walk round the Point with Br D Rodman –*

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 May 29, Sunday: Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough brought his fleet out of Otter Creek and came to anchor off Plattsburgh, New York.

In Paris, former Empress Josephine died of natural causes.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 29 of 5 M / In consequence of having taken some Physic last night I was not at Meeting - In the Afternoon attended which was silent & to me a dull season but not wholly without life. -

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May 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 5 M / I have spent more time than was for my pecuniary Proffit in reading the Manuscript Journal of My late Cousin David Greene dec'd / but the Mind has been thereby strengthened & renew'd in the belief that to note time as it passes is far from being unprofitable. In reading his various experiences I have found that which has accorded with mine own, "as face answers face in a glass" he seemd much in the same line as I have been. he has delighted in the same rural scenes at cousin Thos Goulds in Middletown, taken the same solitary walks about the town & to [Portsmouth](#), experienced the ebbings & flowings of divine life & had recorded many of the same errors of his life as I find in mine own. in perusing it I found my mind often much affected & almost to weeping, to find many of his exercises so congenial with mine own.

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May 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 5 M 1814 / This has been a day of Calamity, & depressing to every mind that abhors War. - Late last evening an Alarm was beat & reported that the British Brig Nimrod was beating up the west Passage after a Vessel under Sweedish colours - The Malitia went down to Gardiners beach where they staid all night & in the Morng at About 9 OClock the Nimrod came up to the Sweedish Vessel laying at Anchor & fired an abundance of 32 / & grape Shot Sent her Barge & set fire to the Vessel the Militia went off to her to extinguish the fire & in coming from her with Some of her crew a thirty two pound shot struck the Boat Killed a young Man belonging to Middletown by the name of John Smith & dangerously wounded another belonging to this town by the name of Isaac Bassett. - This is the first time I ever heard the sound of Killing Guns. it was Awful indeed, but Allass what is the human mind capapble of vast numbers went down as spectators & viewed the horid scene with composure, & many made quite a buisness to run round & pick up the Bullets to bring to town to sell which I am told brought \$1 a piece.

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The independence of the City of Hamburg was restored for a 2d time.

The First Treaty of Paris was signed by Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, Russia, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, and France, returning the French boundaries to those of January 1, 1792 and restoring the Bourbon dynasty. France renounced all claim to the Netherlands, Belgium, [Germany](#), Italy, and Switzerland. Tobago, Saint Lucia, and Ile de France were ceded to Britain. Santo Domingo was granted to Spain. Austrian rule was reestablished in Istria. The 12-year dispute over the possession of Malta ended in favor of Great Britain, by its becoming a crown colony. A clause called for the independence of the [German](#) states and their union in a federation, but that particular clause was held as a secret. It was agreed to hold a Congress in Vienna starting October 1st.

Effective immediately, this treaty prohibited the introduction of [slaves](#) into French colonies by foreigners. The treaty specified that as of June 1, 1819, the [international slave trade](#) would also be interdicted absolutely even to the French themselves. France and Great Britain agreed to endeavor to induce the approaching Congress at Vienna "to decree the abolition of the Slave Trade, so that the said Trade shall cease universally, as it shall cease definitively, under any circumstances, on the part of the French Government, in the course of 5 years; and that during the said period no Slave Merchant shall import or sell Slaves, except in the Colonies of the State of which he is a Subject." Castlereagh wrote to Austria, Russia, and Prussia in hope "that the Powers of Europe, when restoring Peace to Europe, with one common interest, will crown this great work by interposing their benign offices in favour of those Regions of the Globe, which yet continue to be desolated by this unnatural and inhuman traffic."

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: During the peace negotiations between the United States and Great Britain in 1783, it was proposed by Jay, in June, that there be a proviso inserted as follows: "Provided that the subjects of his Britannic Majesty shall not have any right or claim under the convention, to carry or import, into the said States any slaves from any part of the world; it being the intention of the said States entirely to prohibit the importation thereof."¹⁷⁷ Fox promptly replied: "If that be their policy, it never can be competent to us to dispute with them their own regulations."¹⁷⁸ No mention of this was, however, made in the final treaty, probably because it was thought unnecessary.

In the proposed treaty of 1806, signed at London December 31, Article 24 provided that "The high contracting parties engage to communicate to each other, without delay, all such laws as have been or shall be hereafter enacted by their respective Legislatures, as also all measures which shall have been taken for the abolition or limitation of the African slave trade; and they further agree to use their best endeavors to procure the co-operation of other Powers for the final and complete abolition of a trade so repugnant to the principles of justice and humanity."¹⁷⁹

This marks the beginning of a long series of treaties between England and other powers looking toward the prohibition of the traffic by international agreement. During the years 1810-1814 she signed treaties relating to the subject with Portugal, Denmark, and Sweden.¹⁸⁰ May 30, 1814, an additional article to

177. Sparks, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE, X. 154.

178. Fox to Hartley, June 10, 1783, as quoted in Bancroft, HISTORY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, I. 61. Cf. Sparks, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE, X. 154, June 1783.

179. AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN, III, page 151.



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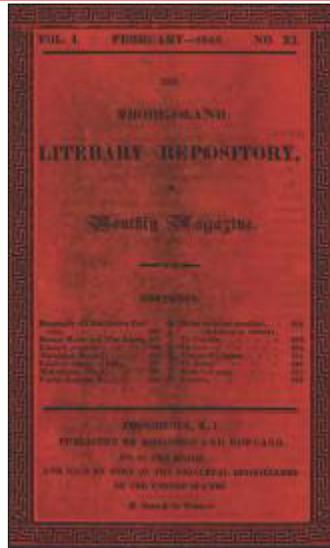
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the Treaty of Paris, between France and Great Britain, engaged these powers to endeavor to induce the approaching Congress at Vienna "to decree the abolition of the Slave Trade, so that the said Trade shall cease universally, as it shall cease definitively, under any circumstances, on the part of the French Government, in the course of 5 years; and that during the said period no Slave Merchant shall import or sell Slaves, except in the Colonies of the State of which he is a Subject."¹⁸¹ In addition to this, the next day a circular letter was despatched by Castlereagh to Austria, Russia, and Prussia, expressing the hope "that the Powers of Europe, when restoring Peace to Europe, with one common interest, will crown this great work by interposing their benign offices in favour of those Regions of the Globe, which yet continue to be desolated by this unnatural and inhuman traffic."¹⁸² Meantime additional treaties were secured: in 1814 by royal decree Netherlands agreed to abolish the trade;¹⁸³ Spain was induced by her necessities to restrain her trade to her own colonies, and to endeavor to prevent the fraudulent use of her flag by foreigners;¹⁸⁴ and in 1815 Portugal agreed to abolish the slave-trade north of the equator.¹⁸⁵



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180. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 886, 937 (quotation).

181. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 890-1.

182. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, page 887. Russia, Austria, and Prussia returned favorable replies: BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 887-8.

183. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, page 889.

184. She desired a loan, which England made on this condition: BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 921-2.

185. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 937-9. Certain financial arrangements secured this concession.



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June 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 6 M 1814 / Meeting rather small but attended by several of the Worthys who thro' Age & infirmitys have not Steadily attended of late Vizt Sarah Robinson & daughter Abigail & My Cousin Bathsehba Gould whose presence was comforting to me. Was favoord with quiet tho' roving of mind tried me a little, & had the watch been faithfully kept up a greater degree of favor doubtless might have been experienced - It seem'd to me to be a season of favor to many present - One Short appearance in the Ministry C R to pretty good satisfaction - My dear H was there we have gotten quite at ease with respect to attending Meetings of late. We take our beloved little John put him to Bed & leave him a slepp & the hand of Morpheus seldom leaves him till we return.

Saw at Banisters Wharf the Brig that was set on fire by the British on 3rd in the east Passage she was towed round to day about 40 Hogs heads of Molasses was saved, but the wreck exhibits a scene of destruction, her quarter deck is burned allmost to the Water it looks like a mere Shell. - Alass for a State of Warfare When will Mankind beat their swords into Ploughshares & learn the horid Art no more. -

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June 4, Saturday: King Louis XVIII issued the Constitutional Charter, claiming hereditary right to the throne of France with a permanent bicameral parliament.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 6th M 1814 / This evening Mail from Boston brings News Papers containing accounts of great events in Europe, nothing short of another complete revolution in the Government of France - Bonepart is seems has yealded his Aunthority to the family of Burbons & Lewis the 18th is now on the Throne, thro' the instrumentality of the allied Powers who have followed him to Paris & made this Great Wonderful & strange overturn in the state of things. - The world therby is rid of one of the greatest, if not the greatest Tyrant that ever existed, who has been a Terror to the Nation around him for Years. - but while I can feel this event as of great importance to the World, may I not allow my mind to rejoice at it not knowing what is for the best. - The change has not been effected but by great slaughter & blood shed of the human species, Milions of lives has it lost. Alass shocking & miserable has been the state of Poor Europs for years. my heart has often felt deeply affected at the multiplied accounts of battles that have been fought on her "delightful plains" - & I greatly desire the Sword may now be sheathed & the period predicted by the Prophet Isiah when the "Lyon & the Lamb shall lay down together" be hastened. - Alass for our poor Country of America, now at War, may she also, be blessed with returning PEACE

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June 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 6 M / Our Meeting this forenoon, I thought was unusually favord was favord in my own particular with a good degree of reverant quiet The Mind however at times wont to rove. - Our friend D Buffum in testimony labord faithfully tho the forepart of it in weakness - he introduced the Passage of Martha & Mary. enforced the necessity of choosing the better part - Warned us against a security within ourselves contenting with a Morral life &c - C Rodman sd a few words After Afternoon Meeting Silent & to me Solemn & favord - after talk a Walk to the Alms House with Br D Rodman -

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June 6, Monday: The Duchy of Guastalla was returned to sovereignty by the allies, under Duchess Maria Luigia (former Empress Marie-Louise of France).

Tsar Alyeksandr, King Friedrich Wilhelm, and Prince von Metternich arrived at Dover for an official visit to England in celebration of the defeat of the Emperor [Napoléon I.](#)

A council dismissed the [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) from his charge at the Congregational Church in the Lunenburg portion of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6th of 6 M 1814 / My dear Mother has been quite unwell for several Days but her Medicine has had a favorable effect & I think her better today. - She related a little experience of hers today. She says that about five years ago soon After Aunt Molly Wanton lost her reason & several trying instances existing in the family, one day in particular her mind was greatly under presure of Affliction & to add to it one of the family had stuck a Nail in their foot which added to her agitation. after the difficulty of the Nail a little subdsided she set down & Wept then took up a book, a Sermon Called the Covenant preached by James Muir D D & read a little in it then sat still a while & it came into her Mind to get Bogatzkys Golden Treasury & see what the Text was for the Month & day of the Month that she was born Vizt 5 M 11th & found it to be "How long wilt thou hide thy face from me O Lord Psal XIII.2 - Divine Answer: For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great Mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee: for this is as the Waters of Noah unto me, for as I have sworn that the Waters of Noah should no more go over the earth so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee nor rebuke thee Isa IVI.7.9." Which text was the same with the Sermon she had just before read & she said, the effect was such as soothed her mind & comforted her up, & the Clouds seemed quite to dispell for a



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season. –

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June 7, Tuesday: George Anson Byron was promoted to Captain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 6 M / Attended Town Meeting being the Election of Town Officers considerable opposition to those of last year was expected, but the greater part of the solid freemen attended & Most Friends of the Town were present which I have no doubt prevented much delay in the buisness as those who were disposed to oppose were thereby discouraged - The whole buisness of the Town was conducted without a single paper Vote. – I thought I was never more sensible of the good effect of the countenances of solid people on the conduct of the loose minded, & I differ much in sentiment with those who think Friends ought not to Attend Town Meetings. I believe they may & have done in this Town much good many times for there is something in the Countenances of a weighty Friend which carries Awe over others. & it is my solid judgement that if Friends in some sections of this Country had timely exerted their influence in a proper Manner the present disastrous War might have been Averted.

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June 8, Wednesday: Hostilities began at St. Leonard's Creek. (This would go on for some time.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 6 M 1814 / We had the company of our interesting neighbour & friend Mary Briggs & Mariah Mumford this Afternoon & Sister Mary joined us in the evening - - I felt near sympathy with Dear M Briggs, her mind appears very tender & sweet & I have no doubt is preciously visited with the "Day Spring from on high" I read to her the acct of Thos Burling of N York who died some years ago at the Age of 14 Years - the acct of his Pious close & lively expressions of the times with his Sisters dream after his death was affecting to her mind & drew the pearly tear. –

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June 9, Thursday: John Kimball de Laski was born in St. John, New Brunswick.

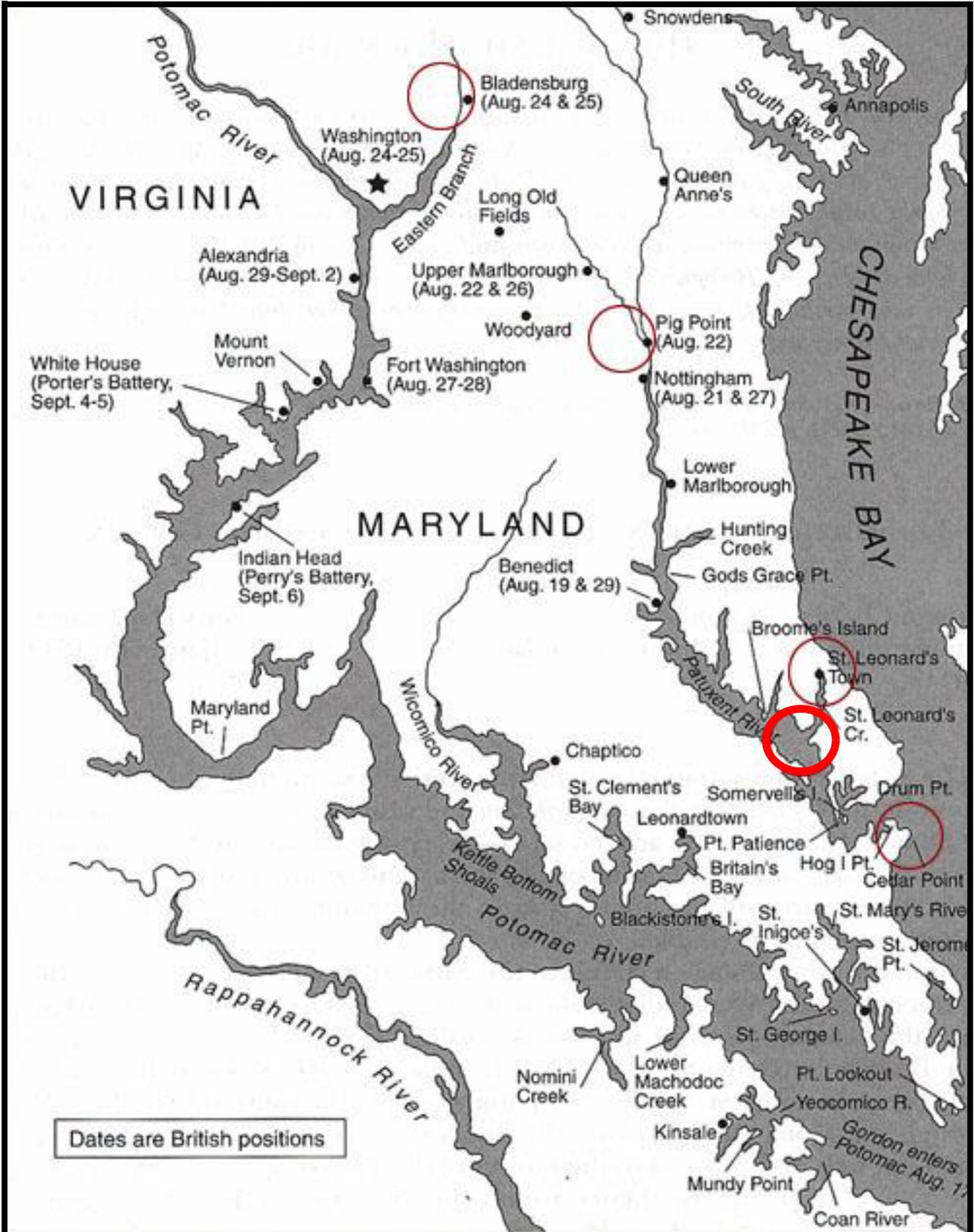
At a dinner with the Prince-Regent in Carlton House, King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia, the Earl of Liverpool, and Viscount Castlereagh were invested as Knights of the Garter.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 6 M / Our Meeting to me was a favord One, & my heart was made renewedly thankful under a sense of the extendings of divine goodness In the forepart of it a travel [travail] was

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experienced for one on whose account I have at seasons of late felt much for & who my prayer is may find the right Way – After which I was led to reflect on divers persons some who lived before & some since my remembrance, who filld seats in that house & now are called from works to reward. – we who now meet there, are also hastening fast to the final change to experience what they have passed thro' before us. & may our change be as glorious as there is reason to believe some of theirs have been. – Our friend Mary Varney was present & toward the close of the meeting got hold of the State of it pretty well & declared the Truth with boldness among us, to the tendering of divers minds. – Notwithstanding the aforementioned state of favor, rovings & unprofitable thoughts sometime presented. but were not permitted to get the Assendency very far. – The experience at Meeting has continued thro' the afternoon –Oh how precious is a tender mind. – This eveng Br D Rodman called & gave us a view of a couple of letters from Avis Mumford of this town now residing in [New Bedford](#) to her Brother & Sister. She displays an excellent talent at writing – fine sentiment & withall a pious seeking mind.

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 June 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 6 M / Yesterdays savor has been renew'd today, under which my heart [h]as been thankful to the Author of All Good.

We have begun to prepare for Yearly Meeting & towards Night Saw our ancient fr John Casey from [Greenwich](#) go up street with a company with him among whom was Thos Howland who stoped & took tea with us & set the eveng in interesting conversation –

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 7th day 11th of 6 M: At the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, as recorded in the diary of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), the prospect of a [Yearly Meeting School](#) would be discussed. Friend [Moses Brown](#) was offering a lot of 40 Acres on his farm near [Providence, Rhode Island](#):

7th day 11th of 6 M 1814 / Yearly Meeting has now commenced, Friend have come plentifully into Town – Our family consists of Ezekiel Jones & Wife Isaac Bassett & his Wife – Dan'l Johnson Saml Philbrook. Estes Newhall Ezra Collins & Thos Anthony as lodgers. – My mind & body much engaged, but favord to keep in a good degree of patient quiet. –

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 June 12, Sunday: Emperor Franz I of Austria was proclaimed King of Lombardy, which he of course annexed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day / The forenoon meeting was large & favord John Moore a Physician of Pennsylvania was very large in testimony. he declared the Truth with good natural ability of Mind, & with no common Share of divine Authority - My post was door Keeper which I endeavor to fulfill with all my abilities - I never set down during the whole meeting & being at the door had an opportunity to observe the countenances of those about, anxious to hear - My mind was sensibly affected to see how desirous they were to hear, many of them afraid to go into the house for fear they would have to set still a little while - I did very feelingly deplore the state of poor Mankind many of whom seem desirous of no better food than Words - & notwithstanding my fatigue of body my mind, was favord with a good degree of feeling quiet The Afternoon Meeting very large but as still as common & I thought considerably more so than common Doctor John Moore again the only laborer, his preaching both for matter & manner much resembles Rich Motts. I thought him not quite so favor'd as in the Morning. - the people were much pleased with his testimony. - I dont remember of both our first day meetings at the Yearly Meeting time, passing with but two commemorations & both of them from one man - several of our lodgers took tea out, their places were supplyd at table by several from Lynn & Salem friends -

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June 13, Monday: Angéla ou L'atelier de Jean Cousin, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Montcloux d'Épinay, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / Our Meeting met at the usual time I thought not under as solemn covering as I had witnessed, but in good measure. - The public service was a short & savory Prayer by Joseph Douglas & a few words from C Rodman discussing forward appearances which I hope will not be taken by the feeble ones as a blow at them - After a space of about half an hour D Buffum proposed our proceeding to buisness. The usual rotine of which was gone through - Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Baltimore, Philadelphia New Garden & New York were read & a corresponding committee appointed. nothing further remarkable at this time -

Afternoon, the meeting met at the 3rd hour, as usual at this sitting we had much preaching. The State of Society was entered into & a number of deficiencies confessed in the Answers. - Remarks were made by James Hallock Danl Haverland & John Moore from abroad -[Moses Brown](#) Wm Almy C Rodman & Benj Percival of our own members were most conspicuous. The latter appeared in an humble Prayer much to the comfort of some present. - Three of the committee in the case of Folger Popes appeal refer'd from last Year being absent -at his request he was called in & three more added in his presence The Meeting then Adjourned to the 4th



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June 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / The meeting met at the time adjourned, was opened under a solemn covering, a pathetic testimony by D Haveland chiefly in address to the youth, he then asked liberty to set a while in the womens apartment which was given & Our fr [Moses Brown](#) accompanied him. - Committee to report the State of the treasury reported. O Brown for treasurer. that there was 400 Dolls in his hands & 400 Dolls necessary to be raised. - The Committee in the case of Folger Popes appeal then reported. they confirmed the judgement against him, a very solemn covering was witnessed over the Meeting. after Minute was made & the report accepted he was called in, took his seat on the right hand on the front seat of the Old mens quarter, after a solemn pause of about five minutes Saml Rodman the Clerk rose up & read the report & Minute. in a few minutes the Appellant rose & requested liberty to give reasons to the Meeting why the report ought not to be accepted - The Clerk rose & informed him with consistent & in a very dignified manner, that it would be contrary to the usage of the Meeting to admit such remarks when a committee had reported their judgement & in the report asserted that they had given the parties a full hearing - Folger then remarked that he thought it within the limits of discipline to Allow such indulgence & went on a little further & left the Meeting observing he left it for our consideration & passed out of the Meeting. - Solid & solem remarks were made by John Casey & D Buffum. - The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were then read by which it appear'd the subject of the Yearly Meeting school had been before them & that our friend [Moses Brown](#) had offered a lot of 40 Acres on his farm near [Providence](#). This subject brought great weight over the Meeting which seemed fully united in the belief that the time had come when it might be Moved forward in with great safety than at any period heretofore. -[a Minute was made on Singly encouraging friends to promote subscriptions throughout the Yearly Meeting & a minute made recommend the care of the buisness of the Meeting for Sufferings. **These lines were crossed out**] The Epistle from Virginia Yearly Meeting was recd & read at this time.

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June 15, Wednesday: A joint Austrian/Bavarian administration took over in Birkenfeld.

The Netherlands abolished the slave trade.

Ministers meeting in London decided to move the meeting of the Congress of Vienna from July 1st to August 15th.

Johann Nepomuk Hummel's singspiel *Die Rückfahrt des Kaisers* to words of Veith was performed for the initial time, in the Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / Meeting opened with a little excellent preaching by John Moore he principally address to the Youth [one line crossed out] at this [repeat of 2 day] sitting the corresponding committee produced essays of Epistles to the yearly Meetings of London New Garden, Baltimore, Virginia Philadelphia & New York also one for the new Yearly Meeting established last Year at Ohio which were agreed to after a little alteration in some of them. – The Subject of the Yearly Meeting School came again before us & it was unanimously agreed & a minute made recommending subscriptions throughout the Yearly Meeting for the Promotion of it The Meeting adjourned to the 4th hour in the Afternoon. –

Afternoon met by adjournment - John Moore again preached excellently & Danl Haveland appeard in a living Powerful & Humble Prayer for all ranks & discriptions in society. – The Meeting was occupied chiefly in finishing unfinished minutes preparing endorsements for friends that were with us from other Yearly Meetings & was concluded by fervant prayer by John Moore

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June 16, Thursday: Emperor Franz I returned to Vienna amidst joyful festivities and a public holiday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Our frinds have mostly left us this morning for their own homes which leaves our houses destitute to what they have been for a week past. – The Meeting was large, much favor'd & I believe to the satisfaction of all & the edification & comfort of many present. – James Hallock was first & largely favor'd in testimony, then John Moore, J Hallock rose a Second time & J Moore followed in a fervant Prayer – Hannah Dennis had a few words in conclusion which considering the favor'd state the Meeting was left in, had an unusual good effect –

This Afternoon J Moore attended as physician with Several of this Town to extract a Cancer from cousin Elizabth Gould Breast which was very favorably performed. –

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 June 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 18th of 6 M 1814 / This Afternoon we had the Company of Cousin Martha Hazard. My Mother. Br Isaac Sister Sally. & Thos Hornsby to set the Afternoon & take tea with us. -

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 June 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 6th M / Our Meeting this mornng was large & tho' there was considerable preaching I thought it rather a dull season Daniel Clapp of Pomfret spake a few words - then David Buffum pretty lengthy in a seasonable, appropriate & savory testimony. Then Hannah Dennis shot [short] but with her usual Sweetness. -Sister Ruth Dined with us - Silent in the Afternoon with Br D R walked out to J Dennis & took tea. - Sister Rebecca Rodman got comfortably to bed this evening with a fine boy We all feel thankful on her account -

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 June 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 6 M / Cousin Nathan Hazard & Thos Hornsby took tea with us. -

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 June 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 6 M / The infirmities of my nature predominated in my Thoughts so far in meeting that tho' I labord to get the mind centerd on good, was frustrated. till Hanna Dennis broke the bread among us. perhaps there might not have been twelve basket fulls left, but certainly my mind was in a much better condition after her communication than before & I have no doubt the meeting generally were edified

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 June 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 6 M 1814 / Mary Babcock sent for me this forenoon to come & see her. I found her quite feeble & weak, but so as to be sitting up in her chair. She expressed a wish to Make a Will which she had done several times before at prvious visits. I took the Minutes & came home rote the Will & went again after



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dinner & she executed it. - She seemed quite sensible that the day of her dissolution draws near & expressed a wish to be buried in friends ground but I told her that as her relations were all laid in the common I thought she had better be also. She seemed readily to relinquish the prospect. -

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June 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 6 M / Rode with my H & our little J S G to [Portsmouth](#), stoped at Anne Anthonys where we left John & went to Meeting - In the first Jeremiah Austin preached - - In the last buisness was conducted with as much weight & solemnity as I ever knew in a Monthly Meeting - After the buisness was ended that remained on the Minutes Jonathon Dennis proposed in quite a weighty manner that that part of Discipline which requires the appointment of Visitors be revived, which obtained the weighty consideration of the Meeting & drew many seasonable & pertinent remarks, particularly from D Buffum Saml Thurston C Rodman & Benj Freeborn

The subject was so weighty in the Meeting that it was laid before the Womens Meeting & left for further consideration till next Month. -

After Meeting we returned to A Anthonys found John had done well in our absence Dine & rode home -

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July: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY.

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 July 1, Friday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#) joined the Congregational Church of Simsbury, Connecticut.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 7 M 1814 / This morning before I was up, message was sent that Mary Babcock had departed this life about 1 / 2 an hour before I arose & went to [-] Durfees where I had boarded her for several Months gave the necessary directions as her Guardian & returned to breakfast In the instance of her death the necssity of speedy attention to things appertaining to the final close of time is renewedly & forcibly suggested to the mind. Several weeks ago she sent for me to consult about making her Will. I left with her such advice as I thought necessary & she was to consider of it & when her mind was made up send for me, which she did three weeks before, but I neglected going untill she sent again when I found her quite ill & a necessity for immediate attention. Tho' I did not then think her change quite so near.

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 July 3, Sunday: American forces and their native allies crossed the Niagara River and captured the British garrison of Fort Erie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 7 M 1814 / In the forenoon meeting a few words were spoken by father Rodman & a pretty good meeting, tho' myself tried with roving thoughts. - Left Meeting in the Afternoon to attend the funeral of my Ward Mary Babcock, being the last service I could perform for the body. - She was buried from the house of Benj Durfee at the foot of Belview Street where I put her to board last spring & where I believe she has had every attention paid to render her situation as comfortable as her very infirm & helpless state would admit.

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Our national birthday, Monday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 10th birthday.

The 4th was celebrated in Honolulu, Hawaii with a dinner ashore, as artillery salutes were fired from ships in the harbor.

In New-York, Uri K. Hill sang an "Ode" written especially for the occasion while Commodore Stephen Decatur, an honorary member of the State Society of the Cincinnati, dined with that association in Tontine Coffee House.

The [Declaration of Independence](#) was printed in the Philadelphia [Aurora General Advertiser](#).

In Ashburton, England, American prisoners of war celebrated the 4th by drinking 18 toasts.

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At Halifax, Nova Scotia, [George Back](#) became a midshipman aboard HMS *Akbar*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 7 M / Considering It is Independence Day there has been but little Muster in town to what is usual at the Annual return of this Day. it is a time of Mourning in the land. The countenances of most people are sadned at the sorrowful situation of our national concerns in general but particularly the difficulty that we have been placed under since the general Blockade of the British on the Coast. "Commerce does indeed droop her head" & her almost every movement is hung in Cypress, besides the fear which exists of an attack, and our peaceful dwelling, rased to the dust -these things tend to cast a gloom on all around & Oh that the people would turn it to their lasting Benefit. - My heart has been many times affected under a sense of things as they are, but alas to see & feel is all I can do. -

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July 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 7 M / Mary Briggs is very sick & is this very warm day suffering under a tedious Blister, my mind is alive to her case it feels more than I know how to express - She has a very near place in my heart, but I fear unless a change takes place speedily for the better in her health, that the time fast approaches when ties of Affection must be broken I called to her home this Afternoon but found her so feeble as to render it improper to go into her room. -



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My Mother & Izabel Gardiner set the Afternoon with us.

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July 6, Wednesday: The Quadriga was restored to its place on the Brandenburg Gate (this symbol of the Prussian state had been removed by the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) in 1806 and was brought back to Berlin by Marshal Blücher).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 7th M 1814 / Uncle David Lawton & his daughters Ann & Hannah Dined and spent the day with us also Sister Ruth - In the Afternoon I went with uncle David to Thos Robinsons where we set an hour in agreeable conversation. The old man & his wife relating several old but interesting Anecdotes, some of them particularly of the Wanton family. - We had in addition to the foregoing at tea the company of Hannah Dennis & daughter Anne. Margaret Buffum & Sister Eliza & Mary In the eveng Edw & Mary Lawton & J Sherman came in, making a very pleasant & agreeable circle. -

While I was at Thos Robinsons with Uncle David the old man related the following. He said the way the Wanton family came to settle on R I was - In Scituate Massachusetts where Edw Wanton first settled there was great persecution of Friends of which society he was convinced under the Gallows when Mary Dyre & her friends were hanged The Priest of the town of Scituate took great pains to do many things to try the feelings of Edw & his family & among which he named his dog Wanton. Edw two sons Wm & John not being in the same spirit of non resistance as their father, was determined on giving the Priest a severe whipping & knowing at the same time it would be unsafe to reside afterwards in Scituate provided themselves with Horses to come off full speed for R I They accordingly put their plan into execution whiped the priest unmercifully, mounted their horses & came away, but before they got far, at a Tavern they were overtaken by a concourse of Presbyterians who surrounded the house. Wm & John looked out of the Windows & determined on an adventure, they accordingly rushed out of the house with sticks in their hands beet their way through the crowd, & seeing the Presbyterians horses were better than their own siezed them & galloped off, these two men were no small adventurers thro' life. Tho John became afterward a very religious Man & Public friend - after they were settled on R I & While they were young in years Pirates infested the Coast the two Wantons volunteered their service to go out after them which they did & finally succeeded in bringing them in - In one of their cruises after these pirates they put into [Martha's Vineyard](#) & Richd Ward was on board, who determined to furnish himself [a number of pages missing]

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July 19, Tuesday: Samuel Colt, American gunsmith and inventor, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 7th M 1814 / The times are gloomy & sadly affecting - This day I have witnessed the passing along our streets of Militia companies going to take different stations, & Oh how Awful to see men pass by in full health, some of them too as Drunk as they can stand - they not knowing how soon their existence may be in another world or sadly maimed for life. - As one company passed down Street, very soon followed the young man (Isaac Bassettt) who had his leg shot off 31st of 5 M last when the Nimord in the east Passage his countenance pale & wan. -such thinks I is the miserable consequence of War. -

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July 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 7 M / Our meeting was silent & I believe solid to many minds & might by me have been better enjoyed had it not have been for a little unwatchfulness in the beginning & weakness of body before the close - the last (preparative) the Queries were Answered in which I took an active part in weakness, believing it my duty so to do - & felt satisfied therewith. I have often seen ways made where none has appeared to my humbling admiration & today has been a renew'd evidence of care of my friends & of [Providence](#) extended. - When we returned from Meeting we found at our door a Barrel of Flour, & on inquiry found it a present from Uncle Stanton of N York - It came in a vessel which arrived last eveng having narrowly escaped capture by a British Barge. - - I believe I feel humbly thankful for this favor. - My H & John set the Afternoon at our old neighbor Briggs - -Mary seems to be getting better. -

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July 22, Friday: At Greenville in Ohio, the United States of America made peace with several native American nations (Wyandots, Delawares, Shawnee, Senecas, and Miami), that had previously been British allies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 7 M / At our pause at dinner table my mind was renewedly humbled under a sense of the Bounty of Providence - The vegetables on the table were the produce of my garden & of a delicious quality, & in eating them greatful sensations were excited to the giver of all things. - John Earl & wife, Eunice Clark & hudson Jacob, Sarah Earl & Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon & took tea with us. --I attended the funeral of John M Mansfield.

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 July 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 7M 1814 / Our forenoon meeting was a quiet season. Father Rodman had a few words to communicate. Afternoon silent between Meetings walked with Saml Wood of NYork to Avis Carpenters & made a short but plreasant visit, & found for the first time found I was related to her & her family & that her children were third cousins, by way of the Stantons After meeting in the afternoon walked with Saml to David Buffums & took tea after which we took a walk on Tomany Hill Saml seem'd much pleased with the extensive prospect & the scenery around. He seems to be a very goodly friend. -

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 July 25, Monday: The Prussian marshall, Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, was the toast of England, and even the sight of his boots got Londoners hot by reminding them of how easy it was for their wearer to have people killed. On this day at Killingworth Colliery near Newcastle, England, George Stephenson's locomotive, named, guess what, the *Blücher* –the 1st really adequate locomotive– made its initial run.



The engine hauled coal trucks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 7 M / Rose before Sunrise, took chaise & with Sam Wood Rode to the Place called Purgatory near Learlaw[?] west Beach & Rode home thro' Green End a rout I never was before, found it as pleasant tract of Country as any on the Island - At Purgatory I have been twice before but not since I was Boy, its appearance I readily recognized also the Marked Rocks nearby where when I was there last I put my name but found the "All subduing hand of time" had obliterated it. many names placed there - & engraved deep still remain among which I Observed Thos Rotch in 1784 & another in 1764 the name I do not reclollect. - This little ride was peculiarly interesting both to me & Saml. he was much animated in contemplating the works of nature & I was glad of the opportunity of obliging him by conducting him



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 July 28, Thursday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) escaped the annoyance of his pregnant wife [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#) and his infant daughter [Janthe Shelley](#) by running away with a teenager,



[Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), to Bourbon France. They took along with them another 16-year-old adventuress, Percy's step-sister Mary Jane Clairmont, and this ménage would be moving quickly through war-ravaged France into Switzerland.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 7 M / Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in town - The first was silent & the last a season of but



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*little life - as Dr Rutty says "the fire was under the Ashes" -
The subject of appointing visitors was revived but so little
life being felt in the meeting was dismissed for the present --
Jethro F Mitchell & wife & B Pearce dined with us*

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July 31, Sunday: When Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Berlin, he found the city in a state of nationalistic excitement on account of the defeat of the Emperor [Napoléon I.](#)

Brigadier General Alexander Macomb's brigade, made up of the 6th, 13th, 15th, 16th, and 29th regiments, set out in boats from Cumberland Head for Chazy Landing while Bissell's brigade, made up of the 5th, 14th, 30th, 31st, 33d, 34th, and 45th regiments, began to march toward Chazy. Invalids, and 200 effectives, were left behind to finish the military works on Cumberland Head. At this point there were 4,500 men in or to the rear of the village of Champlain, and a working party of 400 under Colonel Fenwick was completing three redoubts there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

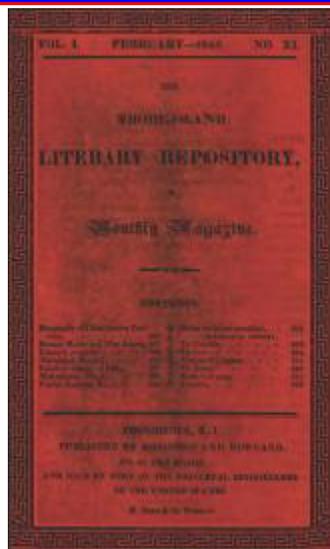
*1st day 31st of 7 M 1814 / Our Meetings were both silent & I
believe seasons of favor, as respects my own condition it would
rank about middling - tho considerably tried with roving of
mind - Towards night took a walk to the Work & Alms houses with
Br D Rodman. -*

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August: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY, and in this one the main article was on the events of King Philip's War. What happened in this conflict was so obvious and indisputable that the author of the article grasped, that there would be no need whatever for any obnoxious apparatus of footnotes and references.

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 August 3, Wednesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Elegischer Gesang "Sanft wie du lebtest" was performed for the initial time, in the house of Baron Johann von Pasqualati, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 [sic] of 8 M 1814 / Yesterday by mail a letter from Aunt M Stanton in NYork - replied to it this Mornng & put it in the Mail -this Afternoon meeting with a private conveyance & Thos Casey rote another to Uncle Stanton. - Elijah Waring arrived in town this Afternoon & took quarters at Aunt Anna Carpenters. -

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 August 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4 of 8 M / Rode with Sister Ruth to [Portsmouth](#) - My H went in a Chaise with Eliza being a good driver, & Ruth affraid to go with Eliza, caused our separation. - before meeting we stoped at Uncle Saml Thurstons - In the first Peter Hoxie was concernd in a lively testimony, then James Green sound orthodox & to my feelings very savory - Then Abel Collins in a supplication - Then Sylvester Weeks in testimony feelingly then Peter Hoxie addressed the Youth - then Abigail Robinson sound sweet & Savory - In the last being the Quarterly Meeting we had but little buisness - The answers to the Queries excited some feeling remarks from Wm Almy -John Casey & Peter Hoxie particularly on the appearance of defects in the Attendance of mid-week Meetings - but my mind was much more alarmed at the very cautious manner in which several of the answers stood respecting Love & Unity as for instance "Love & Unity measurably subsists among most friends" leaving room for much disunity to exist unnoticed. - We all dined at Anne Anthonys. - towards night rode home & found our little John had done well with our Kind old neighbor Briggs who took care of him in our Absence.

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 August 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 8 M / We had the agreeable company of Elijah Waring & wife from Philadelphia at tea also Aunt Anna Carpenter & Lewis Clarke & Aunt Anna says it is the first time she ever sit the afternoon & took tea with any of the tennants that ever lived in this part of the house, a great favor indeed. -

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 August 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 8 M 1814 / My Mind is this eveng rather more than common under an humbling sense of my own weaknesses & deficiencies which excites seriousness & tenderness of Heart. – & desires renewedly arise for deliverance from every evil bond – Yesterday I recd a very acceptable letter from my beloved friend Micajah Collins dated [–] Penna 7 M [–] which I forgot to insert yesterday. I love Micajah much. –

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 August 7, Sunday: During celebrations for the return of the King of Prussia in Berlin, Carl Maria von Weber was thrown by the crush of the crowd under the wheels of an oncoming carriage. He was saved just in time by his friend Ludwig Tieck.

The papal suppression of the Society of Jesus of 1773 was rescinded by Pope Pius VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 8 M / Pretty good meetings. Our friend Peter Hoxie attended & had good service – In the forenoon In testimony & Supplication also Hannah Dennis in testimony twice & very sweetly –In the Afternoon Peter was again concerned in Testimony. & father Rodman in Supplication – My old mistress Mary Williams with her cousin Nancy Brown & her daughter took tea with us. –

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 August 9, Tuesday: By the “Treaty of Fort Jackson” imposed by General Andrew Jackson, more than half the land of the Creek Nation (9,300,000 hectares) came to pertain to the white people.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 8 M / My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at David Williams’s – I went up & took tea with them & set a part of the eveng very agreeably – This eveng Sister Elizabeth recd a letter from Betsy Purinton & one from Saml Philbrick

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 August 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 8 M / Raymond Perry Burdick a young man of my acquaintance, has just left my shop expecting this Afternoon to set out for Lake Erie to join the Squadron there. – I had much conversation with him & put into his Pocket “Christianity a System of Peace” by T Parsons. – his heart was very heavy as was mine at the reflection that we were about to part & very probably never to meet again in this life. – Alass for the state of things. Many precious souls precipitated into eternity to



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gratify the ambition of wicked, very wicked Men. & great in my opinion will be their responsibility in the day of acct that is hastening on all flesh. -5th day 11 of 8 M / Our Meeting was attended by early all our Members it seemed to be a quiet solid time among us, tho' in my own mind Life did not rise as at sometimes, but I thought general favor was evidently to be felt over the meeting. - My mind is this afternoon is more than commonly impressed & depressed with the state of the times. - Rote this eveng to cousin Eliz Robbins of L Island & Uncle Wm Mitchell of Nine Partners.

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 August 14, Sunday: By the Convention of Moss, Sweden recognized the Norwegian constitution — but in union with the Swedish throne.

In areas heald by the revolutionary forces in Mexico, the country's first income tax was levied.

Il turco in Italia, a dramma buffo by Gioachino Rossini to words of Romani after Mazzolà, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 8 M 1814 / Our Meetings were both silent, except a few words by a friend in the forenoon. - John Yarnal a young man from Philad & cousin of our late friend Peter Yarnal took tea & set the evening with us. -

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 August 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 8 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended - Life low in my own particular, but I thought it a solid opportunity. -In the last (Preparative) we had no buisness but to appoint Representatives. -

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 August 19, Friday: Franz Schubert passed his final examination at the Imperial teachers' training college, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19 of 8 M / Spent about five hours of this day on a committee from the Town to inspect the state of the Poor both at the Work & Alms house & the Pension list to discover what can be done to lessen the Towns expenses - but found that but small abridgements could be made -

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 August 21, Sunday: Having sired, upon his housekeeper Victoire Lefèver, one final bastard,¹⁸⁶ Benjamin Thompson died in Auteuil on the outskirts of Paris as Sir Benjamin Thompson, “Count von Rumford.” –One of those people who had utterly wasted life in its every aspect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 8 M / At meeting in the forenoon silent except a few words towards the close by D Buffum. – This Afternoon we concluded to try John at meeting the second time the first his mother was obliged to bring him home, but he set with me this Afternoon & behaved as well as was possible for a child of two years & five months to do. he scarcely moved himself the whole time –

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 August 23, Tuesday: *Pélage, ou Le roi et la paix*, an opéra by Gaspare Spontini to words of Jouy, was performed for the initial time, in the Paris Opéra.

“General Izard wrote to the War Department that he had decided to remove west by way of Lake George and Schenectady with 4,000 men, leaving the sick and convalescents and about 1,200 men under Brigadier General Alexander Macomb to garrison Plattsburgh and Cumberland Head. The same day Macomb sent to Williams, commanding the Secret Corps, desiring that his agents obtain further information in regard to the enemy’s force.”¹⁸⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 8 M / A season of self examination.

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 August 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 8 M / This morning took Chaise & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting on the way there, stoped at cosuin Zacheus Chases & spent an hour very agreeably. – In the first meeting my mind was for three quarters of an hour much unsettled but by wrestling was favrd with the arisings of life in which time Our fr WM Almy rose with lively & pertinent matter & after him H Dennis. Then Mary Hicks in a few words which I could not hear & meeting ended pretty well with me. – In the last we had but little buisness – We dined at Abrahams Anthonys- & rode home -6th day 26th of 8 M 1814 / When we came home last evening we found our relatives Benjamin Marshall & his wife Niobe in town- we went immediately up to Mary Frys to see them & they came down to see Mother before bed time – This forenoon Niobe was engaged in calling on some of her old friends & I took a walk with Benjamin they made a short but agreeable call at our habitation & dined with Isaac & Mother. – After dinner with Mother I waited on them to their lodgings & parted with them,

186. Registered as the product of *un père absent*, this son would grow up to become a French soldier and be killed in the Crimea.

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with much regret as, they were in a few moments to leave town Benjamin appears to be a man very Amiable in his manners & disposition & I can but again regret their leaving town so soon feeling desirous to devote a little more time & attention to them feeling an obligation to them on Uncle Stantons account as well as the love I feel for them. -

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 August 28, Sunday: In Dresden, Johanna Rosine (Pätz) Wagner, a widow with nine children, widowed by Carl Friedrich Wagner for less than a year, got married with Ludwig Heinrich Christian Geyer, a portrait painter, actor and poet — who it would seem may have been her infant Wilhelm Richard Wagner's biological father. The family would relocate to Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 8th M / Our Meetings both Silent & to me dull seasons Our little John went again this Afternoon & behaved well -Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us this Afternoon -

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 August 31, Wednesday: “Gen. Izard, having waited in vain for different orders, withdrew from Plattsburgh and marched his army of 4,000 troops along the new State road through Pleasant Valley on their way to the Niagara Frontier. Almost immediately, an officer came riding furiously shouting the news of a British invasion from the north and warning out the militia...”¹⁸⁸ Brigadier General Alexander Macomb appealed to Vermont Governor Chittenden to send the militia. Chittenden was stuck on the legalism that the state militia could not serve outside the borders of the state but did urge General John Newell of Charlotte and General Samuel Strong of Vergennes to ask for volunteers to serve in New York. “On the same day General Mooers ordered out the militia of Clinton and Essex en masse to resist the invasion of the British and couriers on horseback hastened to alarm the surrounding villages and towns.”¹⁸⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 8 M / Set the evening at Thos Robinsons with my H -previous to my going in I walked up further on the Point & finding an acquaintance at the gate of the North Battery or what is now called Fort Greene. I Stopped & by invitation went in & walked round. it appeared to be a neat clean place with good accommodations, but the sight of so many implements of Death & the reflection that some or all of the young men that I saw there with their fine forms, innocent countenances & amiable minds might soon meet the Pale messenger on that very spot at an untimely period, did not fail to affect my heart with seriousness. -

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September: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY, one with its initial focus upon the life of the recently deceased Reverend Enos Hitchcock, D.D., who had been the pastor of the first Congregational church in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

LITERARY REPOSITORY



REV. ENOS HITCHCOCK, D.D.
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 September 1, Thursday: According to a record created later by Mrs. Davidson, “Macdonough to-day anchored his fleet in Cumberland Bay. Sir George Prevost following (Gen. Brisbane) with all his combined forces, amounting to 15,000 well disciplined troops, threw himself into the little village of Champlain. Immediately on his arrival there, he endeavored [sic] to disaffect the minds of the inhabitants toward their own government, and draw them over to the enemy; failing in this, he proceeded to impress wagons and teams in the vicinity for the purpose of transporting their baggage and military stores.”¹⁹⁰

When 2,500 British troops from Nova Scotia arrived at Castine, Maine, the US defenders blew up their fort and ran away. The British thereupon sail up the Penobscot River, investing it as far as Bangor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 9 M 1814 / Small Meeting - a few words dropped by a friend to me satisfactory. - Great overturns in last Mo nothing short of the British having reached the City of Washington & destroyed the Capitol Presidents House & other Public property -

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 September 4, Sunday: “The main body of the invading army had indeed reached Chazy and Lieut.-Col. Appling, Capt. Safford and Lieut. M.M. Standish with a troop of New York State cavalry were sent out on the State road as an advance guard, while Capt. Sproul, with two cannon and 200 American soldiers went to defend Dead Creek bridge. About 700 of the militia of Clinton and Essex counties came pouring into Plattsburgh, in response to the call of Gen. Mooers, and the Vermonters rallied in great number under Gen. Strong. Early in the morning the boys of Capt. Aiken’s company, who, only the week before had been pupils in the Academy, marched to West Chazy where they remained all night.”¹⁹¹ Eleazer Williams would record later that “The enemy’s guard is within eighteen miles from us. Some of the bold and brave militia-men have exchanged shots with them.” Mrs. Davidson would record later that “According to the best of my recollection, however, the town (Plattsburgh) was deserted by the inhabitants on or about the fourth of September, 1814.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 9 M 1814 / Our Meetings were both silent - I struggled for life & was favor'd to witness its arisings in the Afternoon -David Rodman & I took tea at Jon Dennis's & set the forepart of ye eveng.

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 September 5, Monday: General Macomb ordered that 720 sick and invalid troops be conveyed to Crab Island.

In an otherwise clear sky to the northwest of Agen, France, a small, slow-moving, perfectly spherical white cloud appeared at about 11AM. After remaining motionless for a period of time it began to speed toward the south while revolving upon its axis. Observers heard rumbling noises of an ear-shattering intensity culminating in an explosion, and there was a shower of stones of various dimensions. After this the cloud remained stationary, slowly evanescing.

ASTRONOMY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 9 M / In addition to all the other unpleasant occurrences of the times the unpleasant information that the Banks of NYork & Philadel had stopd payment of Specie & that the Exchange Bank in [Providence](#) had done the same - This is a renewe'd damper on Trade & credit. - Where we shall get, or what next that is unpleasant will occur is hard to tell, but the times are such that it is not worth while to suffer our expectations to be so raised about any thing as to be disappointed, let what will occur tho' total destruction of Property & the loss of our own & many others lives be the unhapy issue.

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 September 6, Tuesday: Governor Caleb Strong of Massachusetts called up the state militia for the defense of Maine. "About noon the British army reached Plattsburgh and took possession of the village north of the Saranac. Their right wing, under Col. Wellington, had been only temporarily checked by the loss of their leader at Culver Hill and the skirmish which had preceded that, near Beekmantown Corners, and later, at Halsey's Corners. Meanwhile, the left wing had been somewhat delayed by obstructions placed in the road, by an encounter at Dead Creek bridge and the firing of the American gun boats at the mouth of the Creek. Overwhelmed, however, by the immense number of the enemy, the defenders had retreated in good order to their works on the east side of the river, pulling up the planks of the bridge. Prevost chose for his headquarters the Thomas Allen farm, on the hill west of the village, from the summit of which the British commander could overlook the lake and watch for the appearance of his fleet. His troops encamped on the high ground in the vicinity, now known as Prospect Heights. Lieut. Gen. de Rottenburgh, second in command, established himself west of Prevost, towards Hammond hill, with Gen. Powers and his command opposite on the south side of the road, but further west. Maj. Gen. Robertson, was at the Isaac Platt farm, where the dead and wounded of the recent engagements had been carried. Brisbane was at the Boynton farm, then occupied by Samuel Lowell and the Qr. Master General took possession of the Capt. Nathaniel Platt homestead, where that patriot still remained, although the Bailey family had retired to the 'Union' at Peru."¹⁹²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 9 M / My mind has this Afternoon been much withdrawn from outward things, tho' necessity engaged at times in them - & turned unward, & I have been thankful in witnissing the quickening operation of divine love in some good degree to arise in my heart. - I am deeply sensible of many short comings but tho' I have not very frequently spoken of my spiritual

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condition of late, yet am not unmindful of the passing of things, being sensible that time goeth swiftly away & that we are hastening apace to that country from whence no traveller returns, & before that Judge from whose decree there is no appeal. – My mind was forcibly struck on observing this Afternoon the Sun to grow low in the horizon & to see the vegetable Kingdom on the decline – I thought it emblematical of advanced age or the close of a mans life, how anxiously as we watch his last breath & how beautiful to see his setting sun go down in Brightness –

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September 8, Thursday: Vermont militiamen began to arrive on the battlefield. Captain Farnsworth of St. Albans, for instance, brought a rifle company of 96 men.

Royalists under José Tomás Boves forced Simon Bolívar and the Second Republic out of Caracas, reasserting Spanish power.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 9 M 1814 / Silent Meeting and I believe but very little of the circulating sap of life among us –

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September 9, Friday: King Louis XVIII of France appointed Gaspare Spontini as director of the King's Private Music and the Théâtre-Italien.

“Prevost was now busily engaged in bringing up his battering trains and supplies; erecting batteries and otherwise preparing for the siege. The Americans had already burned fifteen or sixteen buildings on the north side of the river which afforded protection to the enemy; also, their own barracks and hospitals near the forts, while their sick and convalescent had been removed to Crab Island, where those who were able manned a battery mounting two six pounders. Skirmishes with the enemy at the two bridges and at the different forts along the river were frequent. During the day, Allen, Travis and Williams of Aiken's Volunteers came near being captured or killed by a guard of the enemy, while securing supplies from a barn within the enemy's lines. That night was dark and stormy. Williams says:— ‘A corps of the regular troops, under Captain MacGlassin, about 11 o'clock, crossed the Saranac, and stormed, at the point of the bayonet, a bomb-battery of the enemy, near Weight's printing office. My brother John was the leader of this detachment, and was the cause of the death of the engineer of the battery. Having accomplished the duty assigned them, they returned to the forts whence they had issued, with honor and victory.’”¹⁹³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 9th M / This evengs Mail brings nothing of a pleasant nature on the contrary accounts from various quarters that the calamities of War increase & the Cloud is thickening fast great Military preparations are making - Extra Sessions of the General Court of Boston & the General Assembly of this State are to be called by the respective Governors. - but unto whom are we to flee for safty Surely it must be to the Lord Alone for

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in him only is sure defense. - a trust in our own endeavors must prove falacious to all those who rely on them. - for my own part the situation of our National affairs has never appear'd so gloomy as at the present moment, & I have never seen less prospect of a peace, nor never since the declaration have I felt more sensibly depression to assail my mind & yet it is far from being below hope & confidence in HIM who is all power in heven & earth. -

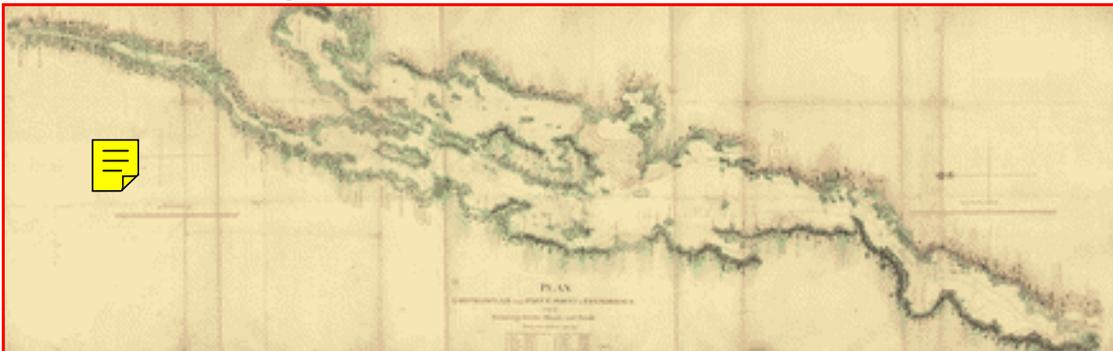
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September 12, Monday: The Swiss Diet accepted the cantons of Geneva, Valais, and Neuchâtel into its confederation.

The British advance on [Baltimore](#) was halted by the [Maryland](#) militia when British commander Major General Robert Ross was killed.

After the battle on Lake Champlain, the Vermont volunteers disbanded. Commodore Macdonough sent the wounded to his hospital on Crab Island. Trenches were dug to the south of the hospital tents, and as soldiers of one or the other side died their bodies were placed indiscriminately in these trenches. It was almost as if it didn't matter what the fight had been about.



Later on these poorly buried bones in their fragments of uniform would begin to come to the surface, and would be noticeable for many years by random passers-by:

We passed close to the small island, called Crab-Island, to which the dead and wounded of both fleets were carried, and which was the common grave of hundreds of friends and foes. The particular details of the scenes of horror which attended and succeeded the [Battle of Plattsburg of September 11, 1814] - of the shocking mutilations of the human form, in every imaginable mode and degree, and of the appalling display on the beach, of so many bodies, dead and wounded, preparatory to their conveyance either to the hospital or the grave, I shall, for obvious reason, omit. Even now, their bones, slightly buried on a rocky island, are partly exposed to view, or being occasionally turned up by the roots of trees, blown down by the wind, shock the beholder, and their buttons, and other parts of their clothes, (for the military dresses in which they were slain, were also their winding sheets,) are often seen above the



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ground. Long may it be, e'er the waters of this now peaceful lake are again crimsoned with human blood.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 9 / Went Yesterday Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#), got through with my buisness & took tea at Thos Potters in season to be at Cousin Zacheus Chases before dark where I spent the eveng & lodged. - took breakfast there next morning & before meeting went up to Peter Lawtons & set awhile -At Meeting our friend Wm Almy was concerned in a pertinent sound & lively testimony on the subject of War - & in solemn Supplication - - to me a good meeting - Returned from meeting to Cousin Z Chases & dined - In the Afternoon took a Walk to the shore & on the side of the Gulley reviewing scenes which greatly delighted men in boyhood, & now Years more Mature, are not less so. - After tea Walked home & found my H & little son well, but Hannah not a little depressed from my absence & the many gloomy reports in circulation of threatened Invasion by the British -- A town meeting was this day held to consider what was best to be done for the safty of the Town. some things were done but I felt no freedom to attend believing friends could not act in it with consistency & feeling something in my mind to say "Stand Still & see" - In the Meeting I was inform'd it was concluded to send away the public Records which I thought a prudent measure - & a motion was made by John Cahoon (a man bearing no good will to friends) that our Representatives be instructed to use their Influence in General Assembly to get the Law exempting friends from Military duty repealed, which was put to vote & the designs of this man & some others were frustrated by a very large Majority. -on being informed of This circumstance my mind was humbled & afresh adverted to what seemed so impressively to pass it in the Morning for sometime before & while the people were going up to the Meeting, with countenances bespeaking an agitated concern

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September 15, Thursday: The English soldiers and sailors who had been taken prisoner, and who were able to travel, were sent by steamboat from Plattsburgh, New York for Greenbush, New York in the care of Captain White Youngs.

For the 2d time, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) proposed marriage to the heiress Anne Isabella Milbanke. This time, they announced that they had become engaged.

Russian State Secretary Count Karl Nesselrode arrived in Vienna to attend the Congress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 9 M 1814 / Late at meeting by Accident but a solid favord time to me & I believe to others. A few words spoken by C R. - This Mornng Allancin Peckham of Middletown Moved in the Extra



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sessions of the General Assembly now sitting in this Town that the Law exempting friends & other conscientious people from Military Duty be repealed. In a very short time after the question was taken & there appear'd but five Votes in favor of it. Thus the House of Assembly has again & with almost unanimous Vote frustrated the designs of a few Malicious people who are ready on any occasion to persecute as far as their power extends

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This is a fresh cause of thankfulness to the Author of every good & my heart has when ever I have reflected on the subject been tendered within me & desires raised that we who are of an Age to reap the benefit of the exemption May so order our lives & conversations as not to dishonor the Principles we Profess*

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September 17, Saturday: The Rarotonga group of islands of the [Cook Islands](#), which would eventually become the home of [Thomas Francis Neale](#), was officially discovered by the Russian ship *Suvarov*.

HERMITS



The main island of Suvarrow atoll was, when first sighted by the whites, covered with a tall forest of mostly banyan trees.

Prussian Chancellor Prince Karl August von Hardenberg arrived in Vienna to attend the Congress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 9 M 1814 / Altho I have been very buisily occupied this Week in Assessing the Town Poor Tax, Yet I can say with a



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degree of humble gratitude that there has been but few weeks perhaps in my whole life when my mind has been more favored with peace & quiet within. & tho' there is much stir among the people of the Town in moving away their goods & their persons to avoid apprehended danger, & rumors of great Battles that have been fought within the once peaceful & very happy States of America. Yet amid all I have not been moved & on this ground I greatly crave to remain that when we are put to the test & an hostile foe may present at our doors, faith & good resolution may not forsake me. -In this event I feel much for my dear Wife & little son, having no where for them to flee for refuge - but having in the course of my life many times seen ways opened both for preservation & escape from dangers, tho' not of the Magnitude which now appears to threaten & means provided for a lively hood when the close of the Year has left me almost with out resource - I have no reason to distrust that Almighty Power which is over all his Works & sees & knows what is best for us. - This evenings Mail brings an account of a great Battle having been fought at Baltimore. - & Plattsburgh Oh! Oh! when will the Art of War cease & All men love like Brethren -

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September 18, Sunday: The initial meeting was held in Vienna between the representatives of the four victorious powers: Austrian Foreign Minister Prince von Metternich, Prussian Chancellor Prince Karl August von Hardenberg, British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh, and Russian State Secretary Count Karl Nesselrode.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 9 M 1814 / This Mornng rose early & walked on the Hill & went on the Top of the Church house which has now become an open desolated place & fast tumbling to ruins. From the top of this house is (I believe) a more extensive prospect than from the Church Lantern. The Mornng was clear which afforded a view of the sea. - I saw no ships of War off which I was glad off - these are not times as were once, to see enlivening commerce spead her sails on the broad Ocean. - not a single sail is now discovered from Month to Month or craft in our Rivers any more than in the days when the Natives possessed the Land. The Walk was pleasant but pensive & left a pleasant savor on the mind & gave me a good appetite when I sat down to breakfast with my beloved H & little John

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September 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22 of 9 M 1814 / Our Meeting today was silent but a good one tome. - I drew the lines & began the insertion of this day without recollecting that the last date was unfinished Our Meetings on first day last were pretty good ones but mostly silent - In the Afternoon Br D Rodman & I walked out to John Weavers & took tea,



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a pleasant visit to pleasant people, with an hopeful family of children around them –

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September 25, Sunday: Tsar Alyeksandr I of Russia and King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia made their ceremonial entry into Vienna to attend the Congress, accompanied by Emperor Franz I of Austria (who had met them outside the city).

Franz Schubert's Mass in F D.105, composed for the centennial of the Liechtental Church, was probably performed for the first time, and was directed by the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 9 M / I have this mornng experienced renewal of life & I do acknowledge with a greatful heart that notwithstanding my various engagements. I have of late been favor'd from day to day for many days together with the precious incomes of love & life to a degree which has to my admiration quieted all fear with respect to the commotion of the times. –
–At the forenoon meeting D. Buffum Preached - perhaps never more favord - Silent in the Afternoon – Set the eveng at home - & my Mother came in & set with us. –*

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September 29, Thursday: Ministers of the four powers held their first official meeting at Vienna and agreed on a statement of procedure.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 9th M 1814 / Yesterday Afternoon I recd a few lines from Cousin L L Clarke informing that our Cousin Silas Casey departed this life the day before at [Greenwich](#) & that his remains were to be brought down to Boston Neck to his late Mansion to be inter'd this Afternoon. – The near relationship between his wife & my mother & the intimacy which has allways existed in the family placed in my mind between the two Drifts of going to the funeral or attending our M Meeting this day held in town - had the wind been favorable or so as to have induced a belief that I could have crossed the ferries in season, I believe the former would have prevailed, but it not being the case I concluded to give up the Idea. -- Our first Meeting was silent except a few words from C R which to me felt savory – In the last The buisness (what little we had) went on well - - - Uncle I Lawton Dined with us - Also Our Aged & Venerable friend Jeremiah Austin Sr of his Company I was very glad. I know of no man who I consider more pure in spirit or that has filled the various Station in society which he has been called to with more propriety & now tho' past 80 Years of Age, appears to retain his Natural understanding perfectly, & is green & lively in the Truth
This eveng my H Spent the eveng at our Cousin Elizbeth Anne &*



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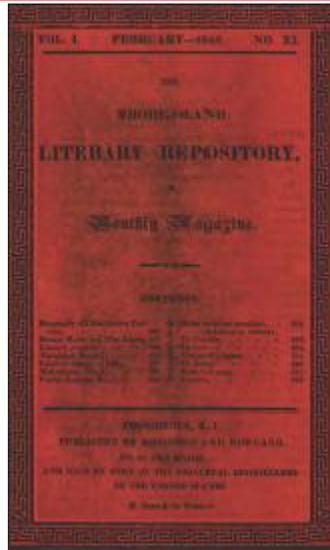
Mary Goulds- I Joined her & pleasant opportunity it proved. -

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October: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY, and in this one his initial focus was upon recently deceased Dr. [Benjamin West](#) L.L.D. A.A.S.

LITERARY REPOSITORY



October 2, Sunday: There was a grand ball at the Hofburg, celebrating the opening of the Congress of Vienna.

On a 4th assault, Spanish forces succeeded in dislodging the local defenders of Rancagua. They then proceeded to off everyone they could find including wounded and the non-combatants — only a few hundred of the Chileans, under Bernardo O'Higgins, would be able to hide or escape.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 10th M / Our meeting this mornng was large & a very favor'd one - Early in the sitting Abigail Robinson appear'd in testimony & was unusually enlarged - advertng to the present calamitous times, exhorting us to repent & it may be what we most fear may be averted - While she was speaking our fr Wm Almy came in & took a back seat till she had done & then went forw'd into the Galery but was not concern'd in testimony - Hannah Dennis appear'd in supplication - & soon After Ruth Weaver spoke a few words so low that I could not understand them - This I believe was the first aappearance of hers in Public - Afternoon Meeting Silent - Set part of the eveng at Thos Robinsons Sisters Ruth & Eliza being there. -

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October 3, Monday: British forces left Madeira, which they had held since 1807.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3rd of 10 M 1814 / My mind has this day been tender & serious & feelings excited which warrant the hope of a continuance of divine favor – These feelings I have been much favo'd with of late for which I desire to be thankful – Took tea at father Rodmans with my H & little son.-

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October 6, Thursday: Thousands of people joined the crowned heads of Europe in food and entertainment at the Augarten park in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 10th M / Our Meeting was silent & a season of close reflection to me. I believe I was favor'd to view some things properly. – This Afternoon British Ships were seen off which created an Alarm & this evening a muster was made by the Militia. – My heart can but Mourn for the Situation of the Nation, & deeply sympathise with those who are obliged to follow the sound of the Drums & Life with their implements of Death on their shoulders, intending to Kill or be killed. & very far be it from me to rejoice because I am exempt from that service – I hold the exemption in humility desirous so to conduct as to bring no reproach on the principles which I profess. – I do feel much for the poor things which are to be exposed this night many of them feeble & delicate in health & Oh! saith my soul may this dreadful War soon be brought to a close.

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October 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day [sic] 7 of 10 M / The Alarm last eveng proved harmless - only some ships passing eastward - but how soon they may return we cannot tell – This Afternoon took a Walk to Middletown with Eunice Earl & Sister Ruth Rodman to read the epistled to Women Aged & infirm & unable to attend Meetings- We called at the Widow Hathaways found her weak & very low from the effects of a Cancer & unable to hear them read - then went to Cousin Sarah Gould read them to her & Cousin Elizabeth Anthony where we took tea & had a pleassant walk home before Dark. – This is a service which I think the women proffitably engaged in –

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October 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 9th of 10 M / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum appeared in lively testimony - Silent in the Afternoon - In the eveng went to D Buffums to meet [-] brother who had fallen into [illegible] threatening languages to a man in the Town Meeting - D B & I were appointed to treat with him but in opportunity [--?]

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 October 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 10th M 1814 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended a quite a comfortable season. Our friend & my cousin Anne Greene was over & declared the truth among us in the simplicity & the Power, to the comfort of many (I have no doubt) that were present besides myself - She addressed the Youth very sweetly inviting them to an experience of the blessed Truth that thro' the Medium of Jesus Christ - Father R had a short testimony & the Meeting ended. -

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 October 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th 10 M / Anne Greene was at Meeting In the forenoon the & D Buffum bore lively testimonys - In the Afternoon Anne tred the Wine press alone - The Youth were her principle engagement & I trust some hearts were tendered by her communication - Our little John was there & Anne is the first person he has heard preach - while she was speaking his attention was much fixed upon her & When he came out, his first impression was that she was a naughty Woman for speaking out loud in Meeting, nor could we seem to make him very clearly comprehend the use or object of Preaching.

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 October 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 10M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended - a short testimony was delivered - I believe it was a season of but little life - We had no buisness but to Answer the Queries in the last which was our Preparative - After Meeting we met with D Sherman to treat further with him respecting matters of which he was complained of but met with no better success than the last time. -

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 October 23, Sunday: [William Mackay Prichard](#) was born (presumably, this happened at [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#)'s boardinghouse in [Concord](#) at which his parents [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) were residing).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 23 of 10 M / A few words were spoken in our forenoon meeting but I consider'd it a dull season - In the Afternoon I thought there was more life circulating among us. -
My H set the eveng at Thos Robinsons I went about 7 OClock & was very agreeably entertained - both by their intersting conversation & Abigail read some of her sister Mortons letters. -

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October 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24th of 10 M / This morning I crossed the ferries to Narragansett stoped at Ezeak Gardners & rectified his Clock & there Dined, then went to the Widow Ester Carpenters & cleaned theirs & took tea - The Dr Woman is a person of great information & well read in history & furnished it with much Anecdote in relating several of her husbands Ancestors she mentioned that one of them was a Military officer under Oliver Cromwell & that she had in the house a case of Pewter Bottles which he used in the Army, on my expressing a wish to see one of them both its curiosity as a pewter Bottle & its great Antiquity they brought out the case which contained Six Square Pewter Bottles with Screw - tops, both the screws & the tops were as good as they ever were & the bottle good except one of them which leaked a little which might easily be stoped by a little solder. they will contain six quarts apeace. -
I took tea with this agreeable old woman & her daughters & after finishing the Work on hand, went to Cousin Gardiners spent the remainder of the evening & there lodged.
After Breakfast at cousin Gardiners the next Morning I crossed the ferry went to cousin Howlands on Connanicut rectified their Clock & dined - - went to the ferry & found the boat not quite ready - went up to cousin J Greenes & set about 1 / 2 an hour, then returned & crossed to [Newport](#) & found my H & little son had been well in my absence. -

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October 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first C R, H D & A S bore short testimonys -In the last we had not a great deal of buisness. - Daniel Chase was complain'd of by [Portsmouth](#) Prep Meeting for neglecting to pay his Depts - his case was committed to a committee which I fear will prove a trying one. - We dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & rode home before dark. -

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 October 30, Sunday: The members of the Congress of Vienna attended a concert directed by Antonio, of 40 pianists on 20 pianos, at the riding school of Vienna (this must have been something like 40 riders astride 20 horsebacks).

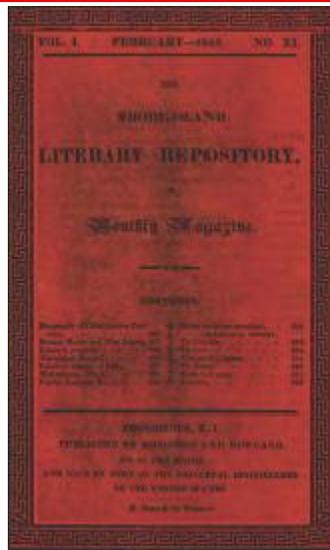
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 10 M / In the forenoon Abigail Robinson & Father Rodman concern'd in testimony. Abigail was large in offering - to me a season of favor. - The Afternoon Meeting Father again appeard. -

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 November: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY.

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 November 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 11th M 1814 / Arose This Mornng by 4 OClock And with Brother D Rodman took Chaise & went to Swansea to attend the Quarterly Meeting we Crossed the Bridge at Howlands ferry before Sunrise & got yo Troy [?] by Breakfast time - we had a comfortable repast at Durfees Tavern & crossed Slades ferry at 10 OC stooped at the Widow Chases a few minutes before Meeting - At Meeting James Greene first declared the Truth in a lively feeling manner, then Jonathon Chase delivered a few words much in the sweetness of life. - Obadiah Davis delivd the longest & best testimony & ever heard from him - Ruth Davis concluded the meeting in solemn. - In the meeting for discipline abiel Howland spead his Concern to visit Easton & several other Quarterly Meetings in NYork state which was concurd with - A propposition was brot forwd from [Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting to build a



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Meeting House in Plainfield Connecticut which was refer'd to a committee - & was the chief buisness which came before us except that which is of course - After Meeting we spoke with a few of our Friends standing about the house, whom we were glad to see, then Rode to the ferry & crossed, & from thence reached Peter Lawtons a little after Dark where we were Kindly entertained our food relishing well having fasted from the time of our Repast at Fall River in the Morning - At Peters we Lodged, & next morning after breakfast rode home. -

Our little excursion was a pleasant one & attended with a renew'd evidence of the extention of Divine favor which I trust will render it a little proffitable. - In the 11th M 1806 I attended the Quarterly Meeting at the same place. - & if I do not attend it in 8 years to come I shall have passed quite the meridian of life - Ah how time flies - it flies indeed, & will soon be gone. how needful for me to improve every moment yet left. -

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 November 5, Sunday: [Rhode Island](#) joined Massachusetts in calling for a constitutional convention.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th [sic] of 11 M / Two public testimonies in the forenoon & one in the Afternoon - - The one in the Mornng by D Buffum was very lively & pertinent. -

Set part of the eveng at D Williams where I fell in with Josiah Siddons of Philadelphia. he had heard of me by Hannah Pope who is an acquaintance of his

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 November 10, Thursday: The Russian commander, Prince Repnin, who had reason to anticipate that he was going to receive Poland in return, turned over the administration of Saxony to Prussia and began the evacuation of his troops.

[William J. Brown](#) was born into a free black family in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). His grandfather Cudge had worked as a teamster for [Friend Moses Brown](#) before being [manumitted](#) by Moses on November 10, 1773.



MOSES BROWN



 His father was a sailor who had previously worked on Moses's farm, and his mother was the daughter of a black slave and a Narragansett woman. William would become a sailor, a shoe repairman, a Baptist minister, and a leader in Providence's black community. Here are some entries from his autobiography:

PAGES 5-11: My father's name was Noah Brown; his father was Cudge Brown and his mother Phillis Brown. Grandfather Brown was born



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in Africa, and belonged to a firm (named Brown Brothers) consisting of four, named respectively, Joseph, John, Nicholas and Moses Brown. They held slaves together, each brother selecting out such as they wished for house service; the rest of the slaves to perform out-door labor. I am not positive, but believe my grandfather was brought from Africa in the firm's vessel. He had two or three brothers. One was named Thomas, and the other Sharp or Sharper Brown, and they worked for Moses Brown. My grandfather was occupied as a teamster, doing the team work for two farms, the one on which Mr. Brown lived, and the other to the northward towards Swan Point Road.

PAGES 32-35: My grandfather was married to Phillis, November 20th, 1768, and they went to keeping house, living in one towards the north end of Olney street, owned by Mr. Brown, where he kept his teams. Newport, his oldest son, was born April 22d, 1769. Rhoda, his oldest daughter, was born September 27th, 1776, and Noah, my father, was born September 20th, 1781. James was born November 17th, 1788....

My father married Alice Greene; her maiden name was Alice Prophet. She was a widow, having lost her husband, Uriah Greene, several years previous to her second marriage. They were married in Cranston, R. I., the 25th of December, 1805, and commenced keeping house in that town, but being engaged in a seafaring life, he removed to Providence, and rented a house of Dr. Pardon Bowen, situated on Wells street. During his residence in Cranston, he had a son born, July 10th, 1810, and named him Joseph George Washington Brown. My sister, Mary Alice, was born September 1811, in this city. My brother George was born September 23d, 1817. After residing in Dr. Pardon Bowen's house five years, we were obliged to move, as Mr. Bowen wished to make a strawberry bed in the garden where the house was located. My father hired a house called the Red Lion, near the junction of South Main and Power streets, on the north side, the place where the Amateur Dramatic Hall now stands. My brother Henry was born there in 1820....

My mother, as I stated, was a widow when she was married to my father. I never had any knowledge respecting her first husband's relations. My mother's relations were the Prophets, who belonged to the Narragansett tribe, and resided in Cranston. My grandmother's father was a man of note and one of the chiefs, and called, Grandfather Jeffery. Whether he was a prophet by name or by title I know not. He had two daughters, but whether he had any sons I know not, but think he had none. One of grandfather Jeffery's daughters married a white man, preferring civilized to savage life. The other daughter, my grandmother, purchased a colored man and married him, by whom she had five children, one son and four daughters, John, Phebe, Mary, Alice, and Eunice. Her father being very much displeased with her management, gave his effects to the first, who married the white man, and the fourth generation are living in the city at present, and moving in upper circles. After some years his anger abated towards his daughter's husband and he rendered some aid to the family....



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Pages 40-51: The house which my father rented [was] located in the south part of the town, near the water. It was a gambrel roofed house, painted with plain boards like clapboards, and painted red.... On the west side was a door and two windows, one over the other, and two doors on the north side, one leading into the cellar, the other into the back yard, with two windows the same as in front. The inside of the house was arranged as follow: two rooms on the first floor, the largest used for a kitchen, the other for a sitting room or bed room. Adjoining us on the east was a sailor boarding house kept by Mr. James Axum. From our east window could be seen a fine garden filled with various kind of vegetables belonging to Mr. Axum. There were two rooms upstairs arranged the same as below, having access by a stair-way in a small entry three feet by six, on the north side of the west room. When we first moved in we occupied the upper rooms, until the family below could vacate their rooms, which was some six months after we moved in. Two rooms was considered quite a genteel tenement in these days for a family of six, especially if they were colored, the prevailing opinion being that they had no business with a larger house than one or two rooms. The family occupying the lower floor of our house were considered the upper crust of the colored population, Mr. Thomas Reed by name, by trade a barber, and kept a fashionable shaving saloon....

He was responsible for the rent to Mr. Tillinghast and other heirs, to whom it belonged. It was forty dollars per year. There being more room than he needed or could afford to pay for, he rented the upper part for fifteen dollars per year; which reduced his rent to twenty-five dollars. The landlords received their rents quarterly. Every one knew, in those days that a man having a family of six could not pay the rent of four rooms, unless he robbed or went on the highway to get a living....

(We can see in the above the reality that lay behind Frederick Douglass's observation that in certain respects people of color in the antebellum northern society had moved from being the slaves of individuals to becoming "slaves of the community.")

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote something in his journal that has not been completely decipherable:

5 day 10th of 11 M / Omitted Meeting & went down The Neck to attend in surveying a peace of Land at the request of an old acquaintance who is involved in a Law Suit pending in the Court [?] is setting - I understood there were two appearances in the ministry at Meeting [?] they were edifying to [?]

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November 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 11th M 1814 / One Public appearance in each of our Meetings, today they were dull seasons to my mind & I believe



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dullness generally pervaded the gathering. – In the eveng sat a little while at D Rodmans & went into Sister Joannas Chamber & was glad to find her comfortable with her sweet little infant whose name they have concluded to call Abbe.

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 November 15, Tuesday: Pedro Cevallos Guerra replaced José Miguel de Carvajal Vargas y Manrique, duque de San Carlos as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd 15th of 11 M / Much occupied with D Rodman as overseers of the poor in fitting out Sarah Rogers on a Journey to Galen in Seneca Coounty in the State of NYork where she expects to reside with her Nephew Matthew Rogers. – She was disappointed by the Packet & took the Stage to [Providence](#) where she is to meet John Sheldon who is to see her with comfotable accommodations & suitable company on her way to Galen. –

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 November 17, Thursday: Because it was being perceived as a Revolutionary institution, the Paris Conservatoire began to experience the official displeasure of the new regime, and Bernard Sarrette was suspended as director.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 11 M / Our meeting small – a short offering by a friend – No buisness in the Preparative Meeting –

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 December: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY, and in this one he made a satiric attack upon the character and reputation of the Reverend [John Checkley](#), rector of King's Church (now St. John's) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), dead for more than half a century and likely to remain dead.

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From Y^r Overy humble Serv^t
Boston, N. E.
Dec. 27. 1797
Jⁿ Checkley



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 December 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 12th M 1814 / I have scarcely been free from the Ague in my face since the last date - & this day being very wet & Rainy I again omitted Meeting. - This is a day appointed by all New England States for Thanksgiving & Prayer & has been observed as usual in this town.

We had at tea the company of Sarah Arnold of Troy in N York She also set the evening near the close of which her Mother Elizabeth Arnold came in & set a little while their company was truly pleasant Elizabeth was the Daughter of our late friend John Hadwin & looks & speaks exceedingly like her Mother, so much so that as she was relating a circumstance I could not refrain from looking at her. - she also appears to be a woman that has learned much in this School of Christ.

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 December 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 12 M / We had the company of Hinchman Hanes & Joseph Hanes at Meeting both forenoon; they had acceptable service among us & in some instances as "ministered" to our states remarkably - they are bound into the eastern Quarterly Meeting to finish the Work they began Last Winter. -

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 December 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 12th M 1814 / Our friends Hinchman & Joseph Hanes set out for New Bedford this Morning accompanied by our young frds John D Williams & Saml Dennis. - -

This eveng we had the company of several of our young friends Vizt E W Lawton & wife Caty Dennis & Avis Howland whose company was very pleasaant & tho' neither of the foregoing are members of society I believe some of them are in a way thro' faithfulness to become greater in religious attainments than some of us who hold a birth right

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 December 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 12 M / For more than a Week past I have suffered greatly with a tooth Ache & Ague in my face - & this day above all others have been peculiarly afflicting

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 December 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 18th of 12 M / Our meeting this forenoon was a season of deep & humbling instruction to my mind, the like exactly I do not recollect - Soon after I took my seat by the Stove our friend D B took his seat by the side of me & it seemed to pass my mind that he would preach. The impression soon passed off & I had some struggle to get the mind settled, when of a sudden I seemed to emmerge from that & a passage of Scripture occur'd with life Vizt "If any man lack Wisdom let him ask of God" it seemed to expand & I was led into many reflections upon it. & it appear'd to me that many feel a want of some thing which they do not possess Vizt Religion or true Wisdom, & for the Want of a right application to the source from whence true Wisdom may be obtained, to him who giveth liberally & upbraideth not they lean to their own understanding, get bewildered & finally established in formality rather than in the life & essence of Religion -after this had passed my mind & continued seriously impressed on it for some time, I looked up & saw D Buffum was about to rise -When he arose his opening was "Get wisdom & with all thy gettings get understanding"- & fully illustrated the subject of the true wisdom & understanding & true faith, often advising that if any lacked Wisdom let them ask of God who giveth liberally & upbraideth not - his exercise & opening was so exactly similar to mine, that as he repeated the scripture it wrought no small astonishment in my feelings - at the same time humbling my mind under a sense of the continued favor of divine goodness to a mind unworthy -- Father Rodman was afterwards concerned in a few words. Also Ruth Weaver expressed the passage Vizt Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of Man to conceive the good things which God hath layed up in Store for them who love & fear him. - In the Afternoon Our meeting was silent but Divine goodness near - Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening with us. -

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December 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 19th 12th M 1814 / Was born this Mornng about 5 Minutes before 1 OC unto my Brother Isaac & Sarah his Wife a daughter whose name they have concluded to call Susan

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December 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd 20 of 12 M / In setting a little while with my Mother this morning she made a remark which struck me with some force Vizt that when a person increased in a generous disposition as they increased in Years it was a pretty true sign that Grace a bounded with them for it was the case with people that as they incline to the Earth they become more Earthy. - She related that her grandfather Saml Clarke when his children were all married off



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he observed to them when all together that Now they were settled & provided for to his mind & when he left time his estate should be for them, but added it was not his intention to lay up any of his income, he ment to spend the whole of it & that he did & kept open house for the entertainment of all friends who came along, & the poor of every description found relief within his door.

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 December 22, Thursday: Christian missionaries arrived in the Bay of Islands of New Zealand, to set up a mission.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 12 M / Our meeting was about as large as usual A Robinson was concerned in testimony also another friend but I did not think that life arose as at some seasons - In the last & Preparative Job Weaver published his intentions of Marriage with Almy Chase which was the chief buisness that came before us - Our little John was at Meeting & it was the first meeting of buisness he ever attended, & as he has begun to attend them young I desire he may become a useful & ornamental Member This is my concern for him, & should he read this when I am gone, I pen it now, for his information that he may know a parents solicitude for his future wellfare

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 December 24, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left London.

In Stockholm, Muzio Clementi was elected to the Royal Academy of Music.

A convention of New England states, meeting at the State House in Hartford, Connecticut, called for changes in defense and federal taxation and issued its list of proposed constitutional amendments.

The territorial government in Kaskaskia (Illinois) authorized a prize of \$50 for any “Indian” scalp, or any captured female or child “Indian.”

American sailors being held in the prison complex on the Devonshire moor near Plymouth, England received their long-awaited [Christmas](#) present when John Quincy Adams, James Asheton Bayard, Henry Clay, Jonathan Russell, and [Albert Gallatin](#) as commissioners on the part of the United States of America set their signatures to a Treaty of Ghent officiously terminating the [War of 1812](#). Almost all territory was returned status quo ante, with other issues being either put off or ignored — but as it would turn out, the free enterprise USA would be in no great hurry to send ships to repatriate any such low-income, low-status naval laborers. They were definitely worthy enough to serve as a pretense for the war, as a “cause” — but definitely not worthy enough actually to be worth the bother of arranging such personal assistance.

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It was agreed by all that if there had been anything that the war had been about, definitely it had not been about



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freedom for any former slaves, who were immediately to be remanded to their bondage:

All ... possessions whatsoever taken by either party from the other during the war ... shall be restored without delay and without causing any destruction or carrying away any ... Slaves or other private property....

Adams, one of the American commissioners who had negotiated this agreement, had pretended to commit the United States "to use their best endeavors" to assist the British fleet in bringing the Atlantic slave trade to an end.



Two White Men Shaking Hands

Actually this [international slave trade](#) would be expanding as the clipper ships built in the shipbuilding yards of [Baltimore](#) and of [Rhode Island](#) would become able to outdistance the ponderous British men-of-war on guard off the coast of Africa, to deliver their cargoes of slaves to ports in the New World. As secretary of state and as president, Adams would have something of greater moment on his mind. He would consistently oppose any British search of these American slave vessels as a violation of the vital principle of freedom of the seas. When asked in 1824 by the British minister to Washington if he could think of a greater evil than the slave



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trade, he would reply that there was indeed a greater evil of which he could think, for to grant that right of search on the high seas would be to “make slaves of ourselves” — and that would be an even greater evil than continuation of the trade in black [slaves](#).¹⁹⁴

LA AMISTAD

His father John Adams evaluated the proceedings:

Nothing was adjusted, nothing was settled, nothing of substance but an indefinite suspension of hostilities was agreed to.



The British forces had, during the 17 months that they held [Fort Niagara](#), made a number of improvements and repairs to the position. The terms and conditions of the Treaty of Ghent between the United States of America and Great Britain now called for a return to the “status quo ante bellum” — and so these troops were going to need to march away from their conquest.

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194. Remember that in 1783 John Quincy Adams had visited the British Museum in London to view the seal of his ancestor Saer de Quincy upon the original parchment of the Magna Carta. He would come to consider his representing the blacks of the [La Amistad](#) as of the greatest importance only because the *Amistad* had been seized by the *USS Washington* without warrant, in a “gross violation” by the US government of a principle underlying this foundational document which his eponymous ancestor had helped to create. In other words, he wasn’t defending the black defendants at all, but was defending instead the historical significance of his alleged white ancestor Saer de Quincy.



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 December 25, Sunday: In the previous year, [Joanna Southcott](#) had been put on notice by a Spirit that at the age of 65 she would by the “power of the Most High” give birth during the harvest season of this year to a man-child, to be known as the Shiloh, the Prince of Peace, who would “rule the nations with a rod of iron.” She had journeyed to London, witnesses noticing that she appeared pregnant, but during the harvest season nothing had happened, and then on this [Christmas Day](#) some allege that an infant was delivered stillborn, “caught up to God and His throne” — while the evidence seems to suggest that there was no such blessed event (Skinner, Stephen. MILLENNIUM PROPHECIES. Stamford CT: Longmeadow Press, 1994, page 109).

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 12 M 1814 / A few words were delivered by an Elder brother in the forenoon – Soon after I took my seat on looking round & observing a considerable number of young people with very innocent countenances, love rose in my heart toward them & with it, the Passage, "And he had compassion on the multitude" - It also soon opened to my mind with lively sensations that were we to assemble with true Faith in him who in former days had compassion on the multitude & break a little bread among them which satisfied a great number & there was much to spare, so we in this day might experience that Miracle wrought in us spiritually for tho' in sitting down in meeting we might feel but little else than poverty & want, yet by faith, we might experience that little greatly enlarged & by the time Meeting closed go away greatly satisfied that we had been there, & that the Blessed Master had owned us by his living presence. -- In the Afternoon we were silent but I thought it was a solid, may I not say solemn season to many present.

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 December 29, Thursday: [Edward Jesse](#)'s father, the Reverend William Jesse, died in his 77th year at West Bromwich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 12 M / Quite to my disappointment & sorrow my Wife was this Morning taken with a violent sick headache which prevented her going to [Portsmouth](#) with me to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - I took Sister Mary in the Chaise with me on the way thither we stoped a few minutes at Uncle Saml Thurstons & warmed & refreshed our selves & got to meeting in season. Our first meeting was silent & I thought favor'd with life: - In the last Discipline Hannah Dennis paid us a visit in Gospel love which was very acceptable to the Meeting. I do not think I ever heard her with more Life or better Authority. - Job Weeden & Almy Chase published their intentions of Marriage with each other. - The case of D Sherman was refer'd at the request of the committee & that of L Gould Junr at my request feeling my mind much exercised at the prospect of his being disowned at that Meeting. - On the whole it proved a Season of deep instruction to my mind & I believe enlargement. We dined at Richd Mitchells



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& rode home before dark finding my dear H relieved from her headache but quite feeble.

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 December 30, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived at Seaham.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 12th M 1814 / With this day I complete the 33 Year of my Age - Another Year of my life has gone & I have advanced another towards the Grave. - It has seldom in my life happened that this day has passed away unnoticed & has ever been a day of much reflection. - this has been peculiarly so - love has flowed sweetly in my heart & I desired to be thankful for a fresh evidence of the continuation of divine regard. -

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 December 31, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Annabella signed their marriage contract.

When the Vienna palace of Russian ambassador Count Andrei Kyrillovich Razumovsky was consumed by fire, hundreds of art works meticulously collected by him were forever lost. Two people who attempted to salvage embassy documents were killed. The count would return to Russia, depriving [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) of one of his most important patrons.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 12 M 1814 / Here ends the Year - It has been to me a day of seriousness & much reflection - Who will see the close of the next is very uncertain - but it is certain that many of us who are now on the stage & probably some who are in Active life Will not. - This evening I was admitted a member of Engine Company N 5 - There are some circumstances which prompted to this measure which I conceive justifiable but from my present feelings I shall not remain a Member Long.

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 THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1815. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Brown & Wilson.

The old Bickerstaff Almanac appears with a new title this year.

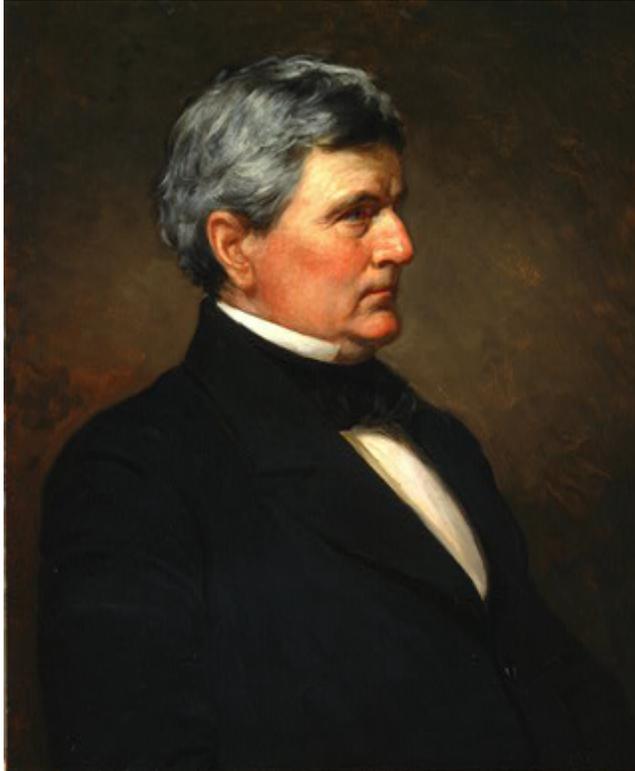


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 [Robert Montgomery Smith Jackson](#) was born in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

[John Edwards Holbrook](#) graduated from [Brown University](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). He would study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.



 The Reverend [John Lauris Blake](#), a Congregational minister, had become interested in the Episcopal Church. In this year Bishop Griswold ordained him as a deacon of the Episcopal Church. Soon he would organize a parish in [Pawtucket, Rhode Island](#) which would be called St. Paul's Church.

 Until 1817 the only product of the [cotton](#) mills of [Rhode Island](#) would be cotton yarn, with cloth being something produced out of this cotton yarn only by hand weavers. However, in this year Judge Daniel Lyman and John Thorp of [Providence](#), and Mr. F.C. Lowell of [Boston](#), collaborated to produce a powered machine and set it up at the Waltham cotton factory, and also, William Gilmour of Glasgow, Scotland, disembarked at Boston with the pattern for a powered loom and a powered dresser machine. John Slater invited Gilmour to come to Smithfield but would be unable to persuade his partners to fund the construction of an experimental loom. This would cause Gilmour would move on, and in the following year he would build a dozen looms for Judge Lyman's Lymansville mill in North Providence. Also, he would allow David Wilkinson and Company, for the sum of \$10, to use his patterns and construct another dozen looms.

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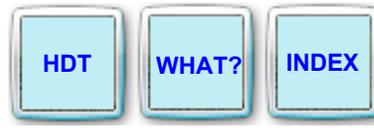
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➡ At about this point [Cato Pearce](#), back from his voyage to the Caribbean, had abandoned religion and taken up drinking and carousing. After spending his seaman's wages in [Rhode Island](#), he began to attend the revival meetings held for people of color by a white man known to them as Elder Osborne (the Reverend V.R. Osborne was apparently being permitted by the white congregation of his [Methodist](#) church in [Providence](#) to preach to people of color, but only in all-colored assemblies and only at night). Elder Osborne was asking converts to rise and come forward, and some attenders did, but Cato always held back. He hired himself out to Captain James Rhodes of Providence. During a terrible storm while on another voyage to the Caribbean, he would feel an urge to pray out loud. The first mate would attempt to forbid such prayer, but later, below decks, he would again pray out loud. The first mate, hearing this, would call him on deck and shout "Didn't I tell you I wouldn't have no more hollerin' and prayin' on board?"

Then he hauled me forward and laid me over the windlass, and made one of the hands hold me over while he laid on three or four hard blows with a rope, and made me promise not to pray again. Then I didn't know what to do.... I wept a good deal - pretty much all night long.



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In about this year a portrait was made on canvas, by an unknown artist, of Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior (1764-1835), one of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations's wealthiest plantation masters, owning some seven or eight farms. He was an enormous man, six feet four inches tall and weighing about 300 pounds.

Table of Altitudes



Yoda	2' 0 "
Lavinia Warren	2' 8 "
Tom Thumb, Jr.	3' 4 "
Lucy (Australopithecus Afarensis)	3' 8 "
Hervé Villechaize ("Fantasy Island")	3' 11"
Charles Proteus Steinmetz	4' 0 "
Mary Moody Emerson per FBS (1)	4' 3 "
Alexander Pope	4' 6 "
Benjamin Lay	4' 7 "
Gary Coleman ("Arnold Jackson")	4' 8 "
Queen Victoria with osteoporosis	4' 8 "
Queen Victoria as adult	4' 10 "
Margaret Mitchell	4' 10 "
length of newer military musket	4' 10"
Charlotte Brontë	4' 10-11"
Harriet Beecher Stowe	4' 11"
Laura Ingalls Wilder	4' 11"
a rather tall adult Pygmy male	4' 11"
John Keats	5' 0 "
Clara Barton	5' 0 "
Isambard Kingdom Brunel	5' 0 "
Andrew Carnegie	5' 0 "
Thomas de Quincey	5' 0 "
Stephen A. Douglas	5' 0 "
Danny DeVito	5' 0 "
Immanuel Kant	5' 0 "
William Wilberforce	5' 0 "
Mae West	5' 0 "
Mother Teresa	5' 0 "
Deng Xiaoping	5' 0 "
Dred Scott	5' 0 " (±)
Captain William Bligh of HMS <i>Bounty</i>	5' 0 " (±)
Harriet Tubman	5' 0 " (±)
Mary Moody Emerson per FBS (2)	5' 0 " (±)
John Brown of Providence, Rhode Island	5' 0 " (+)





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Bette Midler	5' 1"
Jemmy Button	5' 2"
Margaret Mead	5' 2"
R. Buckminster "Bucky" Fuller	5' 2"
Yuri Gagarin the astronaut	5' 2"
William Walker	5' 2"
Horatio Alger, Jr.	5' 2"
length of older military musket	5' 2"
the artist formerly known as Prince	5' 2 ¹ / ₂ "
typical female of Thoreau's period	5' 2 ¹ / ₂ "
Francis of Assisi	5' 3"
Voltaire	5' 3"
Mohandas Gandhi	5' 3"
Sammy Davis, Jr.	5' 3"
Kahlil Gibran	5' 3"
Friend Daniel Ricketson	5' 3"
The Reverend Gilbert White	5' 3"
Nikita Khrushchev	5' 3"
Sammy Davis, Jr.	5' 3"
Truman Capote	5' 3"
Kim Jong Il (North Korea)	5' 3"
Stephen A. "Little Giant" Douglas	5' 4"
Francisco Franco	5' 4"
President James Madison	5' 4"
Josef Vissarionovich Dzugashvili "Stalin"	5' 4"
Alan Ladd	5' 4"
Pablo Picasso	5' 4"
Truman Capote	5' 4"
Queen Elizabeth	5' 4"
Ludwig van Beethoven	5' 4"
Typical Homo Erectus	5' 4"
typical Neanderthal adult male	5' 4 ¹ / ₂ "
Alan Ladd	5' 4 ¹ / ₂ "
<i>comte de Buffon</i>	5' 5" (-)
Captain Nathaniel Gordon	5' 5"
Charles Manson	5' 5"
Audie Murphy	5' 5"
Harry Houdini	5' 5"
Hung Hsiu-ch'üan 洪秀全	5' 5"





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Marilyn Monroe	5' 5 ¹ / ₂ "
T.E. Lawrence "of Arabia"	5' 5 ¹ / ₂ "
average runaway male American slave	5' 5-6"
President Benjamin Harrison	5' 6"
President Martin Van Buren	5' 6"
James Smithson	5' 6"
Louisa May Alcott	5' 6"
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	5' 6 ¹ / ₂ "
Napoleon Bonaparte	5' 6 ¹ / ₂ "
Emily Brontë	5' 6-7"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	5' ?"
average height, seaman of 1812	5' 6.85"
minimum height, British soldier	5' 7"
President John Adams	5' 7"
President John Quincy Adams	5' 7"
President William McKinley	5' 7"
"Charley" Parkhurst (a female)	5' 7"
Henry Thoreau	5' 7"
the average male of Thoreau's period	5' 7 ¹ / ₂ "
Edgar Allan Poe	5' 8"
President Ulysses S. Grant	5' 8"
President William H. Harrison	5' 8"
President James Polk	5' 8"
President Zachary Taylor	5' 8"
average height, soldier of 1812	5' 8.35"
President Rutherford B. Hayes	5' 8 ¹ / ₂ "
President Millard Fillmore	5' 9"
President Harry S Truman	5' 9"
President Jimmy Carter	5' 9 ¹ / ₂ "
Herman Melville	5' 9 ³ / ₄ "
Calvin Coolidge	5' 10"
Andrew Johnson	5' 10"
Theodore Roosevelt	5' 10"
Thomas Paine	5' 10"
Franklin Pierce	5' 10"
Abby May Alcott	5' 10"
Reverend Henry C. Wright	5' 10"
Nathaniel Hawthorne	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
Louis "Deerfoot" Bennett	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "





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Friend John Greenleaf Whittier	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
President Dwight D. Eisenhower	5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
Sojourner Truth	5' 11"
President Grover Cleveland	5' 11"
President Herbert Hoover	5' 11"
President Woodrow Wilson	5' 11"
President Jefferson Davis	5' 11"
President Richard M. Nixon	5' 11 ¹ / ₂ "
Robert Voorhis the hermit of Rhode Island	< 6'
Frederick Douglass	6' (-)
Anthony Burns	6' 0"
Waldo Emerson	6' 0"
Joseph Smith	6' 0"
David Walker	6' 0"
Sarah F. Wakefield	6' 0"
Thomas Wentworth Higginson	6' 0"
President James Buchanan	6' 0"
President Gerald R. Ford	6' 0"
President James Garfield	6' 0"
President Warren Harding	6' 0"
President John F. Kennedy	6' 0"
President James Monroe	6' 0"
President William H. Taft	6' 0"
President John Tyler	6' 0"
John Brown	6' 0 (+)"
President Andrew Jackson	6' 1"
Alfred Russel Wallace	6' 1"
President Ronald Reagan	6' 1"
Venture Smith	6' 1 ¹ / ₂ "
Crispus Attucks	6' 2"
President Chester A. Arthur	6' 2"
President George Bush, Senior	6' 2"
President Franklin D. Roosevelt	6' 2"
President George Washington	6' 2"



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Gabriel Prosser	6' 2"
Dangerfield Newby	6' 2"
Charles Augustus Lindbergh	6' 2"
President Bill Clinton	6' 2 ¹ / ₂ "
President Thomas Jefferson	6' 2 ¹ / ₂ "
President Lyndon B. Johnson	6' 3"
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.	6' 3"
Richard "King Dick" Seaver	6' 3 ¹ / ₄ "
President Abraham Lincoln	6' 4"
Marion Morrison (AKA John Wayne)	6' 4"
Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior	6' 4"
Thomas Cholmondeley	6' 4" (?)
Franklin Benjamin Sanborn	6' 5"
Peter the Great of Russia	6' 7"
Giovanni Battista Belzoni	6' 7"
Thomas Jefferson (the statue)	7' 6"
Jefferson Davis (the statue)	7' 7"
Martin Van Buren Bates	7' 11 ¹ / ₂ "
M. Bihin, a Belgian exhibited in Boston in 1840	8'
Anna Haining Swan	8' 1"



January: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY, and in this one his initial focus was upon the Reverend [James Manning](#) D.D.

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January 1: The British were repulsed in a 2d attack upon General Andrew Jackson's system of ditches around the sea approaches to New Orleans, in a [War of 1812](#) that because of the Treaty of Ghent was already over. News of the Treaty of Ghent arrived at the Congress of Vienna — this would significantly raise the influence of Britain on the continent because it meant that that nation, undistracted, could in the future field many more troops there.

Lowell Mason entered upon his new duties as choir director at the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia.

The followers of [Joanna Southcott](#) had allowed her corpse to putrefy for four days while they waited around to see if a magical bouncing baby was going to spring from it. Finally they allowed a post-mortem, which gave no indication of any pregnancy. Joanna had left behind her, however, a sealed Great Box, and the expectation that if this box were not properly opened in the presence of 24 Bishops of the Church by the end of the year 2004, there was going to be all hell to pay. (The box has been opened, although not in the presence of any 24 Bishops of the Church—it proved to contain a horse-pistol, a few coins of the period, various scribblings, some trinkets, and odds and ends— and, as we now notice, the year 2004 has come and has gone.)

[MILLENNIALISM](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st M 1815 / We commence the Week, the Month & the Year together - a day of thoughtfulness it has been to me. Our Meetings have both been Silent & to me pretty good seasons, tho' roving of mind intruded a little — Father & Mother Rodman set the evening with us -¹⁹⁵



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195. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815 and Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823. Series 7 Microfilm Reel #4, positive, is made up of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould's Diaries #12-16, 1815-1838 (August 24, 1815-September 20, 1838 and Extracts from the records of the monthly meeting held by Rhode Island Quakers, 1676-1707) (Reel #12 is the negative copy of Reel #4)



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January 2, Monday: At Seaham, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Annabella Milbanke were wed. Lord and Lady Byron would sojourn at Halnaby in Yorkshire until the 21st of the month.

Andrew Law sent a petition from Newark, New Jersey to the US House of Representatives to renew the 1802 patent for his system of musical notation involving four note shapes and the elimination of the staff (which wasn't going to happen).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 1st M / This day rode with J. Weaver to R Mitchells in Company with Abigail Robinson & H Dennis to See Thos Gould Junr who being at Cundels Mills I took the Chaise went & invited him up to Richards where After dinner we had a solid opportunity with him & discharged our Legacy of Love in a manner which affords peace to our Minds tho' with no obvious benefit to his. - There is a solid & enriching benefit remitting from a sense of having done our duty & all that lays in our power to restore a brother but alas the poor thing seem'd shut up in a full belief that he had done right tho' much was said & very affectionatly expressed to convince him of the error in which he is involved - Vizt that of learning the Art of War - Abigail Robinson & Hannah Dennis, seem'd to be much engaged for his Welfare - After the opportunity we spent a little time in interesting conversation in company with Richard & his wife - then I rode home with Hannah & John with Abigail. -

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January 7, Saturday: At the Congress of Vienna, France was admitted as an equal member to the directing Council of Four (Austria/Great Britain/Prussia/Russia).

[Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) was ordered to abandon his post as Ambassador-plenipotentiary to France in the capital city of Paris and –Castlereagh the chief British envoy being needed at home to manage relations with the House of Commons– hie himself to the Congress of Vienna.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 1st M / Here ends the first week of the Year –It may be memorable in my mind – It has been a season of life & love

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January 8, Sunday: On the northern shore of the Gulf of Mexico, the British army, unaware that a treaty of peace had been signed, made a 3d assault against General Andrew Jackson's system of ditches around the sea approaches to New Orleans. Whoever won control over this port and river city supposed they would "win" the war that was already over, because the port was the key to all of the American Inland South facing the Caribbean, a general territory which went under the name "Louisiana," that is, "Land of Louis XV, King of France," although whatever paltry "rights of ownership" Louis XV had had to this real estate (which were debatable) had passed to his (erstwhile) heir the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) subsequent to his having lost his head, and had then been sold to the national government of the United States of America in 1803 for the paltry sum of \$0.⁰⁴ per acre.¹⁹⁶ However, Jackson had been reinforced with levies from Kentucky and the British troops were being led by a brother-in-law of [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#), Packenham, who had achieved his position of military mastery from political connections of rank and privilege rather than from any demonstrated facility in getting other men to die when he told them to. The watchword of the British was "Booty and Beauty." The troops were chiefly drawn from Wellington's peninsular army. This relative Packenham did a no-no. He led a manly frontal assault against a fully prepared and alerted defensive position under fine daylight conditions with no thought of surprise or other trickiness. The attackers were cut down in half an hour of concentrated rifle and cannon fire with losses of almost 2,000 dead and injured. Only one of

196. When the national government of the United States of America purchased rights to such territories from weaker people, such as the Dakota nation, they weren't in the habit of paying nearly as much as this per acre, even when the rights to the real estate were far more real than the rights of King Louis.



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their general officers was still alive. American casualties were 6 killed and 10 wounded (Jackson's loss in the entire campaign was merely 333 souls). The British withdrew to their original landing-place and re-embarked.

This Battle of New Orleans, the last campaign of the [War of 1812](#), was being fought subsequent to the signing of the Peace of Ghent on December 24, 1814. There is no merit, however, in the frequent assertion that Jackson's great victory was won after the war was over, for the Ghent treaty specifically called for continued hostilities until ratification by both governments, and this mutual ratification would be effected only during February 1815. After so many distressing months of failure in a war in which the enemy had burned and sacked the federal capital and which had led disaffected citizens to question the value of the Union itself, Jackson's victory at New Orleans would seem to wipe away the nation's memories of incompetent leadership. Overnight, Old Hickory would be transfigured into a symbol of distinctive American strengths and virtues, and his path would turn inevitably toward the freshly painted because scorched "White House." But for the moment the Virginia Dynasty still commanded, and Jackson would retire with his honors to his beloved Hermitage. Some admirers of Jackson would be able to obtain a locket of his hair, which hair, now tested, shows lead poisoning which would fully explain his severe abdominal cramping and constipation during this period. (The lead bullet lodged in his body produced chronic health problems such as irritability, paranoia, severe mood swings, and kidney failure, until it would be surgically removed in 1832 and the dissolved lead burden in his body would be able to decrease. The calomel which he took due to this constipation, since it contained mercury, may explain why his teeth would fall out at such an early age.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 1st M 1815 / Our Meetings were silent excepting a short offering in the forenoon – Went with Father Rodman to visit of our friend D Buffum who had for a week or two been confined by indisposition. took tea with him & set most of the evening. –

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January 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 1st M / Our Meeting was silent. And to me a season of but little proffit, being much unsettled. – We took tea at Father Rodmans. –

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January 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 1 M / Heard this Afternoon of the recent very sudden departure out of time of our Beloved friend & Brother Matthew Franklin of NYork. It appears he was at Pearl Street Meeting & was delivering a sermon in which he appeared to be engaged with unusual life & while in the Middle of a sentence Sat down & was soon helped out of Meeting to his home & died in a fit of Apoplexy in a short time - with this goodly young man I was well acquainted - He has twice visited New England & the last time was in 1812 - His ministry was lively pertinent & Sound His death was a solemn Warning to those who are in health to be prepared for we know not in which hour we may be Summoned to



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Eternity. -

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January 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 1st M / Ruth Weaver reviewed the text "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for we know not what a day may Bring forth - & father Rodman followed her on the same subject - D Buffum was lively & Powerful in testimony - In the Afternoon Silent. - In the eveng Br J Rodman & I called a little while at Neighbor Towles. - then came back & Set the remainder together & Br Isaac Joined us very agreeably -

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January 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 16th of 1st M 1815 / I have today met with the Following Obituary notice in the NYork Commercial Advertiser of the 10th inst "Smitten friends
"Are Angels sent on errands full of love
"For us they languish
"And for us they die young
Death has impressed another awful lesson upon those who glory in the transitory enjoyments of life. - He has deprived this city of a valuable & worthy citizen & has bereaved the Society of Friends of a Member, who tho' in the prime of life has long stood forth, an Able advocate in the cause of universal righteousness, & whose life adorned the doctrines he prophessed. Matthew Franklin, a distinguished minister in that Society expired last evening about half past seven. The circumstances of his death are Solemn and impressive. In usual health he attended the meeting in Pearl Street to which he belonged on the preceeding morning, and, after an interval of Silence, he rose & repeated the following emphatic declaration of the apostle James; "Pure religion & undefiled before God the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." On this point of the text he enlarged very instructively illustrating the nature of the duties, to which the apostle alluded, and exhorted the audience to the exercise of christian benevolence with much of that feeling & pathos, for which his discourses have latterly been remarkable. -
But Oh! it was enough! While this pleading with a countenance suffused with earnestness & affection the cause of the indigent & friendless, a Mandate from the councils of eternal wisdom arrested him in the commencement of a sentence, and instantly closed his mental powers in utter oblivion to the woes & sufferings of his fellow creatures. He suddenly applied his hand to his head, slowly took his seat, rose up, & feebly with the assistance of others walked out; was conveyed home & without uttering a Sentence fell into a State of Apoplectic*



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insensibility in which he languished until released without a struggle, from the last tie of his mortal nature. Numerous are the eyes that will overflow at this event, for he was tenderly beloved by every class of his friends. The poor will lament their loss for many were they upon whom his private charities, like the refreshing dews of the night upon the parched soil, shed relief & gladness. As an active Governor of the NYork Hospital; as a Trustee of the Free School; as a Member of other important associations; as a correct & upright Merchant, his loss will be long & deeply regretted. Oh his social qualities & his eminent worth as a Minister of the Gospel, it becomes us here to be silent: we cannot do justice to a theme so affecting. "He mourns the dead who lives as they desire."

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January 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 1st M 1815 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended by Members. James Hallack was with us, & I think it may be said the Love of God was very conspicuous in his ministry. -In the last (Preparative) he was also concerned very sweetly for the various branches of society & particularly for the Youth. -At the close of the preparative Meeting he requested a Meeting to be appointed at the sixth hour tomorrow evening which was agreed upon. - In the Afternoon I recd a letter from Aunt Patty giving a Short acct of the funeral of M Franklin - & at the same time one from Obadiah Brown giving inclosing two for James Hallack I immediately carried them to E Hoxies[?] where I found him. -they contained information of the extreme illness of his son, which brought his mind into a streight about the Meeting he had appointed, thinking he had better return homeward tomorrow Morning. -

Was called upon to examine the bruises of Matilda Speare which she said she had recd from Daniel Chase Jr & his wife to whom she was by indenture bound by the Overseers of this Town. (The child is about 6 years old. On inspection of the Back there appear'd to be marks which indicated severe bruises of a blackish, greenish & yellowish hue like old bruises that had begun to disappear the most remarkable was on the left Shoulder & there were similar marks on the right shoulder which the child inform'd me was occasioned by the stripes of an horse whip given by Mrs Chase. One of her ears bore the marks of bruises & scratches, the scabs remaining, which she said was done by Mrs. Chase who took her up by the ear. - On the lower extremities of her body there appeared large weals & from the breadth of them I should suppose they had been swollen to the size of a common finger. On inspecting her head there appeared to be bald spots where the hair was evidently pulled out by the roots which she said was done by Mrs. Chase at various times & stated twice in particular when she by sudden force tore her our of bed by the hair & one when her own child wet the flour [floor], she took her by the hair & rubed her face in the Water. -



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I went to see those marks of unnatural abuse at the request of one of the town Council in company with one of the overseers of the poor, & certainly it was wicked in the extreme & if the facts are proven upon Chase & his wife I think hevy damages will be recovered by prosecution & their rights of Membership in Society be forfeited. –

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 January 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 20th of 1 M 1815 / James Hallack feels most easy to attend the meeting & I have been much occupied tho' [thro'] the Day in preparing the Meeting house for it --
At 6 OC. R M the meeting met - the house was well lighted with Candles. - It proved to be the most solid & satisfactory Meeting that has been held by appointment in this town for many years. - James was engaged about two hours in very weighty & Powerful communication & tho' the Small part of the house was full & so much crowded that many stood in the Passage, when he concluded speaking all remained perfectly still & quiet, none moved from their seats & I thought I never witnessed a more solid covering over a gathering – & when the meeting concluded the people seemed unwilling to separate*

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 January 21, Saturday: [Horace Wells](#) was born in Hartford, Vermont.¹⁹⁷

The assembled leaders in Vienna attended a requiem mass in St. Stephen's Cathedral organized by Talleyrand, for Louis XVI on the 22d anniversary of the monarch's [execution](#). The requiem was conducted by Antonio Salieri.

LA GUILLOTINE

From this date until March 9th, [Lord and Lady Byron](#) would be at Seaham, home of Sir Ralph and Lady Milbanke.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 21st of 1st M 1815 / I have heard many speak of their satisfaction & edification at being at James Meeting last evening
This eveng rode to [Portsmouth](#) with David Williams & lodged at Cousin Z Chases*

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197. Wells's drug experiments on himself would, on January 24, 1848, bring about his death.



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 January 22, Sunday: Great Britain and Portugal signed a treaty in regard to the [international slave trade](#). In return for British cancellation of a £600,000 debt owed by Portugal, no subject of Portugal would ever purchase any slave along the coast of Africa north of the equator.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

-1st day Rose early & took breakfast which was very kindly prepared for us by Elizabeth & Alice - we then rode down into New town on the buisness we went on - then went to Meeting which was Silent - After Meeting we had an oppertunity with David Sherman - his case is to me a very trying one - We dined at John Bordens after which we rode to George Halls to invesitage Davids case a little further where D Williams left me & went on towards Westport - I returning home stoped a few minutes at Saml Thurstons & from thence to Richd Mitchells & took tea & from thence rode home - before dark. -

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 January 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 1 M / Spent this day with my friend David Buffum at his house engaged in writing his Will. he is frequently of late subject to ill turns & is now confind by one of them I think his frail tabernacle of Clay is disolving, but may contunie by care some time longer. -

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 January 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 1 M / In our first meeting Abigail Robinson was concerned in an excellent testimony touching the State of the times, recommending an individual inquiry how far each one has contributed to the drawing down the Judgements of Heaven which now seem to be poweri [pour] down on the inhabitants of this once highly favor'd land. -
In the last (Monthly Meeting) was an exercising time - a proposition was made to appoint a committee to inspect the state of society & to visit such members as way opened, which by the improper meddling of some, the extreme caution of others, & the Want of Zeal in some - nearly fell thro' - tho' the preposition spread with considerable life over the meeting when first made*

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 January 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 1st M 1815 / Much afflicted with the Ague in my face, which with a portion of physic taken last eveng prevented my going to meeting - the Ague remaining hard I put a Blister



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on my Arm this evening. -

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January 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 1st M / Confined within doors with the Ague & the soreness of my Blister, my mind much turned towards the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at [Providence](#) had made calculations to attend it, but such are my infirmities that I fear to attempt it, at this very cold spell of weather would be an imprudent risk, several of my friends have been in this Afternoon & offered me a seat in Their Chaises, which is very kind & a renew'd insentive to dedication for I have often believed that way is made for those who are devoted to discharge their duty where no way appears. As I have no way left but the expence of the Mail stage the river being shut, no less than three offers of conveyance has felt very greatful. -

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January 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31st of 1st M / My face stukk very uncomfortable & confined within doors - I have given up the prospect of Quarterly Meeting - some who attempt ed it going & got as far as [Bristol](#) ferry were obligedd to return the ferry being stopd with Ice & the weather today has been the coldest I wver knew this eveng the mercury was 8 degrees below nothing - I have felt thankful for having things around me comfortable & especially that I have wood aplenty & can keep my stove [store?] comfortable. - My H has spent most of the day in the Shop with her Spinning Wheel

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February: [Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY, and in this one his initial focus was upon the recently deceased Theophilus Parsons, who had been active in the creation of the US Constitution and who had then served for many years as Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

LITERARY REPOSITORY



February 1, Wednesday: The [Duke of Wellington](#) arrived at the Congress of Vienna as the British representative, replacing Viscount Castlereagh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 2nd M 1815 / The cold abates a little more Ice made in the harbor [too faint] night than I ever before saw [five line nearly illegible, but all having to do with the extreme cold]

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February 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 2nd M 1815 / Attended Meeting & tho' my spirit was barran when going, it proved a season of feeling & close exercise, expecially in commemorating what passed at our last Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -It seemed to open fully & satisfactorily to my mind that the body must witness an excise for itself, or it will long remain barran & unfruitful - true it is, that individuals compose the body & individuals must & will be exercised, but their hands will be tied from useful labor untill we can experience a more general concern, untill the body is more fully bound to promote labor for its own help & restoration,



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& it was my sense then & remains so now, that could the Moy [Monthly] Meeting be united in appointing a judicious committee one that would be willing to be exercised in the cause of Truth, who might have liberty to visit individuals, families & Meetings at their discretion much benefit might be the result - & not only such as are delinquents require help, but many who are endeavoring to fill their ranks in righteousness may need the friendly & pious call of their brethren & sisters, who may be enabled thro' divine help to afford them suitable council & thereby strengthen their hands in well doing. -

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February 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 2 M / Our mornng Meeting was as large as could be expected considering the hevvy fall of Snow last night About 20 women got out - In the Afternoon it was also pretty well attended & [illegible] spoke a few words. - Set the evening pretty much at home excepting a short call at Brother Isaacs in the forepart of it. -

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February 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 8th of 2 M 1815 / A Day of exercise of mind a proposition by our fr D Buffum made today occasioned (with some other circumstances relative to Society) much serious reflection this evening. - The proposal was to stand in the capacity of Overseer - which I am very unwilling to consent to, from a concious belief that I can be more useful out of the appointment than in it. -

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February 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 2nd M / At Meeting an appearance in supplication - My mind in a pretty good state. - Still exercised with the proposition of standing as Overseer. - I feel a desire to do what I can in my day & generation, but cannot believe that to be my proper sphere. -

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 February 11, Saturday: After months of sometimes acrimonious debate, a final agreement on Poland and Saxony was signed at the Congress of Vienna. The Posen district was returned to Prussia while Galicia reverted to Austria. Krakow and its surrounding 1,000 square kilometers became a free city. The remaining 127,000 square kilometers of the old Duchy of Warsaw became the Kingdom of Poland under the Russian Tsar. In return for giving up most of its claims Prussia received 40% of Saxony, the Duchy of Westphalia, Swedish Pomerania, and the west bank of the Rhine. In return for its concessions Austria received the Tyrol, Salzburg, the Adriatic Provinces, and certain assurances in Italy. Everybody was as happy as they could possibly be in an imperfect world.

The British sloop-of-war *Favorite* arrived at New-York, with an English and an American messenger bearing a treaty of peace, which the English government had already ratified. The news of the Treaty of Ghent, despatched by express, would reach [Boston](#) in thirty-two hours. As the news spread, a general feeling of satisfaction expressed itself in rejoicing, without caring to inquire what were the terms of the treaty.

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NAVAL BIOGRAPHIES

The personages we are expectedly to desire so eagerly to emulate are Thomas Truxton, Edward Preble, Alexander Murray, John Rodgers, Isaac Hull, Stephen Decatur, Jacob Jones, James Lawrence, William Bainbridge, John Barry, Nicholas Biddle, David Porter, Charles Morris, William Henry Allen, Oliver Hazard Perry, William Burrows, John Cushing Aylwin, and Thomas MacDonough. This volume concludes with an essay "Characteristick anecdotes of the Battle on Lake Erie."

Thou, Ocean, thou, the seaman's sire !
Witness for us, while deeds like those
Approved our prowess to our foes,
Did they not 'midst ourselves, inspire
In all, the emulous desire
As well to act, as to admire !

 February 12, Sunday: The news arrived in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), by express stage out of New-York, that in Ghent "on the 24th December last," a peace had been concluded between the United States of America and Great Britain, and that the Battle for New Orleans had been merely a waste of everyone's lives. This express stage proceeded forward to inform first Worcester and then Boston.

1815. The glad tidings of Peace were announced here February 12, and our streets were thronged with delighted men and women, and resounded with acclamations of joy. The town was brilliantly illuminated in the evening, and although it was intensely cold, the streets were thronged to a late hour by persons of both sexes and of all ages, and the sound of mirth resounded from almost every dwelling. Many, however, who had been carried along by this tide of rejoicing, had cause to mourn when the excitement had subsided, and the "sober second thought" of reflection had returned. They had speculated largely, when prices were high, and vast amounts were invested in merchandise, the value of which, on restoration of peace, "fell, like Lucifer, never to rise again." Many failures were the consequence; but to people at large, peace came as a blessing. This year was signaled by the Great Storm and high tide. The storm commenced Sept. 22, and the wind was violent, and



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increasing through the night and the succeeding morning, many houses were unroofed, and other blown down. The tide on the 23d, rose to an extraordinary height, the gale from the South-East was of unparalleled severity, both combined, they drove the principal part of the shipping in the harbor from its moorings up the river against Weybosset bridge, which in short time gave way, and the whole was driven up and landed on the northern shore of the cove. A large sloop was left a considerable distance North of Great Point, now the site of the State Prison, and between that point and the upper part of the Canal basin, were upwards of thirty sail, of a burthen from 500 tons downwards. The water entirely filled the lower stories of the buildings in Market-street, west of the bridge, and a portion of the brick wall of the Washington Insurance building, in the third story, was broken in by the bowsprit of the ship Ganges, as she was driven rapidly by in the foaming current. A sloop of some 50 or 60 tons was driven across Weybosset-street, into Pleasant-street, where she grounded. The Baptist meeting-house, built for Rev. Mr. Cornell, near Muddy Dock, now Dorrance-street, was entirely destroyed. Many houses, stores and barns were swept from the wharves in South Water, Weybosset and some other streets, into the cove, where many of them were crushed to pieces. The water at the junction of Westminster and Orange-streets was at least six feet in depth. Two human beings only here lost their lives in this storm, which was matter of great wonder, when so many were perilled. No measures were taken to ascertain the damage done by the storm, but it was estimated at about a million of dollars.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 2nd M / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony to the necessity of "Commencing with our own hearts" &c In the Afternoon a short testimony by a friend - both meetings I considered favor'd seasons to me tho' not wholly exempt from thoughts which had better be excluded from a religious Meeting - Jonathon Dennis Dined with us - & Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening. -

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February 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 2nd M / This Morning at five OClock which was before Day break - My friend Charles Gorton knocked at the door & gave me the very pleasing intelligence that two men had arrived at 2 OC with the News of PEACE from [Bristol](#) & that the Printers were striking off hand Bills - I thought the news so pleasing that I immediately dressed myself made my [illegible] & went out & at the Watch House I [illegible] the two Messengers of Peace themselves who cont [illegible] had before told me - After staying there a while I walked out a little & returned home a little after day light & pretty soon Rec'd the hand bill.



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The Bells were set to Ringing before Sunrise & guns fired & both Bells & Guns have been going the whole day with many displays of Colours in different parts of the Town - & generally the greatest scene of public rejoicing I ever beheld - This evening the Town was generally illuminated wherewith Thames Street was nearly as light as Day & as many men women & children travelling about as at the General Election. Lights were placed in the Church Lantern which was to have been a Signal of Alarm, now a Token of Peace.

This mode of rejoicing (tho' on this occasion I cannot feel so far amiss as on some others) is very far from what I conceive to be right, my heart hath indeed been humbled & made thankful to HIM who ruleth the world in that he hath Blessed us with the return of the Olive Branch. & Oh that the people would lay it to heart.

Another cause of thankfulness is that with all the commotion of the day & evening no accident has happened that has come to my knowledge.

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February 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 2nd M 1815 / On looking over the late great event of Peace my heart is humbled under a sense of gratitude for the many favors recd - I have been blessed with the means of reputable living thro' the War & have not gone behind hand while many have spent their last & gone much in debt & some have within my knowledge suffered much with cold & Hunger this Winter - & for the many favors I have recd I do feel a Song of praise unto Him who alone was the Author of All - & Oh that I may renew my devotion to his cause - With what gratitude should the inhabitants of this Town look unto the Lord, having preserved us from the Danger of invasion the Sword & famine, in viewing his tender mercies, my heart is full

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February 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 2 M / Jonathon Chase & Daniel Brayton of Swansey Attended Meeting & Jonathon appear'd in testimony, which evinced him to be a living member of the Body - They are on a visit to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - intending to see the families of it & have commenced their services this Afternoon. - In the Preparative Meeting The former Overseers with the addition of my name were reported & agreed to be recommended to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting for that Service - A Service which I feel not only incompetent on but have serious doubts whether it is the sphere in which I ought to act - however submit to the judgement of my friends. -

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 February 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 2nd M 1815 / Our friends J Chase & D Brayton go on their visits to families I attended them to Wm Leer Jos Williams & Alice Wyatts - then R Mitchell took my place & went with them thro' the Day - they took tea with us & in the evening & again waited on them to father Rodmans, Susan Thurstons, Polly Hadwens & John Earls at Wm Lees & John Earls they were remarkably favor'd, & evinced themselves Skillful workmen & wise thro' the whole.

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 February 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th 2m / A very driving Snow Storm the whole day but our above mentioned friends inclining to ersue their visit to families I attended them thro' the Day first to D Rodmans then to Betsy Buffums. John Eastons (not a member) Robert Lawtons Eliza Hoxie Hannah Eastons, Robert Braytons not a member where they chose to dine being a relation & an old acquaintance - next to Gilbert Chases, James Taylor, Mary Tillinghast, Perry Weaver & the Widow Allens. - Our visit to John Eastons was remarkable he was mightily affected with Jonathons preaching & Daniels Prayer, our hearts were all greatly reached - at Robt Lawtons Nicholas was called in but came reluctantly Daniel however reached the witness in his mind & broke him into tears. -

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 February 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 2nd M / I am almost sick with the cold taken yesterday travelling about in the Snow - Attended meetings & in both our above mentioned friend had good service

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 February 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 2 M 1815 / Our friend J Chase & Daniel Brayton finished their visit in town this Afternoon I believe to their own & friends satisfaction - Jonathon Dennis attended them today. -

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 February 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 21st of 2nd M / This Afternoon about 5 O'clock the [Providence](#) Mail Stage arrived with a White flag before & a National standard behind with the news of the Ratification of the treaty with England by the President - immediately all the bells in town were set to ringing & people flocked about the streets in great numbers
On going out & making some inquiry I find it is not exactly as above stated. - The Senate have passed their Sanction to the treaty & it waits the Presidents signature.*

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 February 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th 22nd of 2nd M / The Mail this evening Bro't the Treaty of peace & the Presidents Proclamation which puts to rest all doubt & question that peace is really concluded between England & America. This is an Era of the World very remarkable. all Christian Powers are now at Peace - no War exists between any of them & May this state long continue & prove a forerunner of that great Day long ago predicted even to the Nations of the Earth shall learn the Art of War no MORE. - The Bells have rung all day & in the evening many houses were illuminated. I am thankful the Nation is at peace & as thankful that the mode of rejoicing practiced by the people is over 5th day 23rd of 2nd M 1815 / The morning being very cold the travelling bad & my H being quite unwell I got into a Sleigh with David Williams & His daughter Mary & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting & in going I have seldom suffered more with the cold. The travelling being hard & our Horse dull made us late at Meeting - We met our Friends Jonathon Chase & D Brayton & Jonathon & Hannah Dennis were concerned in lively testimonys - We had much business in the last meeting but were favored to get along with it to pretty good satisfaction & in good season. - We dined at Uncle S Thurstons in company with Jonathon & Daniel who have nearly accomplished their visit to the families of Friends in this Monthly Meeting We took our leave of them & rode home much more comfortably than we rode out the weather having moderated & the road become Smoother.

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 February 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 2nd M / Meetings small walking bad & lean seasons a few words offered in the Afternoon. -

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 February 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

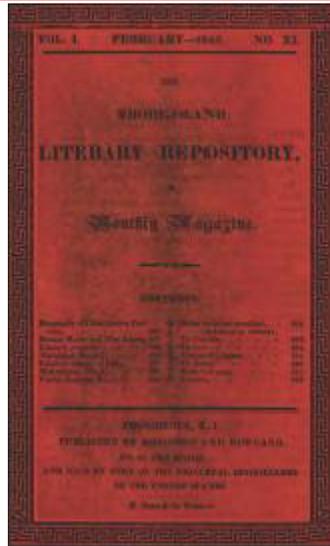
*3rd day 28th of 2 M / Sitting this evng attending to my H while she was reading the Memoirs of Benj Bangs a weighty frame of mind came over me & I believe I livingly said in my heart "BLESSED be the NAME of the LORD" while sitting thus enjoying the circulations of the divine life those words involuntarily rose up in much precious feeling & I was grateful for this fresh evidence of divine favor. --
Heard this Afternoon that my Aged cousin Joseph Greene of Connannicut is low & apparently near his end*

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 March: In [Rhode Island](#), the [Providence](#) Insurance Company and the Washington Insurance Company merged to become the Washington Providence Insurance Company.

[Isaac Bailey](#) produced, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another issue of THE RHODE ISLAND LITERARY REPOSITORY.

LITERARY REPOSITORY



 March 2, Thursday: The Dominion of Kandyan Provinces ([Ceylon](#)) was vested in the Sovereign of the British Empire.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached Castellane.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 3rd M 1815 / Our friend D Buffum was concerned in a lively & very sweet testimony "He that knoweth his Masters will &c" Ruth Weaver appeared in a few words - Meeting well attended considering the very bad travelling - to me it was a



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season of favor. –

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March 5, Sunday: Upon the 12th meeting of the “Swiss Committee,” most issues of the Congress of Vienna were resolved (or so they supposed).

The German physician Franz Mesmer died. He had developed “Mesmerism,” a set of techniques we now know as hypnotism. Prior to the introduction of [anesthesia](#) in the late 1840s, this “Mesmerism” would be being very widely relied upon for surgical pain relief.

[Nancy Thoreau Billings](#) died in Bangor, Maine, possibly due to complications of childbirth. Her widower Caleb Callender Billings would remarry on June 7, 1818, with the widowed Betsey Brown Hammond, a mature daughter of [Reuben Brown](#) of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 3 M / Mt Aged cousin (by marriage) Joseph Greene of Jamestown departed this life this morning about 5 O'clock - he married my fathers own Cousin Abigail Gould & their son David served his time at the Tailors trade with him, both which circumstances made a particular intimacy in the families. - The walking very bad. Meetings both small & silent - a few women attended & some that were not members

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March 7, Tuesday: At Laffrey, 800 soldiers produced the first threat to the project of the returning Emperor [Napoléon I](#). Disdaining armed confrontation, he walked toward them identifying himself as their emperor and inviting them to gun him down. The soldiers threw down their weapons and knelt. They, and then their officers, turned sides and went on that day to take Grenoble.

News of the escape reached Metternich and the Quadruple Alliance at the Congress of Vienna, and they were brought to an awareness that they were going to need to defeat the emperor again on the field of battle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7th of 3rd M / This Mornng with my H crossed the ferry to Connanicut to attend the funeral of cousin Jos Greene we had 14 others on board the boat Vizt D Buffum Jons Dennis & Wife, John Weaver & two Daughters - James Mitchell & Daughter Rhoda & others - At the funeral we met our friend Thos Jones & Geo Philbrick on a religious visit - The Meeting was held at Josephs house in which Thos Jones spoke twice D Buffum twice & Hannah Dennis once one of their communications appeared to me to be with good Authority -particularly D Buffums "He observed that we were on a very important voyage with our all on board & desired we might pay strict attention to the helm the company & the Pilot that we might arrive safe at the haven where true riches lays - In his second standing he illustrated the Prodigal holding [illegible] the encouragement to return to the fathers House - The Corpse were inter'd in the Meeting House [illegible] A pretty large company of us arrived at the house & they [illegible] T Jones & G Williams with us Recd by T Jones



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 March 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 3rd M 1815 / This Morning recd a letter from my fr Hannah Pope, Baltimore dated 2nd M 15 1815 / & 2n M 19 -which was very acceptable. -

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 March 9, Thursday: [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) wrote in her journal: "Thursday 9th. Read & talk — still think about my little baby — 'tis hard indeed for a mother to lose a child."

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lady Byron left for Six Mile Bottom to visit Augusta Leigh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 3rd M / Thos Jones & his companion George Philbrick were at meeting - Thos was concern'd in a short but sweet testimony. - The meeting was as well attended as could be expected considering the Walking-Rote a letter this eveng to Wm Rotch Jnr respecting Jacob Rivera

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 March 12, Sunday: Lord and Lady Byron began to stay at Six Mile Bottom, until the 28th of the month.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both pretty large, no vocal communication & from my own condition I was ready to conclude it was a low season with most present but little life in circulation

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 March 14, Tuesday: Troops sent by King Louis XVIII to subdue [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) went over to his side at Auxerre southeast of Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 3rd M / This day our little son John Stanton is three Years old. - he is at present a promising little boy. / - can spell quite smartly & repeat a considerable number of poetic peaces which gives him quite a smart & forward appearance & he is a remarkable minute observer of allmost every thing he sees & hears & appears to have many Ideas not common in children of his age -He is advancing into a World fraught with many snares & woes, & should he arrive to maturity I crave nothing for him beyond his being a good man & useful in his generation. This is



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my anxious desire & I pray the God of our lives that the Angel of his presence may ever be near & guard him from evil. he is now young, but not so young but a sense of good & evil is very apparent in his mind. - & exerts[?] evidently powerful convictions for doing wrong & a commendation of or good attend him & as proof of this I could instance many circumstances within six months

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 March 16, Thursday: The Kingdom of the Netherlands (in our present era, that would correspond to Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg) was established under King Willem I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 3rd M 1815 / At meeting two Public Testimonys one from C Rodman the other H Dennis - After meeting we had a short opportunity with D Chase Jr but two of the committee being absent we defer'd investigation for another opportunity - Saml Thurston & Richd Mitchell dined with us - Sister Eliza set the evening

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 18, Saturday: Marshal Michel Ney went over to the side of the international outlaw [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), bringing his forces to more than 20,000. King Louis XVIII, unaware of this development, was opening the new National Assembly.

 March 19, Sunday: It was a Sunday in Paris in the spring and Louis XVIII was packing his bags, intending to flee with his family to find safety in Belgium.

[Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) wrote in her journal: “Sunday 19th. Dream that my little baby came to life again — that it had only been cold & that we rubbed it by the fire & it lived — I awake & find no baby — I think about the little thing all day — not in good spirits — Shelley is very unwell.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 3rd In the Mornng Meeting our friend D Buffum was concerned in a lively feeling & pertinent testimony - In the Afternoon silence prevailed -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 23, Thursday: King Louis XVIII of France crossed the border into Belgium and found safety in exile in Ghent.

The *USS Hornet*, off the island of Tristan d’Acunha in the south Atlantic, captured the *HMS Penguin* and destroyed her.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 23rd of 3rd M / Our Meeting was Small - we had a little preaching of its merits I am an imcompetent judge but this I know it was not a little exercisng & streightening to my mind. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 26, Easter Sunday: The estate of Prince Kinsky resumed annuity payments to [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 3rd M / In each Meeting we had an offering my judgement suspended - A friend at Meeting Joseph Sharpless travelling with books to sell. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 3rd M / Our friend D Buffum called into the shop as he frequently does. Our conversation was interesting - he recurred to a Dictionary which I have in my possession for information respecting the culture of Madder which he says he is making some attempts to propagate - he remarked that his Years & in fermities had so increased that he considered his present exercioons were not for himself - I remarked in reply that he was acting in conformity to a sentiment I had heard expressed Vizt "that a man should live as tho' he was to live a thousand Years & yet at the same time he should live as if he was not to live a week - he said he considered that sound doctrine, that for the benefit of future generations men should lay plans & give in case with the first [illegible] the results had this been the case with the first settlers many houses would now have with different [illegible]

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 30, Thursday: In Rimini, Joachim Murat, former King of Naples and brother-in-law of the international outlaw [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), proclaimed the independence of Italy. He declared war on Austria.

Mehmed Emin Rauf Pasha replaced Hursid Ahmed Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 3rd M 1815 / In our first meeting we had a Short testimony. - In the last (Monthly) we had much buisness but all pretty much refered - Wm Potter of [Portsmouth](#) requested membership which was refered to a committee - Geo Davis & Son dined with us.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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April 1, Saturday: *To all to whom these preasants shall come Greeting Whereas Kettle Sutton of Pencader hundred Newcastle County and State of Delaware Farmer, did purchase of his Sister Sarah Sutton, of this same place for a valuable consideration in Money, and become lawfully seized of and in a certain colored boy named David Williams, now aged ten years the first day of March last post — Now Know Yea, that I Kittle Sutton afforesaid in conformity to the Laws customs and usages of the State of Delaware and for other good causes and consideration one thereunto moving, have Manumitted liberated and sett free, and by these preasants do manumitt liberate and sett free from slavery the said David Williams afforesaid from and after he shall arrive to the age of thirty years whitch will happen on the first day of March in the year of our LORD one Thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and I do for my self any heirs Executors Administrators or afsignes hereby quitt all claim to the servises of the said david Williams afforesaid and from the claims of all and every person or persons whomesoever, I do declare the said David Williams absolutely Free to all intents and purposes after the expiration of the said term of twenty years from the first day of March last post In testimony of whitch I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this first day of April in the year of our LORD one Thousand eight hundred and fifteen 1815—*

Signed Sealed — — } Kittle Sutton {Seal}
 & Delivered in presence of }
 Geo. - - Purie
 Margaret Peirce
 Newcastle County /s I George Purie Esq one of the founders of the Prase in and from said County do hereby certify that the above Manuission signed Sealed and delivered to be deposited with in my Possession Given under my hand and Seal the day and year above written
 Geo - - Purie

MANUMISSION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 1 of 4th M 1815 / Peter Hoxie took tea set the evening & lodged wuth us - We had also at tea Father ^& Mother Rodman & Neighbor Mumford. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



April 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2 of 4 M / Peter Hoxie at Breakfast - At meeting he was concern'd In testimony, twice in the Morning & in the Afternoon in testimony & supplication. -Jonathon Dennis Dined with us - I have today for the first time since my appointment, entered a little on the duties of an Overseer & was pretty well satisfied

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting
 Whereas Little Sutton of Pencader hundred New Castle
 County and State of Delaware Farmer, did purchase
 of his Sister Sarah Sutton, of the same place for a valuable
 consideration in Money, and became lawfully seized of and
 in a certain colored boy named David Williams, now
 aged ten years the first day of March last past
 Now Know Ye, that I Little Sutton aforesaid in conformity
 to the Laws customs and usages of the State of Delaware
 and for other good causes and considerations on this unto
 moving, have Manumitted liberated and sett free, and by these
 presents do manumitt liberate and sett free from slavery
 the said David Williams aforesaid from and after he shall
 arrive to the age of thirty years which will happen on the
 first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and thirty five, and I do for my self my
 heirs Executors Administrators or assigns hereby quell all
 claim to the service of the said David Williams aforesaid
 and from the claims of all and every person or persons
 whomsoever, I do declare the said David Williams absolutely
 free to all intents and purposes after the expiration of the said
 term of twenty years from the first day of March last past
 In testimony of which I have hereunto sett my hand
 and Seal this first day of April in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen 1815

Signed Sealed - }
 & Delivered in presence of }
 Geo. Puffer
 Margaret Peirce
 New Castle County

Little Sutton
 (Seal)

I George Puffer being one of the Justices of the
 Peace in and for said County do hereby certify that the above Manumitt
 was signed sealed and delivered to be recorded as such in my presence
 given under my hand and Seal the day and year above written



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with my labor tho' the result was not quite to my wishes. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



April 5, Wednesday: In Indonesia, 13,000-foot Mount Tambora (Gunung) on the north coast of Sumbawa Island blew 4,000 feet of its peak into the air, causing a tidal wave and a rain of rock fragments that killed 12,000 people on nearby islands. Before the explosion the mountain had been some 13,000 feet high, more or less, and afterward it has been measured at 9,350 feet. Some 40 cubic miles of tephra material had been blown into the skies of this planet.¹⁹⁸ This eventually caused a drop in temperature as the dust spread through the upper atmosphere of the planet, amounting to some 7 degrees in New England in the year 1816. The result would be crop-destroying frosts, and ice floes on the Thames River as it passed through London.¹⁹⁹ Because of the explosion of this Mount Tambora, of which they were unaware, Americans would come to refer to their year 1816 as “eighteen hundred and froze to death.”²⁰⁰

*“Beware the lo
heres,
and the lo
theres.”*

VOLCANIC EXPLOSIVITY INDEX (Logarithmic)

Timing	Volcanic Event	Logarithmic Explosivity Index
640,000 years ago	Yellowstone, Wyoming	VEI-8
74,000 years ago	Toba, Sumatra (the largest caldera in the world)	VEI-8
5,600 BCE	Mazama (forming Crater Lake)	VEI-7
1,620 BCE	Thera	VEI-7
79 CE	Vesuvius	VEI-5
April 10, 1815	Tambora, Indonesia	VEI-7
January 20, 1835	Cosigüía, Nicaragua	Very large
August 26, 1883	Krakatau	VEI-6
July 15, 1888	Bandaisan, Japan	Apparently not that much of an explosion
May 10, 1902	Mt. Pelée, Martinique	Apparently not that much of an explosion
January 30, 1911	Taal, Philippines	Apparently not that much of an explosion
June 6-8, 1912	Novarupta (near Mt. Katmai), Alaska	VEI-6

198. The explosion of Krakatoa in Indonesia in 1883, by way of contrast, would put 18 cubic miles of tephra material into the atmosphere, and would thus result in a lesser global weather excursion, although because of the topography of the lowlands of Sumatra and Java nearby some 36,000 people would be drowned as its tsunamis reached the other side of the narrow strait.

199. In 2004 scientists would uncover the remains of a native village under some 10 feet of ash, and the bodies of two adults. A remarkable similarity would be noted between the Tambora remains and those associated with the 79CE eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

200. This isn't Krakatoa, the volcano you've probably heard about. Krakatoa exploded in 1883.



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VOLCANIC EXPLOSIVITY INDEX (Logarithmic)

Timing	Volcanic Event	Logarithmic Explosivity Index
1919	Kelud, Java	Apparently not that much of an explosion
1932	Quizapú, Chile	Apparently not that much of an explosion
1947-1948	Hekla, Iceland	Apparently not that much of an explosion
1956	Bezmianny, Kamchatka	Apparently not that much of an explosion
June 15, 1991	Pinatubo, Philippines	VEI-6
May 18, 1980	Mount Saint Helens, USA	VEI-5
March 20-October 2010	Eyjafjallajökull	VEI-4

- VEI5** = Event of a size to be expected about once per decade
- VEI6** = Event of a size to be expected about once per century
- VEI7** = Event of a size to be expected every other millennium or so
- VEI8** = Event of a size to be expected every 10,000 years or so

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 4 M / We took tea at Aunt A Carpenter in company with My Mother, Br Isaac & wife

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 6, Thursday: The Allies mobilized vs. [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

The British guards discovered a small hole cut in an interior wall between two sectors of the prison complex on the Devonshire moor near Plymouth, England, and for some reason suddenly all began to fire indiscriminately down from the perimeter wall at the American sailors being held there as they exercised in the yard. In this turkey shoot, seven were killed outright or died soon of their wounds, and 31 were wounded but survived. Two of the dead and four of the wounded sailors were black, one of these but 14 years of age.

CRIMPING

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 4 M / Our Meetg was pretty well attended and silent A dwarfish time to me - but this Afternoon much exercised on acct of an Appointment I stand under to treat with D C Jr & wife -Oh the importance of right & caucious steppings

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th M 9 1st day / [note dating error] In the forenoon



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[illegible] *In the Afternoon poor silent Meeting*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 11, Tuesday: Field Marshal [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) arrived in Brussels from the Congress of Vienna to organize the defense of Europe against the international outlaw [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11th of 4th M 1815 / Rode to Rich Mitchells this morning to Meet the committee in case of D Chase Jr Staid there till dinner, & had the disagreeable feelings which the absense of four of the committee occasioned & returned home - found the absense of D W & his wife was occasioned by a misunderstanding A R was indisposed

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 4 M / Abel Collins was at Meeting & preached his advice was good & I believe his concern was sincere for the wellfare of the rising generation whom he chiefly addressed. - Meeting was pretty well attended - I dont know when I have seen the high seats so well filled with women. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 14, Friday: John Warren died of an inflammation of the lungs leading to heart failure.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 4 M / Rode with Abigail Robinson this forenoon to Ruth Mitchells - there dined. after dinner the committee met & went to visit Daniel Chase Jr & his Wife. The latter we found in a very unfavorable state of mind & they both persisted in denying what was alleged against them tho' we had Sufficent proof of their being very cruel to the child, that was placed under their care. -This opportunity was a very exercising one to the mind of all the committee, particularly in that we were unable to discover any sense of thier misconduct or signs of repentance - we returned to R Mitchells & took tea & then returned home -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 16, Sunday: Austrian forces recaptured Bologna from the revolutionaries. Gioachino Rossini, composer of *Inno dell'Indipendenza*, would come to have a police record.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 4 M / Our forenoon meeting large & solid - D Buffum



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declared the truth with Power – Father Rodman was concerned to rehearse the warning "Set thine House in order &c" H Dennis appeard in a few words – Silent in the Afternoon

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



April 19, Wednesday: Prince Lobkowitz agreed that as [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had demanded, his share of the composer's annual stipend would be paid at the new rate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 4th M 1815 / My mind has been for a considerable time very destitute & barran of good & I am ready to cry out My leaness My leaness. – last eveng was a little renew'd by the reading of the acct of Hans Nelsen Hought a Norwegian who had of late been much persecuted & imprisoned in that country on acct of his religion – his sentiments appear similar to Friends & he appears to have come forth much in the same manner as G Fox did in England. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



April 20, Thursday: Switzerland closed its border with France.

Bostonians Gottlieb Graupner, Asa Peabody, and Thomas Webb led a group of amateur singers to ratify a formal constitution called The Boston Handel and Haydn Society. This was the first such group in the United States.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 4 M / Our Meeting well attended & favor'd in silence - In the last (Preparative) while answering the Queries our fr Saml Thurston offer'd some weighty remarks particularly in reading the scriptures. – In the Afternoon met at the Meeting house with the committee in case of D Chase Jr & agreed on reports respecting him & his Wife Sorrowful Case –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



April 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 4th M / Meetings both silent - dull seasons to me -5th day 27th of 3rd M [not error] / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting stoped a little while on the way at Uncle S Thurstons - Our first meeting was silent & in the last we had much buisness & we sat five hours & the longest Monthly Meeting I ever recollect – The first buisness was to receive Wm Potter into membership. - Various other concerns came before us The most exercising of which was the cases of Daniel Chases Jr & Hannah his wife -They were both disowned – We dined at Uncle Thurstons. In riding home my H observed they had on the womens side of the House a very trying Meeting, but that they were greatly [?] assisted by the labor & service of Abigail Robinson



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who exerted herself Yesterday & went [illegible] there to day -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 4 M 1815 / This mornng just as we had done breakfast - Our friend John Heald came in with his companion James Boulton from the State of Ohio came in escorted by W Knowles -They were at Jamestown Meeting yesterday & came across the ferry this morning - At meeting in the forenoon John had a hard time but preached a little - They dined at Father Rodmans -In the Afternoon John was nearly silent a few words at the close of the meeting -they returned with us took tea & lodged & in the evening we had a number of friends call in to see them which made a pleasant social circle.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 1, Monday: Luigi Cherbini conducted the premiere of his Symphony in D with the Royal Philharmonic Society in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 5 M 1815 / We find our friends J Heald & J Boulton to be solid deep friends John a solid minister & James an Elder -having a meeting appointed at [Portsmouth](#) today I accompanied them thither & on the way stoped at S Thurstons - At Meeting John was quite shut up & at the close told us that he had endeavored to attend to duty as closely as he was capable of but had not seen a moment when it was safe for him to communicate one word in the ministry - We dined & took tea at Uncle Richd Mitchells, rode to town & stoped at D Williams & set the eveng & returned to our house to lodge - Their company maky - a little more more [illegible] H but she is glad to accompany [illegible] sympathy -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd 5th M 1815 / Our friend J Heald & J Boutlon left town for the Quarterly Meeting at Greenwich they went in the Boat with those who went from this Moy [Monthly] Meeting - I went down & saw them on board, & felt them a strong inclination to be with them, indeed my desires have been seldom stronger. but so it is, it seems to be improper for me to leave home at present - - They have to all appearance had a fine passage up, & I desire divine favor may attennd them & us who stay -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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 May 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 5th M / The General Election of state Officers took place in town today which has made a considerable parade - I for the first time in my life saw the Solemnity of organizing the Upper house, ie - The Governoer & Senate proclaimed & take their several engagements. - Governer Jones is a Noble Stately & reverant Man, whose charracter both as a private citizen & Governer of the State I very highly esteem - I consider he has been a great Blessing to the state since his election by his wise forbearing in every respect prudent conduct during the late War The day was wet & cold which I fear will prove dangerous to the health of many children. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 5 M / Our Meeting was Silent & rather Striped on the Upper seats the usual occupants being at Quarterly Meeting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 5 M / Our Friends returned from Qrtl Meeting they had pleasant Passages up & down - & had a pretty good meeting & say that Old Neal Casey a crazy black that has been long in John Caseys family deceased about 2 M ago - he was a great trial to John & a comfortable release in his Death. - John Heald James Boulton & [illegible] Dined with us & after Dinner [illegible lines] & lodged - Sister R set the Afternoon & evening

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th 5 M 1815 / Rote two letters to Little Compton announcing Meetings there on 2nd day [Monday] next - Acoaxet on 3rd day & at Center [Westport?] on 4th day - Our friends J Heald & J Boutlon will be at [Portsmouth](#) & at Tiverton tomorrow The former is the mornng & the latter in the afternoon

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 7, Sunday: [William Dickes](#) was born in Beechencliff, near Bath.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 5 M / In the forenoon meeting a Short communication



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In the Afternoon Silent. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 5 M / My Mother & Elizabeth Huntington set the afternoon with us.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 5 M / Recd a letter from my friend & old acquaintance Rowse Taylor in Ohio, it contained two sheets, its first date was 1st M 28th 1814 & the last 4 M [April] 12 1815 besides several that were included - In the eveng Brothers David & John & Sister Ruth came to hear it read - its contents is very interesting Rowse was a Brother much beloved when here among us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 5 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended, Silent & rather a dull time. - In the eveng went over to Thos Robinson to shew them the letter I had recd from Rowse Taylor which dear Abigail read with much interest & her father & mother heard it with an equal share[?]

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 5 M / I had calculated to go to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to visit My Cousins Zacheus Chase & family, but such is the uncertainty of things - my wife is much engaged in cleaning house [illegible] can not spare me, my attention being requisite to John, besides the sky is overcast & the air raw, which renders the walk less desirable & two of Brother Isaacs children & two of Br Davids are quite sick probably coming down with the Measils & it is likely John may have the [next three lines illegible]

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 14, Sunday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) signed to pay damages to Ferdinando Cavanna, father of pregnant 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 14 of 5 M 1815 / Our forenoon Meeting large & silent.
In the Afternoon small & a few words deliverd - Walked with Br
D Rodman up to J Dennis & took tea & read to them the letters I
lately recd from Rowse Taylor. -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 15, Monday: Having signed to pay damages to Ferdinando Cavanna, father of pregnant 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#), [Nicolò Paganini](#) was released from the tower in Genoa after a confinement of 8 days (he would abrogate the agreement, submitting a counter-charge of extortion).

King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia created the Grand Duchy of Posen out of the Polish lands under his control.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 15 of 5 M / Recd this mornng a letter from Uncle Stanton containing a pressing invitation to go & pay them a visit in NY to which has brought me to c conclusion to go directly after our Yearly Meeting if nothing urgent seems to present -
This eveng called to see Wm Lee [?] & his family soon after his wife had expired [?] found them in much affliction but alass such was the leaness of my mind that I was not [illegible] to enter into those feeling which would do them good much less to communicate words - I proffered such assistance as was in my power & left them. -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16th of 5th M / Called again to see Wm Lee & experienced a little more favor in my own particular, but far short of what I wanted to feel I have been much occupied thro the Day in While Washing & cleaning my shop. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17th 5 m / Pretty much occupied in cleaning up the Shop &c My mind has this Afternoon been favord with the Arisings of life & desires raised yea aspirations have assended for help, for releaf from - the barranness & emptiness of [?] which hath for some time been my portion

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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 May 18, Sunday: Saxony signed a treaty of peace with Prussia, Russia, and Austria. Most of Saxon territory was ceded to Prussia.

King Ferdinando IV of Sicily was restored to his throne as Ferdinando I, King of the Two Sicilies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 5 M / At meeting D Buffum was concerned in a living & feeling testimony on the subject of Affliction which seemed like a brook by the way - In the Afternoon attended the funeral of Lydia Lee Wife of Wm Lee D Buffum & Hannah Dennis was concernd [illegible] & pertinent testimony [last four lines nearly illegible]

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 20, Tuesday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) sued Ferdinando Cavanna, father of pregnant 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#), for extortion.

Stephen Decatur sailed from New-York for the Mediterranean with a fleet of 10 ships, to deal with the [Barbary pirates](#).

Sir Ralph Milbanke obtained authorization from the Prince-Regent to take the name and arms of Noel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th [sic] day 20th of 5 M 1815 / Disappointments are often the lor of all - I cannot help feeling one of Minor importance in a considerable degree I had calculated on going this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) to visit my beloved Relations Zacheus Chase & his wife, but the weather is so cool & the ground so wet that it looks like an unfavorable time. - As the probability is from the age of my afore mentioned relations - the loved & greatly beloved scenes of my youth will not long remain unbroken I am a little disappointed in not being able to go conveniently, but disappointments are frequently good for us. & Such minor ones being patiently submitted to may tend to insure the mind to greatr[?] ones

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 21, Sunday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia created the Kingdom of Poland, under his rule.

The people of Naples rose against their monarchy (the royal family, however, was being well protected by British troops).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 5 M / In the forenoon D Buffum & Father Rodman were concerned in testimony both lively & pertinent - In the Afternoon Father again appeared to my satisfaction & in some degree Awakening.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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 May 22, Monday: United States forces peacefully reoccupied [Fort Niagara](#), very much the worse for wear, as British forces retired once again to their old position at Fort George, which had become nothing but a ruin, and to a new post, Fort Mississauga, that they had in 1814 begun at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

Prince Leopoldo di Bordone of Salerno, younger brother of King Ferdinando IV of Naples, entered Naples accompanied by Austrian generals, and the king was restored to the throne.

Austrian troops captured Rome.

King Friedrich Wilhelm ordered that a commission be empaneled to draw up a constitution for Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 5 M / Our kind & dear young friend Mary Briggs spent the day with us assisting my H in her sewing preparatory to our Yearly Meeting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 24, Wednesday: The *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung* reported that Antonio Salieri had recovered from a “serious illness.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 5 M / Mary Briggs spent the day with us her Company is allways Acceptable - also Sister Mary Rodman

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 26, Friday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia and King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia departed from Vienna for the allied military headquarters at Heilbronn.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 5 M 1815 / Saml Vinson & Wife set the Afternoon with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27th of 5 M / Uncle Wm Mitchell & Sister Ruth set the Afternoon with us the good old man is pleasant & [illegible] edifying. -

In the 26th of this M A man of my acquaintance by the name of Cary Congdon hanged himself - the circumstances attending the case are very remarkable - he was upwards of 30 Years old had a wife & [-] children the last time his wife was put to bed she had twins which with the depression of the times, sunk his



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spirits, & he had for sometime been observed to be in a strange way & to some of his intimates had expressed his design of ending his own existence -but notwithstanding he had a large family in better times he had acquired a little property & had not much diminished it during the War, in the latter part of the Afternoon he went from his house to the Stable where he kept a Cow & threw down hay for the night & then with a skein of Shoethread hanged himself to a beam in the Stable & the Cow after he was removed was put in the stable but in the following morning it was observed that she had eaten nothing, the next night she was put in again & in the Morning she was found near the door tumbling & much agitated - the next night the attempt was made to put her into the Stable again but she refused to go & altho she was forced by a number of men they were unable to effect it she would break through them in spite of all they could do & further attempts were given over - hay on the outside of the Stable was given her which she ate with readiness - It is very remarkable that she appear'd to have eaten nothing from the time he hung himself until they offer'd her food out of it - there are some congectures with respect to the reasons, but all fall far short of accounting for them - She was not in the stable at the time the deed was done - an attempt was made to bleed him but as blood was obtained so that the smell of blood could not affright her- Why is it not reasonable & just to conclude that the Cow was an instrument in the hand of the Almighty to express to survivors the wickedness of the act by showing horror & a total aversion to the Spot where the act was done - It is remarkable that an half brother of Carys who lived in Wickford ended his own existence but about 3 of 4 weeks ago - This man had small family & was wealthy - how horrible & what poor frail things we are at best, but especially when we loose confidence in that Almighty Power who provides every [illegible] Sparrows & will not leave poor man when [—?—] on HIM

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5 M 1815 / Our Meeting was to my mind a solid solemn favord season for which I feel thankful Our fr D Buffum deliverd a solemn testimony & father Rodman I thought was favord in a short testimony I am staying at home this Afternoon while my H has gone to Meeting - to take care of John who is not very well -he has held several meetings & preached several little sermons which were more innocent & quite as edifying as many that will be deliverd at the different Meeting houses in town this Afternoon

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 May 25, Thursday: [Washington Irving](#) embarked upon a 17-year expedition through Europe.

Prussia annexed the Duchy of AreMBERG, the Principality of Rheina-Wolbeck, the Counties of Rietberg, Salm-Horstmar, and Steinfurt, the southern part of Münster, and the City of Dortmund. Essen, Paderborn, and Minden were returned to Prussia. Part of northern Münster was transferred to Hannover.

Adam Czartoryski's PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE POLISH KINGDOM was published in Vienna. This guaranteed independence to Poland, with an independent judiciary and civil rights for peasants and Jews.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 5 M / Our first Meeting was silent & I believe a low season In the mast (Monthly Meeting) we had a low & exercising season I was so under the hatches that I scarcely opened my mouth to help the buisness forward at all - The committee report respecting the state of society was considerd but from some cause it labord so hard that no way opened to appoint a committee to labor for the help of the weak or those who needed council & the case was referd to next Moy [Monthly] Meeting -Testimony respecting Danl & H Chase were agreed on & directed to be renderd[?] - but among other of the exercising subjects [-?] pleasant nature occur'd which was a report from Susanna Sherman of [Portsmouth](#) to be admitted to Membership Wmm Mitchell from Nine Partners attended & made some few pertinent remarks - Benj Mott Peter Lawton [-illegible-] with us

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 June: Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) became involved in the New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#). He would be asked to help make decisions regarding the Quaker meetinghouse in Boston. According to the diary kept by Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), on the second day of the yearly meeting, in the afternoon, this man of color was among the “public laborers,” which is to say, among those who stood and doffed their hats and spoke from the silence of worship. The public laborers whom Friend Stephen heard were:

- Friend Rowland Green
- Friend Elisha Thornton
- Friend [Moses Brown](#)
- Friend [Paul Cuffe](#)

This is the first time that ever a man of colour delivered his opinion in our Yearly Meeting and I guess in any in the World.

 June 1, Thursday: In Paris, a massive celebration took place on the Champ de Mars, overseen by [Napoléon Bonaparte](#). This had been advertised as a ceremony to announce the results of the plebescite on the Additional Act to the Imperial Constitution, in which 99.9993% of the votes cast by the Frenchmen had been in favor of their emperor.

Samuel Wesley was elected to full membership of the new Philharmonic Society.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 1 of 6 M 1815 / Our meeting today was rather small & many



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of us I believe was variously [?] situated observed some who at seasons I have reason to believe are fresh & lively to [illegible] some whose countenances bespoke much langor in the inward life who were not ?? with sleep & I believe some could say at the close of the meeting they had been with Jesus & experienced his enlivening presence to do them good - It was with me a better season than common.

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 June 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4 of 6 M / Our forenoon meeting was pretty large & a season of Divine favor A Robinson was engaged in a short but very sweet testimony of encouragement to such as were under Affliction
In the Afternoon we were Silent but it appeared to most be a wakening season Israels Shepherd being near & extending his Crook around the gathering [last two lines illegible]*

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 June 7, Wednesday: [Walton Felch](#) got married with Lydia Inman. The couple would produce one child, Hiram E. Felch of Boston.

As Austrian occupation troops departed from Rome, the temporal power of Pope Pius VII was restored.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 7th 4th of the Week 1815 / Recd this morning an affectionate & very acceptable testimony of the continued remembrance & love of my friend Micajah Collins dated at NYork the 1st inst - It met me at a moment when my heart was tender & ready to receive the impressions that such as communication would be likely to excite from an old & long loved friend. - The NYork packet arrived this mornng brought a considerable Number of friends to attend the Yearly Meeting among whom were Edw Stabler, Isaac Bonsall, Rich'd Mott, John Murray Jr & wife & several Women. - I feel desirous they may be instruments of good

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 June 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 6 M 1815 / Our Meeting in consequence of the strangers who attended it was larger than usual & Rich'd Mott preached very Sweetly & quite to my satisfaction - his opening was the "New Name & the White Stone" which enlarged on very interestingly. father Rodman near the close deliverd a short but pertinent & to my mind Savory testimony
At the close of the Meeting John Winslow of Portland appointed*



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a Meeting for the People of colour without previous consulting friends of this Meeting & the hour proposed 7 OC PM & the time altogether being improper & some other circumstances renderd it a very exercising case & very little information was given by friends however at the time considerable number of White & blacks collected & John preached till almost 10 OClock & I thought on the whole he was in a degree favor'd & Truth presented from re [illegible] - I had the house lighted as one of the committee for the purpose & determined to help out a trying case as well as I could

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June 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 9th of 6 M / Had a short [illegible from Wm Burling in my [next three lines nearly illegible]

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June 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 6 M 1815 / Many friends have come to Town & we have for lodgers Our valued friend Hannah Pope formerly of Bolton now of Baltimore, & her Sister in law Ann - Daniel Johnson & Isaac Bassett, Daniel & [blank] Holder sons of our fr Thos Holder of Bolton - - - I have desired & do renewedly desire that this Yearly Meeting may prove to me a season of favor & quiet beyond what I have sometimes experienced - -& I think I have made a pretty good beginning. -

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June 11, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) noted in his journal an entirely silent session of the Friends Yearly Meeting:

1st day Our Meeting this forenoon was large as usual & much favor'd our fr Edw Stabler of Alexandria was much favor'd in a long & excellent communication - I think I never saw the people more attentive & Still in the Yard - In the Afternoon a larger concourse of people assembled than in the Morning, but to the great disappointment of the multitude there was not a single offering in the course of the Afternoon & it is the first silent Yearly Meeting I ever recollect & I believe is the only instance that has occurd in my Life - considering there was no preaching the people were as still as could be expected - between meetings our fr John Heald & his companion James Boulton arrived & took Quarters with us. -In addition to our usual family we had at tea Ezra Collins, Jonathon Chase & two Long Island young friends also Nancy Brown -



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June 12, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friends Yearly Meeting continued, and [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made notes in his journal:

2nd day / The meeting met this mornng under a solemn covering the first remark was from D Buffum who expressed his thankfulness in being permitted to attend another annual solemnity & a desire that friends might abide under that influence which would rightly direct all our movements, next father Rodman subjoined a few further remarks & a little hinted at the necessity of keeping from moving out of the right spirit which causes the Ark to jostle - then Peter Hoxie & then Edw Stabler took in the whole & pointed out the order of society in a clear oint of view & the harmony & simplicity of the Truth - The meeting was moved to Action by D Buffum. Saml Rodman the former Clerk was absent & Wm Rotch Jnr as Clerk of the meeting for Sufferings according to discipline Opened the Meeting Then John Murray Jr of NYork made soe sweet & very pertinent remarks - Epistles were recd from all the Yearly Meetings in the world & the usual rotines [sic] of buisness were Gone thro' with great apparent harmony & love my name was on the committee to answer the Epistles but alas that most probably will be all, as neither my time nor tallents will admit of my being useful in that capacity - I was however thankful in being made partaker of the good things before us & may acknowledge divine favor thus far. -At 4 OClock the meeting met by appointment, the subject of the School underwent some discussion but a further deliberation right not to another sitting - that of the Meeting house in Boston was acted upon & a committee[?] appointed to investigate the case & report suitable trustees to REview & hold the porperty & what in their judgement is best to be done to building a New meeting house. The present one being so decayed as to be unsafe for use. A committee was appointed to consider of the propriety of a proposition from Salem Quarter to divide their Quarterly Meeting & report to a future sitting. - I thought in the first of the sitting a pretty good savor of life was to be felt but it diminished & according to my understanding we did not conclude so well as we began. -

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June 13, Tuesday: The term “civilized” was in this year coming into currency among us civilized peoples, as an explanation of sorts for our manifest superiority over the remainder of God’s creation. We updated and generalized the invidious distinction between the inexperienced rural hicks or rubes, on the one hand, and the suave urban slickers, on the other—a distinction which had been hanging around in our cultures at least since the days of [Aesop](#)—and made it serve as a distinction between those humans who still live their lives as part of extended tribes, on the one hand, and those humans who, on the other, have lost all traces of their tribal allegiance save an allegiance to a mini-tribe known as “my family.” “Civilized” means that it’s because we live in cities, that we’re ever so much better than you, yeah.²⁰¹



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made a record that now indicates to us that some Quakers must have been having, in their general white racism, difficulty accepting non-whites such as [Friend Paul Cuffe](#) as their social equals, regardless of whatever wealth and accomplishment:

3rd day / At 10 OClock the Meeting met by adjournment The Meeting enterd on the State of society & after the first Queries & answers thereto was heard - we recd a visit from Jemima Shorwell which was short but very sweet, she addressed the young men very sweetly inviting them to come taste & see how good the Lord is -when she retired we resumed the state of society Many remarks were made by J Murray, R Mott, J Bonsill D Buffum, [Moses Brown](#) Wm Rotch Jr & by a large number of Minor laborers, some to the purpose & some greatly out of joint - with respect to the subject of Love & Unity. The intemperate use of spirituuous liquor & our testimony against War a pretty general exercise spread over the meeting for the advancement of our concerns with respect [illegible] & the committee to prepare epistles were directed to prepare an epistle to the Quarterly Meeting expressive of the Meetings exercise & desiring individual labot for the advancement of the exercise? of Truth &c. - to give the committees opportunity to investigate the subjects committed to them - The meeting adjourned till tomorrow morning -We had at Dinner a large company - also at tea & among the rest Brother [Paul Cuffee](#) - it appeard to be a new experience to most of the company to sit down to a table & eat with a man of colour, but however I am glad to insert that none were displeasd & with some it was rather gratifying to have it to say that they had had the opportunity of being with him - After tea our dear old friend John Casey came in & spent a little while in very pleasant & edifying conversation. after he went out our company

201. Etymologically, the Indo-European origins of “city” and “cemetery” are very entangled, entangled indeed. Isn’t it interesting that, when we obtained a term to distinguish ourselves in 1815 from all the non-white peoples who needed to die out to make room for us, we chose a positive coinage such as “civilization,” for ourselves, rather than a more accurate negative coinage such as “cemeterization,” for them?



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[illegible] & in a short time we drew into silence & J Heald expressed a few words much in the sweetness & we then retired to rest²⁰²

We may hope that, digesting this meal, Captain [Cuffe](#) was able to look back and feel rather gratified to say that he had had the opportunity to break bread with this assortment of oh-so-pleasant oh-so-condescending honkies.



June 14, Wednesday: The Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin became a Grand Duchy. Duke Friedrich Franz I took on the title of Grand Duke.

[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) reached the border with the Low Countries at Beaumont.

Per the journal of [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#), the [Quakers](#) met to consider the Yearly Meeting boarding school being proposed for [Providence, Rhode Island](#):

4th day / The meeting met at 10 O'clock The subject of the Yearly meeting school occupied the most of the sitting a large committee was appointed to digest & further investigate the subject & report to the next sitting The committee on the Epistles wer engaged from half past 2 OC till 5 OC when the meeting met & tho' the epistles were not all digested before of the committee & two of them untouched yet they were all read & passed the Meeting – there were but five of us that could attend to them Vizt Thos Howland, Abraham Sherman Jr Jas Scott & myself all new & inexpeerenced except Thos. The others of the committtee attend the School committee which met at the same time which deprived us of many experienced helpers The School committee not having fully gone to the subject, it was refer'd another year & they joined to the Meeting for Sufferings further to digest & proceed as far within the time as they may think advisable, & the meeting came to a conclusion tho' not till it was so dark that the Clerk was scarcely able to read.

“MOSES BROWN SCHOOL”

202. Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote this putting upward the bright shiny congratulatory side of this coin (“Look at what great people we are, we are actually able to overcome our disinclinations and actually able to sit down politely and actually consume food at the very same table with a person of another race!! We didn’t even need to throw up afterward!!”) but clearly this bright coin of acceptance and brotherhood had another –more unpleasant –more uncongratulatory side to it.



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June 15, Thursday: Beating back Prussian resistance, Napoléon's army crossed the Sambre River at Charleroi and Marchiennes and proceeded in the direction of Brussels, 50 kilometers to the north.

The first *Burschenschaft* was formed at Jena (this student organization, its motto "Honor, Liberty, Fatherland," would become the basis of the [German](#) Nationalist Movement).

French physician [René-Théophile-Hyacinthe Laënnec](#) was appointed to Necker Hospital in Paris (in that institution, during September 1816, he would create the [stethoscope](#)).

[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave the initial of a pair of very well received performances at the Deutsches Theater in Pest.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / This mornng Our Bolton lodgers Hannah & Ann Pope left us & went in the [Providence](#) Packet homeward. The two Women felt near my best feelings, as has many others who have been with us. Our Meeting was large & our friend Edward Stabler was largely opened in Doctrine & his communication was attended with a large degree of that power which reached the heart – Richd Mott was also engaged in a short but loving & well adapted testimony At 3 OC PM our friend John Heald & James Boulton left us, & with them our house was evacuated of our Y Meeting friends they having left us before. The rest of the Afternoon, tho' free from care to what we have been has been – In the evening Wm Burling called to See us with [-blank] whose company was very pleasant - but it so happened that in the forepart of it I was our at Thos Robinsons to wait on our soucin Hazard over to lodge at my Mothers while there Richard Mott had a sitting in the family & preached with is much humility & sweetness –

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June 16, Friday: Despite heavy losses, the French beat back Prussian (and other German) forces at Ligny, while the British/Dutch repelled the French at Quatre-Bras. The day's fighting created more than 25,000 casualties.

11-year-old Karl II replaced Friedrich Wilhelm as Duke of Brunswick, under regency.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Called this morning at Elizabeth Hoxies to sit a little while with Jemima Shotwell Ann Yarnall & Sarah Sutton whose company I found very sweetly interesting, - should have been glad to have had more of it & if they do not go to Providnence tomorrow they engaged to sit the Afternoon with us. – This Afternoon My Mother & Cousin Hazard, with Sister Ruth set the Afternoon with us - Thos Hornsby joined us at tea also Lewis Clarke

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 June 17, Saturday: The *USS Constellation* defeated the Algerian flagship *Mashuda* off Gibraltar. Admiral Reis Hammida and 30 crew members were killed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day / Our fr Jemima Shotwell paid us a visit of a few minutes just before she left us this morning for [Providence](#) it was very sweet & cordial to our minds – I have been (as was as my dear H) occupied most of the day in preparing for my intended visit to NYork

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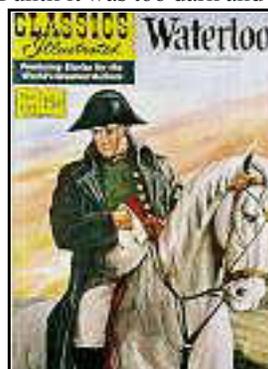
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 June 18, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in München.

Into an area of just less than three square miles of fields near the village of Waterloo in northern Europe, various commanders crammed 140,000 men and 30,000 horses — and then instructed the men to kill each other.



They killed each other from 11:25AM until it was too dark and they were too tired to kill each other any more.

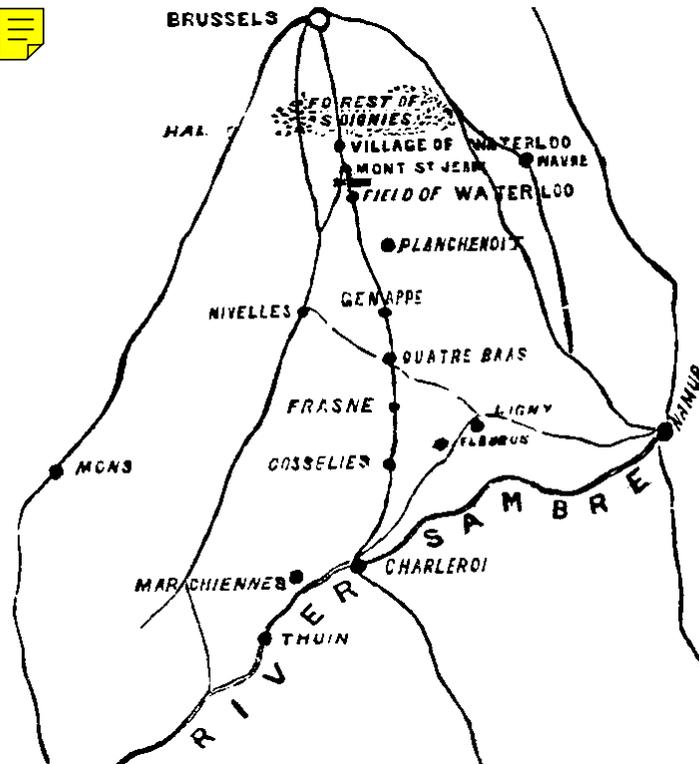


When the situation had become hopeless for the French forces, the English called on the commander of Napoleon's famous Imperial Guard to surrender the forces still under his command. He responded "Merde."

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Bonaparte himself had decided there was no point in sticking around after 8:30PM but the slaughter continued until at least 10:00PM, with at least 47,000 of the men dead or so badly wounded as not to be able to continue killing each other.²⁰³



That is to say, in more conventional language, that [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) and Blücher defeated the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) at Waterloo (actually, of course, these gentlemen themselves did no fighting on that

203. An entire generation of Europeans would be able to wear what they would refer to as “Waterloo teeth,” yanked from the gaping mouths of the corpses of fallen young men. (The horses also provided their teeth, and the Duke of York would have a corridor of Oaklands, his home in Surrey, lined with the teeth of horses killed during this battle. I haven’t been able to obtain any statistics on how many of the horses killed each other; however, the presence of the horses was not exactly what you could call innocent, as their usefulness in war had driven up the price of horse fodder to ridiculous levels and for years had been interfering with the ability of ordinary people to move around in the world. With the warfare on the continent over, the price of fodder would plummet, and suddenly tramlines drawn by giant Shire horses would again become able to compete economically against the barges on canals.)

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day). A boot termed the “Wellington” would become popular, named after the British general at Waterloo.

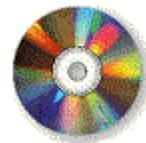


It was lighter than the “Blüchers” that had been worn by some since the turn of the century but that had become quite popular in the previous year when this Prussian general had visited London. The Wellington boot was made of soft, thin calfskin and fitted close to the leg as far as the knee so that it could be worn under long trousers that were fastened with a strap under the sole of the boot. But, whichever boot you prefer, these two generals had booted Napoleon right out of Europe.

“Thou first and last of fields, king-making victory!”—[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#).



“[A nation is] a group of people united by a mistaken view about the past and a hatred of their neighbors.”
— E. Renan, *QU’EST-CE QU’UNE NATION?*





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"Brilliant generalship in itself is a frightening thing – the very idea that the thought processes of a single brain of a Hannibal or a Scipio can play themselves out in the destruction of thousands of young men in an afternoon."



– Victor Davis Hanson, *CARNAGE AND CULTURE: LANDMARK BATTLES IN THE RISE OF WESTERN POWER* (NY: Doubleday, 2001)



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England has now been blest with thirty-seven years of peace. At no other period of her history can a similarly long cessation from a state of warfare be found. It is true that our troops have had battles to fight during this interval for the protection and extension of our Indian possessions and our colonies; but these have been with distant and unimportant enemies. The danger has never been brought near our own shores, and no matter of vital importance to our empire has ever been at stake. We have not had hostilities with either France, America, or Russia; and when not at war with any of our peers, we feel ourselves to be substantially at peace. There has, indeed, throughout this long period, been no great war, like those with which the previous history of Modern Europe abounds. There have been formidable collisions between particular states; and there have been still more formidable collisions between the armed champions of the conflicting principles of absolutism and democracy; but there has been no general war, like those of the French Revolution, like the American, or the Seven Years' War, or like the War of the Spanish Succession. It would be far too much to augur from this, that no similar wars will again convulse the world; but the value of the period of peace which Europe has gained, is incalculable; even if we look on it as only a truce, and expect again to see the nations of the earth recur to what some philosophers have termed man's natural state of warfare. No equal number of years can be found, during which science, commerce, and civilization have advanced so rapidly and so extensively, as has been the case since 1815. When we trace their progress, especially in this country, it is impossible not to feel that their wondrous development has been mainly due to the land having been at peace. Their good effects cannot be obliterated, even if a series of wars were to recommence. When we reflect on this, and contrast these thirty-seven years with the period that preceded them, a period of violence, of tumult, of unrestingly destructive energy,—a period throughout which the wealth of nations was scattered like sand, and the blood of nations lavished like water,—it is impossible not to look with deep interest on the final crisis of that dark and dreadful epoch; the crisis out of which our own happier cycle of years has been evolved. The great battle which ended the twenty-three years' war of the first French Revolution, and which quelled the man whose genius and ambition had so long disturbed and desolated the world, deserves to be regarded by us, not only with peculiar pride, as one of our greatest national victories, but with peculiar gratitude for the repose which it secured for us, and for the greater part of the human race. One good test for determining the importance of Waterloo, is to ascertain what was felt by wise and prudent statesmen before that battle, respecting the return of Napoleon from Elba to the Imperial throne of France, and the probable effects of his success. For this purpose, I will quote the words, not of any of our vehement anti-Gallican politicians of the school of Pitt, but of a leader of our Liberal party, of a man whose reputation



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as a jurist, a historian, and a far-sighted and candid statesman, was, and is, deservedly high, not only in this country, but throughout Europe. Sir James Mackintosh, in the debate in the British House of Commons, on the 20th April, 1815, spoke thus of the return from Elba:

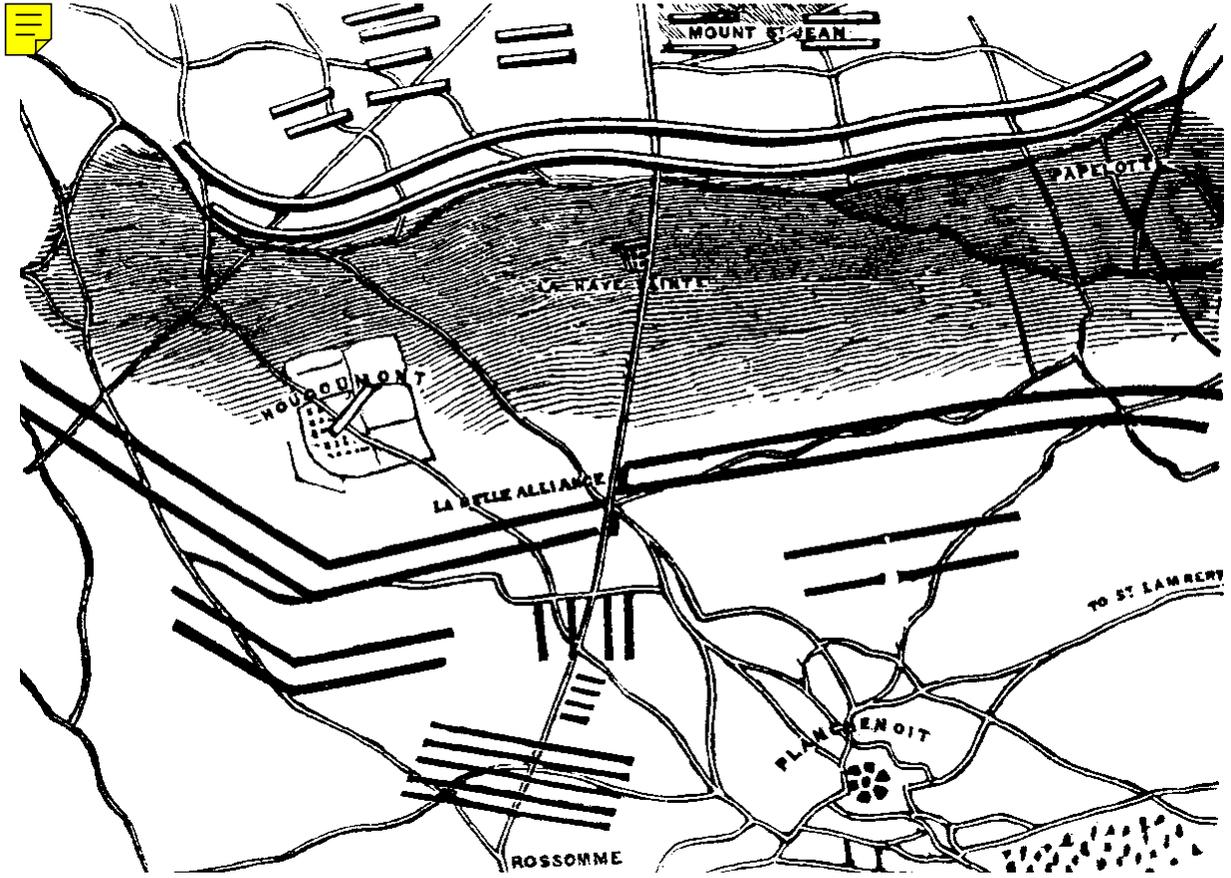
"Was it in the power of language to describe the evil? Wars which had raged for more than twenty years throughout Europe; which had spread blood and desolation from Cadiz to Moscow, and from Naples to Copenhagen; which had wasted the means of human enjoyment, and destroyed the instruments of social improvement; which threatened to diffuse among the European nations, the dissolute and ferocious habits of a predatory soldiery, – at length, by one of those vicissitudes which bid defiance to the foresight of man, had been brought to a close, upon the whole, happy beyond all reasonable expectation, with no violent shock to national independence, with some tolerable compromise between the opinions of the age and reverence due to ancient institutions; with no too signal or mortifying triumph over the legitimate interests or avowable feelings of any numerous body of men, and, above all, without those retaliations against nations or parties, which beget new convulsions, often as horrible as those which they close, and perpetuate revenge and hatred and bloodshed, from age to age. Europe seemed to breathe after her sufferings. In the midst of this fair prospect, and of these consolatory hopes, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from Elba; three small vessels reached the coast of Provence; our hopes are instantly dispelled; the work of our toil and

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fortitude is undone; the blood of Europe is spilt in vain –

“Ibi omnis effusus labor!”



The Congress of Emperors, Kings, Princes, Generals, and Statesmen, who had assembled at Vienna to remodel the world after the overthrow of the mighty conqueror, and who thought that Napoleon had passed away for ever from the great drama of European politics, had not yet completed their triumphant festivities, and their diplomatic toils, when Talleyrand, on the 11th of March, 1815, rose up among them, and announced that the ex-emperor had escaped from Elba, and was Emperor of France once more. It is recorded by Sir Walter Scott, as a curious physiological fact, that, the first effect of the news of an event which threatened to neutralize all their labors, was to excite a loud burst of laughter from nearly every member of the Congress. But the jest was a bitter one: and they soon were deeply busied in anxious deliberations respecting the mode in which they should encounter their arch-enemy, who had thus started from torpor and obscurity into renovated splendor and strength:

“Qualis ubi in lucem coluber mala gramina pastus,
Frigida sub terra, tumidum quem bruma tegebat.
Nunc positus novus exuviis nitidusque juvena,
Lubrica convolvit sublato pectore terga
Arduus ad solem, et linguis micat ore trisulcis.”



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— Virgil, Aen.

Napoleon sought to disunite the formidable confederacy, which he knew would be arrayed against him, by endeavoring to negotiate separately with each of the allied sovereigns. It is said that Austria and Russia were at first not unwilling to treat with him. Disputes and jealousies had been rife among several of the Allies on the subject of the division of the conquered countries; and the cordial unanimity with which they had acted during 1813 and the first months of 1814, had grown chill, during some weeks of discussions. But the active exertions of Talleyrand, who represented Louis XVIII at the Congress, and who both hated and feared Napoleon with all the intensity of which his powerful spirit was capable, prevented the secession of any member of the Congress from the new great league against their ancient enemy. Still it is highly probably that if Napoleon had triumphed in Belgium over the Prussians and the English, he would have succeeded in opening negotiations with the Austrians and Russians; and he might have thus gained advantages similar to those which he had obtained on his return from Egypt, when he induced the Czar Paul to withdraw the Russian armies from cooperating with the other enemies of France in the extremity of peril to which she seemed reduced in 1799. But fortune now had deserted him both in diplomacy and in war.

On the 13th of March, 1815, the Ministers of the seven powers, Austria, Spain, England, Portugal, Prussia, Russia, and Sweden, signed a manifesto, by which they declared Napoleon an outlaw; and this denunciation was instantly followed up by a treaty between England, Austria, Prussia, and Russia (to which other powers soon acceded), by which the rulers of those countries bound themselves to enforce that decree, and to prosecute the war until Napoleon should be driven from the throne of France, and rendered incapable of disturbing the peace of Europe. The Duke of Wellington was the representative of England at the Congress of Vienna, and he was immediately applied to for his advice on the plan of military operations against France. It was obvious that Belgium would be the first battlefield; and by the general wish of the Allies, the English Duke proceeded thither to assemble an army from the contingents of Dutch, Belgian, and Hanoverian troops, that were most speedily available, and from the English regiments which his own Government was hastening to send over from this country. A strong Prussian corps was near Aix-la-Chapelle, having remained there since the campaign of the preceding year. This was largely reinforced by other troops of the same nation; and Marshal Blucher, the favorite hero of the Prussian soldiery, and the deadliest foe of France, assumed the command of this army, which was the Lower Rhine; and which, in conjunction with Wellington's forces, was to make the van of the armaments of the Allied Powers. Meanwhile Prince Swartzenburg was to collect 130,000 Austrians, and 124,000 troops of other Germanic States, as "the Army of the Upper Rhine;" and 168,000 Russians, under the command of Barclay de Tolly, were to form "the army of the Middle Rhine," and to repeat the march from Muscovy to that river's banks.



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The exertions which the Allied Powers thus made at this crisis to grapple promptly with the French emperor have truly been termed gigantic; and never were Napoleon's genius and activity more signally displayed, than in the celerity and skill by which he brought forward all the military resources of France, which the reverses of the three preceding years, and the pacific policy of the Bourbons during the months of their first restoration, had greatly diminished and disorganized. He re-entered Paris on the 20th of March, and by the end of May, besides sending a force into La Vendee to put down the aimed risings of the royalists in that province, and besides providing troops under Massena and Suchet for the defense of the southern frontiers of France, Napoleon had an army assembled in the northeast for active operations under his own command, which amounted to between one hundred and twenty, and one hundred and thirty thousand men, with a superb park of artillery and in the highest possible state of equipment, discipline, and efficiency. The approach of the multitudinous Russian, Austrian, Bavarian, and other foes of the French Emperor to the Rhine was necessarily slow; but the two most active of the allied powers had occupied Belgium with their troops, while Napoleon was organizing his forces. Marshal Blucher was there with one hundred and sixteen thousand Prussians; and, before the end of May, the Duke of Wellington was there also with about one hundred and six thousand troops, either British or in British pay. [Wellington had but a small part of his old. Peninsular army in Belgium. The flower of it, had been sent on the expeditions against America. His troops in 1815, were chiefly second battalions, or regiments lately filled up with new recruits.] Napoleon determined to attack these enemies in Belgium. The disparity of numbers was indeed great, but delay was sure to increase the proportionate numerical superiority of his enemies over his own ranks. The French Emperor considered also that "the enemy's troops were now cantoned under the command of two generals, and composed of nations differing both in interest and in feelings." His own army was under his own sole command. It was composed exclusively of French soldiers, mostly of veterans, well acquainted with their officers and with each other, and full of enthusiastic confidence in their commander. If he could separate the Prussians from the British, so as to attack each singly, he felt sanguine of success, not only against these the most resolute of his many adversaries, but also against the other masses, that were slowly laboring up against his eastern dominions. The triple chain of strong fortresses, which the French possessed on the Belgian frontier, formed a curtain, behind which Napoleon was able to concentrate his army, and to conceal, till the very last moment, the precise line of attack which he intended to take. On the other hand, Blucher and Wellington were obliged to canton their troops along a line of open country of considerable length, so as to watch for the outbreak of Napoleon from whichever point. of his chain of strongholds he should please to make it. Blucher, with his army, occupied the banks of the Sambre and the Meuse, from Liege on his left, to Charleroi on his right; and the Duke of Wellington covered Brussels; his



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cantonments being partly in front of that city and between it and the French frontier, and partly on its west; their extreme right reaching to Courtray and Tournay, while the left approached Charleroi and communicated with the Prussian right. It was upon Charleroi that Napoleon resolved to level his attack, in hopes of severing the two allied armies from each other, and then pursuing his favorite tactic of assailing each separately with a superior force on the battle-field, though the aggregate of their numbers considerably exceeded his own.

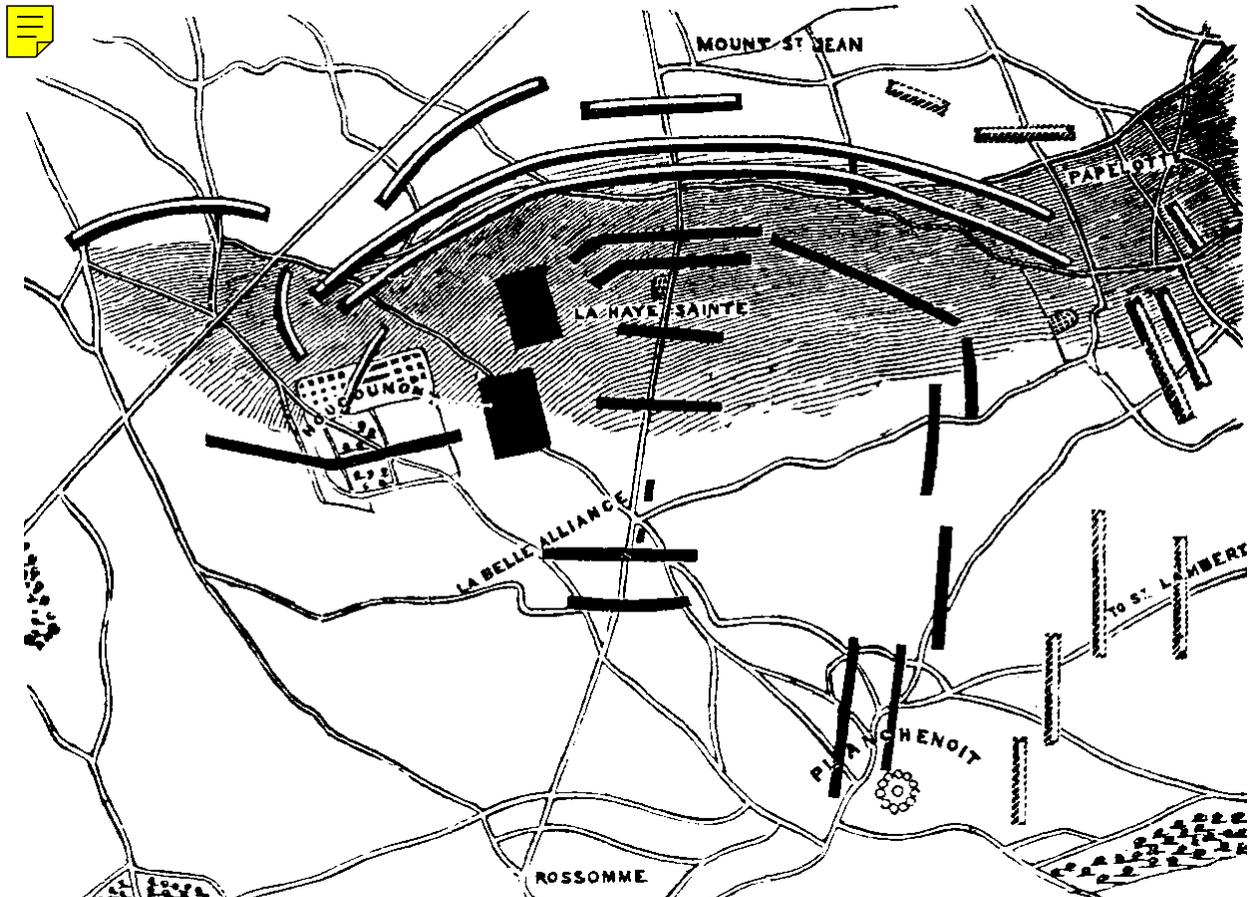
The first French corps d'armee, commanded by Count d'Erlon, was stationed in the beginning of June in and around the city of Lille, near to the north-eastern frontier of France. The second corps, under Count Reille, was at Valenciennes, to the right of the first one. The third corps, under Count Vandamme, was at Mezieres. The fourth, under Count Gerard, had its head-quarters at Metz. The fifth corps was under Count Rappat Strasburg, and the sixth, under Count Lobau, was at Laon. Four corps of reserve cavalry, under Marshal Grouchy were also near the frontier, between the rivers Aisne and Sambre. The Imperial Guard remained in Paris until the 8th of June, when it marched towards Belgium, and reached Avesnes on the 13th; and in the course of the same and the following day, the five corps d'armee with the cavalry reserves which have been mentioned, were, in pursuance of skillfully combined orders, rapidly drawn together, and concentrated in and around the same place, on the right bank of the river Sambre. On the 14th Napoleon arrived among his troops, who were exulting at the display of their commander's skill in the celerity and precision with which they had been drawn together, and in the consciousness of their collective strength. Although Napoleon too often permitted himself to use language unworthy of his own character respecting his great English adversary, his real feelings in commencing this campaign may be judged from the last words which he spoke, as he threw himself into his traveling carriage to leave Paris for the army. "I go," he said, "to measure myself with Wellington."

The enthusiasm of the French soldiers at seeing their Emperor among them, was still more excited by the "Order of the day," in which he thus appealed to them:

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"Napoleon, by the Grace of God, and the Constitution of the Empire, Emperor of the French, &c., to the Grand Army.

"AT THE: IMPERIAL HEAD-QUARTERS.

"Avesnes June 14th, 1815.

"Soldiers! this day is the anniversary of Marengo and of Friedland, which twice decided the destiny of Europe. Then, as after Austerlitz, as after Wagram, we were too generous! we believed in the protestations and in the oaths of princes, whom we left on their thrones. Now, however, leagued together, they aim at the independence and the most sacred rights of France. They have commenced the most unjust of aggressions. Let us, then, march to meet them. Are they and we no longer the same men?

"Soldiers! at Jena, against these same Prussians, now so arrogant, you were one to three, and at Montmirail one to six!

"Let those among you who have been captives to the English, describe the nature of their prison-ships, and the frightful miseries they endured.



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"The Saxons, the Belgians, the Hanoverians, the soldiers of the Confederation of the Rhine, lament that they are compelled to use their arms in the cause of princes, the enemies of justice and of the rights of all nations. They know that this coalition is insatiable! After having devoured twelve millions of Poles, twelve millions of Italians, one million of Saxons, and six millions of Belgians, it now wishes to devour the states of the second rank in Germany.

"Madmen! one moment of prosperity has bewildered them. The oppression and the humiliation of the French people are beyond their power. If they enter France they will there find their grave.

"Soldiers! we have forced marches to make, battles to fight, dangers to encounter; but, with firmness, victory will be ours. The rights, the honor. and the happiness of the country will be recovered!

"To every Frenchman who has a heart, the moment is now arrived to conquer or to die!

"NAPOLEON."

"THE MARSHAL DUKE OF DALMATIA, Major General."

The 15th of June had scarcely dawned before the French army was in motion for the decisive campaign, and crossed the frontier in three columns, which were pointed upon Charleroi and its vicinity. The French line of advance upon Brussels, which city Napoleon resolved to occupy, thus lay right through the center of the cantonments of the Allies.

Much criticism has been expended on the supposed surprise of Wellington's army in its cantonments by Napoleon's rapid advance. These comments would hardly have been made if sufficient attention had been paid to the geography of the Waterloo campaign; and if it had been remembered that the protection of Brussels was justly considered by the allied generals a matter of primary importance, If Napoleon could, either by maneuvering or fighting, have succeeded in occupying that city, the greater part of Belgium would unquestionably have declared in his favor; and the results of such a success, gained by the Emperor at the commencement of the campaign, might have decisively influenced the whole after-current of events. A glance at the map will show the numerous roads that lead from the different fortresses on the French north-eastern frontier, and converge upon Brussels; any one of which Napoleon might have chosen for the advance of a strong force upon that city. The Duke's army was judiciously arranged, so as to enable him to concentrate troops on any one of these roads sufficiently in advance of Brussels to check an assailing enemy. The army was kept thus available for movement in any necessary direction, till certain intelligence arrived on the 15th of June that the French had crossed the frontier in large force near Thuin, that they had driven back the Prussian advanced troops under General Ziethen, and were also moving across the Sambre upon Charleroi. Marshal Blucher now rapidly concentrated his forces, calling them in from the left upon Ligny, which is to the north-east of



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Charleroi. Wellington also drew his troops together, calling them in from the right. But even now, though it was certain that the French were in large force at Charleroi, it was unsafe for the English general to place his army directly between that place and Brussels, until it was certain that no corps of the enemy was marching upon Brussels by the western road through Mons and Hal. The Duke, therefore, collected his troops in Brussels and its immediate vicinity, ready to move due southward upon Quatre Bras, and cooperate with Blucher, who was taking his station at Ligny: but also ready to meet and defeat any maneuver, that the enemy might make to turn the right of the Allies, and occupy Brussels by a flanking movement. The testimony of the Prussian general, Baron Muffling, who was attached to the Duke's staff during the campaign, and who expressly states the reasons on which the English general acted, ought for ever to have silenced the "weak Inventions of the enemy" about the Duke of Wellington having been deceived and surprised by his assailant, which some writers of our own nation, as well as foreigners, have incautiously repeated.

It was about three o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th, that a Prussian officer reached Brussels, whom General Ziethen had sent to Muffling to inform him of the advance of the main French army upon Charleroi. Muffling immediately communicated this to the Duke of Wellington; and asked him whether he would concentrate his army, and what would be his point of concentration; observing that Marshal Blucher in consequence of this intelligence would certainly concentrate the Prussians at Ligny. The Duke replied, - "If all is as General Ziethen supposes, I will concentrate on my left wing, and so be in readiness to fight in conjunction with the Prussian army. Should, however, a portion of the enemy's force come by Mons, I must concentrate more towards my center. This is the reason why I must wait for positive news from Mons before I fix the rendezvous. Since however it is certain that the troops must march, though it is uncertain upon what precise spot they must march, I will order all to be in readiness, and will direct a brigade to move at once towards Quatre Bras."

Later in the same day a message from Blucher himself was delivered to Muffling, in which the Prussian Field Marshal informed the Baron that he was concentrating his men at Sombref and Ligny, and charged Muffling to give him speedy intelligence respecting the concentration of Wellington. Muffling immediately communicated this to the Duke, who expressed his satisfaction with Blucher's arrangements, but added that he could not even then resolve upon his own point of concentration before he obtained the desired intelligence from Mons. About midnight this information arrived. The Duke went to the quarters of General Muffling, and told him that he now had received his reports from Mons, and was sure that no French troops were advancing by that route, but that the mass of the enemy's force was decidedly directed on Charleroi. He informed the Prussian general that he had ordered the British troops to move forward upon Quatre Bras; but with characteristic coolness and sagacity resolved not to give the appearance of alarm by hurrying on with



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them himself

A ball was to be given by the Duchess of Richmond at Brussels that night, and the Duke proposed to General Muffling that they should go to the ball for a few hours, and ride forward in the morning to overtake the troops at Quatre Bras.

To hundreds, who were assembled at that memorable ball, the news that the enemy was advancing, and that the time for battle had come, must have been a fearfully exciting surprise, and the magnificent stanzas of Byron are as true as they are beautiful.

There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Belgium's capital had gather'd then
Her Beauty and her Chivalry, and bright
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men;
A thousand hearts beat happily; and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes look'd love to eyes which spake again,
And all went merry as a marriage-bell;
But hush! hark! a deep sound strikes like a rising knell.
Did ye not hear it — No; 'twas but the wind,
Or the car rattling o'er the stony street;
On with the dance! let joy be unconfined;
No sleep till morn, when Youth and Pleasure meet
To chase the glowing Hours with flying feet -
But, hark — that heavy sound breaks in once more,
As if the clouds its echo would repeat;
And nearer, clearer, deadlier than before!
Arm! Arm! it is — it is — the cannon's opening roar!
Within a window'd niche of that high hall
Sate Brunswick's fated chieftain; he did hear
That sound the first amidst the festival,
And caught its tone with Death's prophetic ear;
And when they smiled because he deem'd it near,
His heart more truly knew that peal too well
Which stretch'd his father on a bloody bier,
And roused the vengeance blood alone could quell:
He rush'd into the field, and, foremost fighting, fell.
Ah! then and there was hurrying to and fro,
And gathering tears, and tremblings of distress,
And cheeks all pale, which but an hour ago
Blush'd at the praise of their own loveliness;
And there were sudden partings, such as press
The life from out young hearts, and choking sighs
Which ne'er might be repeated; who could guess
If ever more should meet those mutual eyes,
Since upon night so sweet such awful morn could rise?
And there was mounting in hot haste: the steed,
The mustering squadron, and the clattering car,
Went pouring forward with impetuous speed,
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war;
And the deep thunder peal on peal afar;
And near, the bent of the alarming drum
Roused up the soldier ere the morning star;
While throng'd the citizens with terror dumb,
Or whispering, with white lips — "The foe! They come! they come!"
And Ardennes waves above them her green loaves.
Dewy with nature's tear-drops, as they pass,
Grieving, if aught inanimate e'er grieves.
Over the unreturning brave,—alas!
'Ere evening to be trodden like the grass
Which now beneath them, but above shall grow
In its next verdure, when this fiery mass
Of living valour, rolling on the foe
And burning with high hope, shall moulder cold and low.



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Last noon beheld them full of lusty life,
Last eve in Beauty's circle proudly gay,
The midnight brought the signal-sound of strife,
The morn the marshalling in arms, — the day
Battle's magnificently-stern array!
The thunder-clouds close o'er it, which when rent,
The earth is covered thick with other clay,
Which her own clay shall cover, heap'd and pent,
Rider and horse, —friend, foe, —in one red burial blent.

But the Duke and his principal officers knew well the stern termination to that, festive scene which was approaching. One by one, and in such a way as to attract as little observation as possible, the leaders of the various corps left the ball-room, and took their stations at the head of their men, who were pressing forward through the last hours of the short summer night to the arena of anticipated slaughter.

Napoleon's operations on the 15th had been conducted with signal skill and vigor; and their results had been very advantageous for his plan of the campaign. With his army formed in three vast columns, he had struck at the center of the line of cantonments of his allied foes; and he had so far made good his blow, that he had effected the passage of the Sambre, he had beaten with his left wing the Prussian corps of General Ziethen at Thuin, and with his center he had in person advanced right through Charleroi upon Fleurus, inflicting considerable loss upon the Prussians that fell back before him. His right column had with little opposition moved forward as far as the bridge of Chatelet.

Napoleon had thus a powerful force immediately in front of the point, which Blucher had fixed for the concentration of the Prussian army, and that concentration was still incomplete. The French Emperor designed to attack the Prussians on the morrow in person, with the troops of his center and right columns, and to employ his left wing in heating back such English troops as might advance to the help of their allies, and also in aiding his own attack upon Blucher. He gave the command of this left wing to Marshal Ney. Napoleon seems not to have originally intended to employ this celebrated General in the campaign. It was only on the night of the 11th of June, that Marshal Ney received at Paris an order to join the army. Hurrying forward to the Belgian frontier he met the Emperor near Charleroi. Napoleon immediately directed him to take the command of the left wing, and to press forward with it upon Quatre Bras by the line of the road which leads from Charleroi to Brussels, through Gosselies, Frasne, Quatre Bras, Genappe, and Waterloo. Ney immediately proceeded to the post assigned him; and before ten on the night of the 15th he had occupied Gosselies and Frasne, driving out without much difficulty some weak Belgian detachments which had been stationed in those villages. The lateness of the hour, and the exhausted state of the French troops, who had been marching and fighting since ten in the morning, made him pause from advancing further, to attack the much more important position of Quatre Bras. In truth, the advantages which the French gained by their almost superhuman



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energy and activity throughout the long day of the 15th of June, were necessarily bought at the price of more delay and inertness during the following night and morrow, than would have been observable if they had not been thus overtaken. Ney has been blamed for want of promptness in his attack upon Quatre Eras; and Napoleon has been criticized for not having fought at Ligny before the afternoon of the 16th: but their censors should remember that soldiers are but men; and that there must be necessarily some interval of time, before troops, that have been worn and weakened by twenty hours of incessant fatigue and strife, can be fed, rested, reorganized, and brought again into action with any hope of success.

Having on the night of the 15th placed the most advanced of the French under his command in position in front of Frasné, Ney rode back to Charleroi, where Napoleon also arrived about midnight, having returned from directing the operations of the center and right column of the French. The Emperor and the Marshal supped together, and remained in earnest conversation till two in the morning. An hour or two afterwards Ney rode back to Frasné, where he endeavored to collect tidings of the numbers and movements of the enemy in front of him; and also busied himself in the necessary duty of learning the amount and composition of the troops which he himself was commanding. He had been so suddenly appointed to his high station, that he did not know the strength of the several regiments under him, or even the names of their commanding officers. He now caused his aides-de-camp to prepare the requisite returns, and drew together the troops, whom he was thus learning before he used them.

Wellington remained at the Duchess of Richmond's ball at Brussels till about three o'clock in the morning of the 16th, "showing himself very cheerful," as Baron Muffling, who accompanied him, observes. At five o'clock; the Duke and the Baron were on horseback, and reached the position at Quatre Bras about eleven. As the French, who were in front of Frasné, were perfectly quiet, and the Duke was informed that a very large force under Napoleon in person was menacing Blücher, it was thought possible that only a slight detachment of the French was posted at Frasné in order to mask the English army. In that event Wellington, as he told Baron Muffling, would be able to employ his whole strength in supporting the Prussians: and he proposed to ride across from Quatre Bras to Blücher's position, in order to concert with him personally the measures which should be taken in order to bring on a decisive battle with the French. Wellington and Muffling rode accordingly towards Ligny, and found Marshal Blücher and his staff' at the windmill of Bry, near that village. The Prussian army, 50,000 strong, was drawn up chiefly along a chain of heights, with the villages of Sombref, St. Amand, and Ligny in their front.

These villages were strongly occupied by Prussian detachments, and formed the keys of Blücher's position. The heads of the columns which Napoleon was forming for the attack, were visible in the distance. The Duke asked Blücher and General Gneisenau (who was Blücher's adviser in matters of strategy) what they



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wished him to do. Muffling had already explained to them in a few words the Duke's earnest desire to support the Field Marshall, and that he would do all that they wished, provided they did not ask him to divide his army, which was contrary to his principles. The Duke wished to advance with his army (as soon as it was concentrated) upon Frasné and Gosselies, and thence to move upon Napoleon's flank and rear. The Prussian leaders preferred that he should march his men from Quatre Bras by the Namur road, so as to form a reserve in rear of Blücher's army. The Duke replied, "Well, I will come if I am not attacked myself," and galloped back with Muffling to Quatre Bras, where the French attack was now actually raging.

Marshal Ney began the battle about two o'clock in the afternoon. He had at this time in hand about 16,000 infantry, nearly 2000 cavalry, and 38 guns. The force which Napoleon nominally placed at his command exceeded 40,000 men. But more than one half of these consisted of the first French corps d'armée, under Count d'Erlon; and Ney was deprived of the use of this corps at the time that he most required it, in consequence of its receiving orders to march to the aid of the Emperor at Ligny. A magnificent body of heavy cavalry under Kellerman, nearly 5000 strong, and several more battalions (if artillery were added to Ney army during the battle of Quatre Bras; but his effective infantry force never exceeded 16,000.

When the battle began, the greater part of the Duke's army was yet on its march towards Quatre Bras from Brussels and the other parts of its cantonments. The force of the Allies, actually in position there, consisted only of a Dutch and Belgian division of infantry, not quite 7000 strong, with one battalion of foot, and one of horse-artillery. The Prince of Orange commanded them. A wood, called the Bois de Bossu, stretched along the right (or western) flank of the position of Quatre Bras; a farmhouse and building, called Gemiancourt, stood on some elevated ground in its front; and to the left (or east), were the enclosures of the village of Pierremont. The Prince of Orange endeavored to secure these posts; but Ney carried Gemiancourt in the center, and Pierremont on the east, and gained occupation of the southern part of the wood of Bossu. He ranged the chief part of his artillery on the high ground of Gemiancourt, whence it played throughout the action with most destructive effect upon the Allies. He was pressing forward to further advantages, when the fifth infantry division under Sir Thomas Picton, and the Duke of Brunswick's corps, appeared upon the scene. Wellington (who had returned to Quatre Bras from his interview with Blücher shortly before the arrival of these forces) restored the fight with them; and, as fresh troops of the Allies arrived, they were brought forward to stem the fierce attacks which Ney's columns and squadrons continued to make with unabated gallantry and zeal. The only cavalry of the Anglo-allied army that reached Quatre Bras during the action, consisted of Dutch and Belgians, and a small force of Brunswickers, under their Duke, who was killed on the field. These proved wholly unable to encounter Kellerman's cuirassiers and Pire's lancers; the Dutch and Belgian infantry also gave way early in the engagement; so that



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the whole brunt of the battle fell on the British and German infantry, They sustained it nobly. Though repeatedly charged by the French cavalry, though exposed to the murderous fire of the French batteries, which from the heights of Gemiancourt sent shot and shell into the devoted squares whenever the French horsemen withdrew, they not only repelled their assailants, but Kempt's and Pack's brigades, led on by Picton, actually advanced against and through their charging foes, and with stern determination made good to the end of the day the ground which they had thus boldly won. Some, however, of the British regiments were during the confusion assailed by the French cavalry before they could form squares, and suffered severely. One regiment, the 92nd, was almost wholly destroyed by the cuirassiers. A French private soldier, named Lami, of the 8th regiment of cuirassiers, captured one of the English colors, and presented it to Ney. It was a solitary trophy. The arrival of the English Guards about half past six o'clock, enabled the Duke to recover the wood of Boss, which the French had almost entirely won, and the possession of which by them would have enabled Ney to operate destructively upon the Allied flank and rear. Not only was the wood of Boss recovered on the British right, but the enclosures of Pierremont were also carried on the left. When night set in the French had been driven back on all points towards Frasne; but they still held the farm of Gemiancourt in front of the Duke's center. Wellington and Muffling were unacquainted with the result of the collateral battle between Blucher and Napoleon, the cannonading of which had been distinctly audible at Quatre Bras throughout the afternoon and evening The Duke observed to Muffling, that of course the two Allied armies would assume the offensive against the enemy on the morrow; and consequently, it would be better to capture the farm at once, instead of waiting till next morning. Muffling agreed in the Duke's views, and Gemiancourt was forthwith attacked by the English and captured with little loss to its assailants.

Meanwhile the French and the Prussians had been fighting in and round the villages of Ligny, Sombref, and St. Amand, from three in the afternoon to nine in the evening, with a savage inveteracy almost unparalleled in modern warfare. Blucher had in the field, when he began the battle, 83,417 men, and 224 guns. Bulow's corps, which was 25,000 strong, had not joined him; but the Field Marshal hoped to be reinforced by it, or by the English army before the end of the action. But Bulow, through some error in the transmission of orders, was far in the rear; and the Duke of Wellington was engaged, as we have seen, with Marshal Ney. Blucher received early warning from Baron Muffling that the Duke could not come to his assistance; but, as Muffling observes, Wellington rendered the Prussians the great service of occupying more than 40,000 of the enemy, who otherwise would have crushed Blucher's right flank. For, not only did the conflict at Quatre Bras detain the French troops which actually took part in it, but d'Erlon received orders from Ney to join him which hindered d'Erlon from giving effectual aid to Napoleon. indeed, the whole of d'Erlon's corps, in consequence of conflicting directions



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from Ney and the Emperor, marched and countermarched, during the 16th, between Quatre Bras and Ligny without firing a shot in either battle.

Blucher had, in fact, a superiority of more than 12,000 in number over the French army that attacked him at Ligny. The numerical difference was even greater at the beginning of the battle, as Lobau's corps did not come up from Charleroi till eight o'clock. After five hours and a half of desperate and long-doubtful struggle, Napoleon succeeded in breaking the center of the Prussian line, at Ligny, and in forcing his obstinate antagonists off the field of battle. The issue was attributable to his skill, and not to any want of spirit or resolution on the part of the Prussian troops; nor did they, though defeated, abate one jot in discipline, heart, or hope. As Blucher observed, it was a battle in which his army lost the day but not its honor. The Prussians retreated during the night of the 16th, and the early part of the 17th, with perfect regularity and steadiness. The retreat was directed not towards Maestricht, where their principal depots were established, but towards Wavre, so as to be able to maintain their communication with Wellington's army, and still follow out the original plan of the campaign. The heroism with which the Prussians endured and repaired their defeat at Ligny, is more glorious than many victories.

The messenger who was sent to inform Wellington of the retreat of the Prussian army, was shot on the way; and it was not until the morning of the 17th that the Allies, at Quatre Bras, knew the result of the battle of Ligny. The Duke was ready at daybreak to take the offensive against the enemy with vigor, his whole army being by that time fully assembled. But on learning that Blucher had been defeated, a different course of action was clearly necessary. It was obvious that Napoleon's main army would now be directed against Wellington, and a retreat was inevitable. On ascertaining that the Prussian army had retired upon Wavre, that there was no hot pursuit of them by the French, and that Bulow's corps had taken no part in the action at Ligny, the Duke resolved to march his army back towards Brussels, still intending to cover that city, and to halt at a point in a line with Wavre, and there restore his communication with Blucher. An officer from Blucher's army reached the Duke about nine o'clock, from whom he learned the effective strength that Blucher still possessed, and how little discouraged his ally was by the yesterday's battle. Wellington sent word to the Prussian commander that he would halt in the position of Mont St. Jean, and accept a general battle with the French, if Blucher would pledge himself to come to his assistance with a single corps of 25,000 men. This was readily promised; and after allowing his men ample time for rest and refreshment, Wellington retired over about half the space between Quatre Bras and Brussels. He was pursued, but little molested by the main French army, which about noon of the 17th moved laterally from Ligny, and joined Ney's forces, which had advanced through Quatre Bras when the British abandoned that position. The Earl of Uxbridge, with the British cavalry, covered the retreat of the Duke's army, with



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great skill and gallantry; and a heavy thunderstorm, with torrents of rain, impeded the operations of the French pursuing squadrons. The Duke still expected that the French would endeavor to turn his right, and march upon Brussels by the high road that leads through Mons and Hal. In order to counteract this anticipated maneuver, he stationed a force of 18,000 men, under Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, at Hal, with orders to maintain himself there if attacked, as long as possible. The Duke halted with the rest of his army at the position near Mont St. Jean, which, from a village in its neighborhood, has received the ever-memorable name of the field of Waterloo.

Wellington was now about twelve miles distant, on a line running from west to east, from Wavre, where the Prussian army had now been completely reorganized and collected, and where it had been strengthened by the junction of Bulow's troops, which had taken no part in the battle of Ligny. Blucher sent, word from Wavre, to the Duke, that he was coming to help the English at Mont St. Jean, in the morning, not with one corps, but with his whole army. The fiery old man only stipulated that the combined armies, if not attacked by Napoleon on the 18th, should themselves attack him on the 19th. So far were Blucher and his army from being in the state of annihilation described in the boastful bulletin by which Napoleon informed the Parisians of his victory at Ligny. Indeed, the French Emperor seems himself to have been misinformed as to the extent of loss which he had inflicted on the Prussians, Had he known in what good order and with what undiminished spirit they were retiring, he would scarcely have delayed sending a large force to press them in their retreat until noon on the 17th. Such, however, was the case. It was about that time that he confided to Marshal Grouchy the duty of pursuing the defeated Prussians, and preventing them from joining Wellington. He placed for this purpose 38,000 men and 96 guns under his orders. Violent complaints and recriminations passed afterwards between the Emperor and the marshal respecting the manner in which Grouchy attempted to perform this duty, and the reasons why he failed on the 18th to arrest the lateral movement of the Prussians from Wavre to Waterloo. It is sufficient to remark here, that the force which Napoleon gave to Grouchy (though the utmost that the Emperor's limited means would allow) was insufficient to make head against the entire Prussian army, especially after Bulow's junction with Blucher. We shall presently have occasion to consider what opportunities were given to Grouchy during the 18th, and what he might have effected if he had been a man of original military genius.

But the failure of Grouchy was in truth mainly owing to the indomitable heroism of Blucher himself; who, though he had received severe personal injuries in the battle of Ligny, was as energetic and ready as ever in bringing his men into action again, and who had the resolution to expose a part of his army, under Thielman, to be overwhelmed by Grouchy at Wavre on the 18th, while he urged the march of the mass of his troops upon Waterloo "It is not at Wavre, but at Waterloo," said the old Field-Marshal, "that the campaign is to be decided;" and he



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risked a detachment, and won the campaign accordingly. Wellington and Blucher trusted each other as cordially, and cooperated as zealously, as formerly had been the case with Marlborough and Eugene.

It was in full reliance on Blucher's promise to join him, that the Duke stood his ground and fought at Waterloo; and those, who have ventured to impugn the Duke's capacity as a general, ought to have had common sense enough to perceive, that to charge the Duke with having won the battle of Waterloo by the help of the Prussians, is really to say that he won it by the very means on which he relied, and without the expectation of which the battle would not have been fought.

Napoleon himself has found fault with Wellington for not having retreated further, so as to complete a junction of his army with Blucher's, before he risked a general engagement. But as we have seen, the Duke justly considered it important to protect Brussels. He had reason to expect that his army could singly resist the French at Waterloo until the Prussians came up, and that on the Prussians joining there would be a sufficient force united under himself and Blucher, for completely overwhelming the enemy. And while Napoleon thus censures his great adversary, he involuntarily bears the highest possible testimony to the military character of the English, and proves decisively of what paramount importance was the battle to which he challenged his fearless opponent. Napoleon asks, "If the English army had been beaten at Waterloo, what would have been the use of those numerous bodies of troops, of Prussians, Austrians, Germans, and Spaniards, which were advancing to the Rhine, the Alps, and the Pyrenees?"

The strength of the army, under the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo was 49,608 infantry, 12,402 cavalry, and 5645 artillerymen with 156 guns. But of this total of 67,655 men, scarcely 24,000 were British, a circumstance of very serious importance, if Napoleon's own estimate of the relative value of troops of different nations is to be taken. In the Emperor's own words speaking of this campaign, "A French soldier would not be equal to more than one English soldier, but he would not be afraid to meet two Dutchmen, Prussians, or soldiers of the Confederation." There were about 6000 men, of the old German Legion, with the Duke; these were veteran troops, and of excellent quality. Of the rest of the army the Hanoverians and Brunswickers proved themselves deserving of confidence and praise. But the Nassauers, Dutch, and Belgians were almost worthless; and not a few of them were justly suspected of a strong wish to fight, if they fought at all, under the French eagles rather than against them. Napoleon's army at Waterloo consisted of 48,950 infantry, 15,765 cavalry, 7832 artillerymen, being a total of 71,947 men, and 246 guns. They were the flower of the national forces of France; and of all the numerous gallant armies which that martial land has poured forth, never was there one braver, or better disciplined, or better led, than the host that took up its position at Waterloo on the morning of the 18th of June 1815.

Perhaps those who have not seen the field of battle at Waterloo,



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or the admirable model of the ground, and of the conflicting armies, which was executed by Captain Siborne, may gain a generally accurate idea of the localities, by picturing to themselves a valley between two and three miles long, of various breadths at different points, but generally not exceeding half a mile. On each side of the valley, there is a winding chain of low hills, running somewhat parallel with each other. The declivity from each of these ranges of hills to the intervening valley is gentle but not uniform, the undulations of the ground being frequent and considerable. The English army was posted on the northern, and the French army occupied the southern ridge. The artillery of each side thundered at the other from their respective heights throughout the day, and the charges of horse and foot were made across the valley that has been described. The village of Mont St. Jean is situate a little behind the center of the northern chain of hills, and the village of La Belle Alliance is close behind the center of the southern ridge. The high road from Charleroi to Brussels (a broad paved causeway) runs through both these villages, and bisects therefore both the English and the French positions. The line of this road was the line of Napoleon's intended advance on Brussels.

There are some other local particulars connected with the situation of each army, which it is necessary to bear in mind. The strength of the British position did not consist merely in the occupation of a ridge of high ground. A village and ravine, called Merk Braine, on the Duke of Wellington's extreme right, secured his flank from being turned on that side; and on his extreme left, two little hamlets called La Haye and Papelotte, gave a similar, though a slighter, protection. Behind the whole British position is the extensive forest of Soignies. As no attempt was made by the French to turn either of the English flanks, and the battle was a day of straightforward fighting, it is chiefly important to ascertain what posts there were in front of the British line of hills, of which advantage could be taken either to repel or facilitate an attack; and it will be seen that there were two, and that each was of very great importance in the action. In front of the British right, that is to say, on the northern slope of the valley towards its western end, there stood an old fashioned Flemish farm-house called Goumoat, or Hougoumont, with out-buildings and a garden, and with copse of beech trees of about two acres in extent round it. This was strongly garrisoned by the allied troops; and, while it was in their possession, it was difficult for the enemy to press on and force the British right wing. On the other hand, if the enemy could take it, it would be difficult for that wing to keep its ground on the heights, with a strong post held adversely in its immediate front, being one that would give much shelter to the enemy's marksmen, and great facilities for the sudden concentration of attacking columns. Almost immediately in front of the British center, and not so far down the slope as Hougoumont, there was another farm-house, of a smaller size, called La Haye Sainte, [Not to be confounded with the hamlet of La Haye at the extreme left of the British line.] which was also



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held by the British troops, and the occupation of which was found to be of very serious consequence.

With respect to the French position, the principle feature to be noticed is the village of Planchenoit, which lay a little in the rear of their right (i.e. on the eastern side), and which proved to be of great importance in aiding them to check the advance of the Prussians.

Napoleon, in his memoirs, and other French writers, have vehemently blamed the Duke for having given battle in such a position as that of Waterloo. They particularly object that the Duke fought without having the means of a retreat, if the attacks of his enemy had proved successful; and that the English army, if once broken, must have lost all its guns and materiel in its flight through the Forest of Soignies, that lay in its rear. In answer to these censures, instead of merely referring to the event of the battle as proof of the correctness of the Duke's judgment, it is to be observed that many military critics of high authority, have considered the position of Waterloo to have been admirably adapted for the Duke's purpose of protecting Brussels by a battle; and that certainly the Duke's opinion in favor of it was not lightly or hastily formed. It is a remarkable fact (mentioned in the speech of Lord Bathurst when moving the vote of thanks to the Duke in the House of Lords), that when the Duke of Wellington was passing through Belgium in the preceding summer of 1814, he particularly noticed the strength of the position of Waterloo, and made a minute of it at the time, stating to those who were with him, that if it ever should be his fate to fight a battle in that quarter for the protection of Brussels, he should endeavor to do so in that position. And with respect to the Forest of Soignies, which the French (and some few English) critics have thought calculated to prove so fatal to a retreating force, the Duke on the contrary believed it to be a post that might have proved of infinite value to his army in the event of his having been obliged to give way. The Forest of Soignies has no thicket or masses of close growing trees. It consists of tall beeches, and is everywhere passable for men and horses. The artillery could have been withdrawn by the broad road which traverses it towards Brussels; and in the meanwhile a few regiments of resolute infantry could have held the forest and kept the pursuers in check. One of the best writers on the Waterloo campaign, Captain Pringle, well observes that "every person, the least experienced in war, knows the extreme difficulty of forcing infantry from a wood which cannot be turned." The defense of the Bois de Bossu near Quatre Bras on the 16th of June had given a good proof of this; and the Duke of Wellington, when speaking in after years of the possible events that might have followed if he had been beaten back from the open field of Waterloo, pointed to the wood of Soignies as his secure rallying place, saying, "they never could have beaten us so, that we could not have held the wood against them." He was always confident that he could have made good that post until joined by the Prussians, upon whose cooperation he throughout depended.

As has been already mentioned, the Prussians, on the morning of



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the 18th, were at Wavre, which is about twelve miles to the east of the field of battle of Waterloo. The junction of Bulow's division had more than made up for the loss sustained at Ligny; and leaving Thielman with about seventeen thousand men to hold his ground, as he best could, against the attack which Grouchy was about to make on Wavre. Bulow and Blucher moved with the rest of the Prussians through St. Lambert upon Waterloo. It was calculated that they would be there by three o'clock: but the extremely difficult nature of the ground which they had to traverse, rendered worse by the torrents of rain that had just, fallen, delayed them long on their twelve miles' march.

An army, indeed, less animated by bitter hate against the enemy than was the Prussian, and under a less energetic chief than Blucher, would have failed altogether in effecting a passage through the swamps, into which the incessant rain had transformed the greater part of the ground through which it was necessary to move not only with columns of foot, but with cavalry and artillery. At one point of the march, on entering the defile of St. Lambert the spirits of the Prussians almost gave way. Exhausted in the attempts to extricate and drag forward the heavy guns, the men began to murmur. Blucher came to the spot, and heard cries from the ranks of - "We cannot get on." "But you must get on," was the old Field Marshal's answer. "I have pledged my word to Wellington, and you surely will not make me break it. Only exert yourselves for a few hours longer, and we are sure of victory." This appeal from old "Marshal Forwards," as the Prussian soldiers loved to call Blucher, had its wonted effect. The Prussians again moved forward, slowly, indeed, and with pain and toil; but still they moved forward.

The French and British armies lay on the open field during the wet and stormy night of the 17th: and when the dawn of the memorable 18th of June broke, the rain was still descending heavily upon Waterloo. The rival nations rose from their dreary bivouacs, and began to form, each on the high ground which it occupied. Towards nine the weather grew clearer, and each army was able to watch the position and arrangements of the other on the opposite side of the valley.

The Duke of Wellington drew up his army in two lines; the principal one being stationed near the crest of the ridge of hills already described, and the other being arranged along the slope in the rear of his position. Commencing from the eastward, on the extreme left of the first or main line, were Vivian's and Vandeleur's brigades of light cavalry, and the fifth Hanoverian brigade of infantry, under Von Vincke.

Then came Best's fourth Hanoverian brigade. Detachments from these bodies of troops occupied the little villages of Papelotte and La Haye, down the hollow in advance of the left of the Duke's position. To the right of Best's Hanoverians, Bylandt's brigade of Dutch and Belgian infantry was drawn up on the outer slope of the heights. Behind them were the ninth brigade of British INFANTRY under Pack; and to the right of these last, but more in advance, stood the eighth brigade of English infantry under Kempt. These were close to the Charleroi road, and to the center of the entire position. These two English brigades, with the



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fifth Hanoverian, made up the fifth division, commanded by Sir Thomas Picton. Immediately to their right, and westward of the Charleroi road, stood the third division, commanded by General Alten, and consisting of Ompteda's brigade of the King's German legion, and Kielmansegge's Hanoverian brigade. The important post of La Haye Sainte, which it will be remembered lay in front of the Duke's center, close to the Charleroi road, was garrisoned with troops from this division. Westward, and on the right of Kielmansegge's Hanoverians, stood the fifth British brigade under Halkett; and behind, Kruse's Nassau brigade was posted. On the right of Halkett's men stood the English Guards. They were in two brigades, one commanded by Maitland, and the other by Byng. The entire division was under General Cooke. The buildings and gardens of Hougoumont, which lay immediately under the height, on which stood the British Guards, were principally manned by detachments from Byng's brigade, aided by some brave Hanoverian rifle-men, and accompanied by a battalion of a Nassau regiment. On a plateau in the rear of Cooke's division of Guards, and inclining westward towards the village of Mark Braine, were Clinton's second infantry division, composed of Adams's third brigade of light infantry, Du Flat's first brigade of the king's German legion, and the third Hanoverian brigade under Colonel Halkett.

The Duke formed his second line of cavalry. This only extended behind the right and center of his first line. The largest mass was drawn up behind the brigades of infantry in the center, on either side of the Charleroi road. The brigade of household cavalry under Lord Somerset was on the immediate right of the road, and on the left of it was Ponsonby's brigade. Behind these were Trip's and Ghingy's brigades of Dutch and Belgian horse. The 3rd Hussars of the King's German Legion were to the right of Somerset's brigade. To the right of these, and behind Maitland's infantry, stood the 3rd Brigade under Dornberg, consisting of the 23rd English Light Dragoons, and the regiments of Light Dragoons of the King's German Legion. The last cavalry on the right was Grant's brigade, stationed in the rear of the Foot-Guards. The corps of Brunswickers, both horse and foot, and the 10th British brigade of foot, were in reserve behind the center and right of the entire position. The artillery was distributed at convenient intervals along the front of the whole line. Besides the generals who have been mentioned, Lord Hill, Lord Uxbridge (who had the general command of the cavalry), the Prince of Orange, and General Chasse, were present, and acting under the Duke.

Prince Frederick's force remained at Hal, and took no part in the battle of the 18th. The reason for this arrangement (which has been much cavilled at), may be best given in the words of Baron Muffling:- "The Duke had retired from Quatre Bras in three columns, by three chaises; and on the evening of the 17th, Prince Frederick of orange was at Hal, Lord Hill at Braine la Leud, and the Prince of Orange with the reserve, at Mont St. Jean. This distribution was necessary, as Napoleon could dispose of these three roads for his advance on Brussels. Napoleon on the 17th had pressed on by Genappe as far as Rossomme. On the two other



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roads no enemy had yet shown himself. On the 18th the offensive was taken by Napoleon on its greatest scale, but still the Nivelles road was not overstepped by his left wing. These circumstances made it possible to draw Prince Frederick to the army, which would certainly have been done if entirely new circumstances had not arisen. The Duke had, twenty-four hours before, pledged himself to accept a battle at Mont St. Jean if Blucher would assist him there with one corps, of 25,000 men. This being promised, the Duke was taking his measures for defense, when he learned that, in addition to the one corps promised, Blucher was actually already on the march with his whole force, to break in by Planchenoit on Napoleon's flank and rear. If three corps of the Prussian army should penetrate by the unguarded plateau of Russomme, which was not improbable, Napoleon would be thrust from his line of retreat by Genappe, and might possibly lose even that by Nivelles. In this case Prince Frederick, with his 19,000 men (who might be accounted superfluous at Mont, St. Jean:, might have rendered the most essential service." It is also worthy of observation that Napoleon actually detached a force of 2000 cavalry to threaten Hal, though they returned to the main French camp during the night of the 17th.

On the opposite heights the French army was drawn up in two general lines, with the entire force of the Imperial Guards, cavalry as well as infantry, in rear of the center, as a reserve. The first line of the French army was formed of the two corps commanded by Count d'Erlon and Count Reille. D'Erlon's corps was on the right, that is, eastward of the Charleroi road, and consisted of four divisions of infantry under Generals Durette, Marcognet, Alix, and Donzelot, and of one division of light cavalry under General Jaquinot. Count Reille's corps formed the left or western wing, and was formed of Bachelu's, Foy's, and Jerome Bonaparte's divisions of infantry, and of Pire's division of cavalry. The right wing of the second general French line was formed of Milhaud's corps, consisting of two divisions of heavy cavalry. The left wing of this line was formed by Kellerman's cavalry corps, also in two divisions. Thus each of the corps of infantry that composed the first line had a corps of cavalry behind it; but the second line consisted also of Lobau's corps of infantry, and Domont and Subervie's divisions of light cavalry; these three bodies of troops being drawn up on either side of La Belie Alliance, and forming the center of the second line. The third, or reserve line, had its center composed of the infantry of the Imperial Guard. Two regiments of grenadiers and two of chasseurs, formed the foot of the Old Guard under General Friant. The Middle Guard, under Count Morand, was similarly composed; while two regiments of voltigeurs, and two of tirailleurs, under Duhesme, constituted the Young Guard. The chasseurs and lancers of the Guard were on the right of the infantry, under Lefebvre Desnouettes; and the grenadiers and dragoons of the Guards, under Guyot, were on the left. All the French corps comprised, besides their cavalry and infantry regiments, strong batteries of horse artillery; and Napoleon's numerical superiority in guns was of deep importance throughout



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the action.

Besides the leading generals who have been mentioned as commanding particular corps, Ney and Soult were present, and acted as the Emperor's lieutenants in the battle.

English military critics have highly eulogized the admirable arrangement which Napoleon made of his forces of each arm, so as to give him the most ample means of sustaining, by an immediate and sufficient support, any attack, from whatever point he might direct it; and of drawing promptly together a strong force, to resist any attack that might be made on himself in any part of the field. When his troops were all arrayed, he rode along the lines, receiving everywhere the enthusiastic cheers from his men, of whose entire devotion to him his assurance was now doubly sure. On the northern side of the valley the Duke's army was also drawn up and ready to meet the menaced attack.

Wellington had caused, on the preceding night, every brigade and corps to take up its station on or near the part of the ground which it was attended to hold in the coming battle. He had slept a few hours at his headquarters in the village of Waterloo; and rising on the 18th, while it was yet deep night, he wrote several letters to the Governor of Antwerp, to the English Minister at Brussels, and other official personages, in which he expressed his confidence that all would go well, but "as it was necessary to provide against serious losses should any accident occur," he gave a series of judicious orders for what should be done in the rear of the army, in the event of the battle going against the Allies. He also, before he left the village of Waterloo, saw to the distribution of the reserves of ammunition which had been parked there, so that supplies should be readily forwarded to every part of the line of battle, where they might be required. The Duke, also, personally inspected the arrangements that had been made for receiving the wounded, and providing temporary hospitals in the houses in the rear of the army. Then, mounting a favorite charger, a small thorough-bred chestnut horse, named "Copenhagen," Wellington rode forward to the range of hills where his men were posted. Accompanied by his staff and by the Prussian general Muffling, he rode along his lines, carefully inspecting all the details of his position. Hougoumont was the object of his special attention. He rode down to the southeastern extremity of its enclosures, and after having examined the nearest French troops, he made some changes in the disposition of his own men, who were to defend that important post.

Having given his final orders about Hougoumont the Duke galloped back to the high ground in the right center of his position; and halting there, sat watching the enemy on the opposite heights, and conversing with his staff with that cheerful serenity which was ever his characteristic in the hour of battle.

Not all brave men are thus gifted; and many a glance of anxious excitement must have been cast across the valley that separated the two hosts during the protracted pause which ensued between the completion of Napoleon's preparations for attack and the actual commencement of the contest. It was, indeed, an awful



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calm before the coming storm, when armed myriads stood gazing on their armed foes, scanning their number, their array, their probable powers of resistance and destruction, listening with throbbing hearts for the momentarily expected note of death; while visions of victory and glory came thronging on each soldier's high-strung brain, not unmingled with recollections of the home which his fall might soon leave desolate, nor without shrinking nature sometimes prompting the cold thought, that in a few moments he might be writhing in agony, or lie a trampled and mangled mass of clay on the grass now waving so freshly and purely before him. Such thoughts will arise in human breasts, though the brave man soon silences "the child within us that trembles before death," and nerves himself for the coming struggle by the mental preparation which Xenophon has finely called "the soldier's arraying his own soul for battle." Well, too, may we hope and believe that many a spirit sought aid from a higher and holier source; and that many a fervent though silent prayer arose on that Sabbath morn (the battle of Waterloo was fought on a Sunday) to the Lord of Sabaoth, the God of Battles, from the ranks, whence so many thousands were about to appear that day before His judgment-seat.

Not only to those who were thus present as spectators and actors in the dread drama, but to all Europe, the decisive contest then impending between the rival French and English nations, each under its chosen chief, was the object of exciting interest and deepest solicitude. "Never, indeed, had two such generals as the Duke of Wellington and the Emperor Napoleon encountered since the day when Scipio and Hannibal met at Zama."

The two great champions, who now confronted each other, were equals in years, and each had entered the military profession at the same early age. The more conspicuous stage, on which the French general's youthful genius was displayed, his heritage of the whole military power of the French Republic, the position on which for years he was elevated as sovereign head of an empire surpassing that of Charlemagne, and the dazzling results of his victories, which made and unmade kings, had given him a formidable pre-eminence in the eyes of mankind. Military men spoke with justly rapturous admiration of the brilliancy of his first Italian campaigns, when he broke through the pedantry of traditional tactics, and with a small but promptly wielded force, shattered army after army of the Austrians, conquered provinces and capitals, dictated treaties, and annihilated or created states. The iniquity of his Egyptian expedition was too often forgotten in contemplating the skill and boldness with which he destroyed the Mameluke cavalry at the Pyramids, and the Turkish infantry at Aboukir. None could forget the marvelous passage of the Alps in 1800, or the victory of Marengo, which wrested Italy back from Austria, and destroyed the fruit of twenty victories, which the enemies of France had gained over her in the absence of her favorite chief. Even higher seemed the glories of his German campaigns, the triumphs of Ulm, of Austerlitz, of Jena, of Wagram. Napoleon's disasters in Russia, in 1812, were imputed by his admirers to the elements; his reverses in Germany, in 1813, were attributed by them to



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treachery: and even those two calamitous years had been signalized by his victories at Borodino, at Lutzen, at Bautzen, at Dresden, and at Hanau. His last campaign, in the early months of 1814, was rightly cited as the, most splendid exhibition of his military genius, when, with a far inferior army, he long checked and frequently defeated the vast hosts that were poured upon France. His followers fondly hoped that the campaign of 1815 would open with another "week of miracles," like that which had seen his victories at Montmirail and Montereau. The laurel of Ligny was even now fresh upon his brows. Blucher had not stood before him; and who was the Adversary that now should bar the Emperor's way?

That Adversary had already overthrown the Emperor's best generals, and the Emperor's best armies; and, like Napoleon himself, had achieved a reputation in more than European wars. Wellington was illustrious as the destroyer of the Mahratta power, as the liberator of Portugal and Spain, and the successful invader of Southern France. In early youth he had held high command in India; and had displayed eminent skill in planning and combining movements, and unrivaled celerity and boldness in execution. On his return to Europe several years passed away before any fitting opportunity was accorded for the exercise of his genius. In this important respect, Wellington, as a subject, and Napoleon, as a sovereign, were far differently situated. At length his appointment to the command in the Spanish Peninsula gave him the means of showing Europe that England had a general who could revive the glories of Crecy, of Poitiers, of Agincourt, of Blenheim, and of Ramilies. At the head of forces always numerically far inferior to the armies with which Napoleon deluged the Peninsula; – thwarted by jealous and incompetent allies; – ill-supported by friends, and assailed by factious enemies at home Wellington maintained the war for seven years, unstained by any serious reverse, and marked by victory in thirteen pitched battles, at Vimiera, the Douro, Talavera, Basic, Founts donor, Salamanca., Victoria, the Pyrenees, the Bidassoa, the Nive, the Nivelle, Orthes, and Toulouse. Junot, Victor, Massena, Ney, Marmont, and Jourdain, – marshals whose names were the terrors of continental Europe – had been baffled by his skill, and smitten down by his energy, while he liberated the kingdoms of the Peninsula from them and their Imperial master. In vain did Napoleon at last dispatch Sault, the ablest of his lieutenants, to turn the tide of Wellington's success, and defend France against the English invader. Wellington met Sault's maneuvers with superior skill, and his boldness with superior vigor. When Napoleon's first abdication, in 1814, suspended hostilities, Wellington was master of the fairest districts of Southern France; and had under him a veteran army, with which (to use his own expressive phrase) "he felt he could have gone anywhere and done anything." The fortune of war had hitherto kept separate the orbits in which Napoleon and he had moved. Now, on the ever memorable 18th of June, 1815, they met at last.

It is, indeed, remarkable that Napoleon, during his numerous campaigns in Spain as well as other countries, not only never



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encountered the Duke of Wellington before the day of Waterloo, but that he was never until then personally engaged with British troops, except at the siege of Toulon, in 1793. which was the very first incident of his military career. Many, however, of the French generals who were with him in 1815, knew well, by sharp experience, what English soldiers were, and what the leader was who now headed them. Ney, Foy, and other officers who had served in the Peninsula. warned Napoleon that he would find the English infantry "very devils in fight." The Emperor, however, persisted in employing the old system of attack, with which the French generals often succeeded against continental troops, but which had always failed against the English in the Peninsula. He adhered to his usual tactics of employing the order of the column; a mode of attack probably favored by him (as Sir Walter Scott remarks) on account of his faith in the extreme valor of the French officers by whom the column was headed. It is a threatening formation, well calculated to shake the firmness of ordinary foes; but which, when steadily met, as the English have met it, by heavy volleys of musketry from an extended line, followed up by a resolute bayonet charge, has always resulted in disaster to the assailants.

See especially Sir W. Napier's glorious pictures of the battles of Busaco and Albuera. The theoretical advantages of the attack in column, and its peculiar fitness for a French army, are set forth in the Chevalier Folard's "Traite de la Colonne," prefixed to the first volume of his "Polybius." See also the preface to his sixth volume.

It was approaching noon before the action commenced. Napoleon, in his Memoirs, gives as the reason for this delay, the miry state of the ground through the heavy rain of the preceding night and day, which rendered it impossible for cavalry or artillery to maneuver on it till a few hours of dry weather had given it its natural consistency. It has been supposed, also, that he trusted to the effect which the sight of the imposing array of his own forces was likely to produce on the part of the allied army. The Belgian regiments had been tampered with; and Napoleon had well-founded hopes of seeing them quit the Duke of Wellington in a body, and range themselves under his own eagles. The Duke, however, who knew and did not trust them, had guarded against the risk of this, by breaking up the corps of Belgians, and distributing them in separate regiments among troops on whom he could rely.

At last, at about half-past eleven o'clock, Napoleon began the battle by directing a powerful force from his left wing under his brother, Prince Jerome, to attack Hougoumont. Column after column of the French now descended from the west of the southern heights, and assailed that post with fiery valor, which was encountered with the most determined bravery. The French won the copse round the house, but a party of the British Guards held the house itself throughout the day. The whole of Byng's brigade was required to man this hotly-contested post. Amid shell and shot, and the blazing fragments of part of the buildings, this obstinate contest was continued. But still the English were firm in Hougoumont; though the French occasionally moved forward in



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such numbers as enabled them to surround and mask it with part of their troops from their left wing, while others pressed onward up the slope, and assailed the British right.

The cannonade, which commenced at first between the British right and the French left, in consequence: of the attack on Hougoumont, soon became general along both lines; and, about one o'clock, Napoleon directed a grand attack to be made under Marshal Ney upon the center and left wing of the allied army. For this purpose four columns of infantry, amounting to about eighteen thousand men, were collected, supported by a strong division of cavalry under the celebrated Kellerman; and seventy-four guns were brought forward ready to be posted on the ridge of a little undulation of the ground in the interval between the two principal chains of heights, so as to bring their fire to bear on the Duke's line at a range of about seven hundred yards. By the combined assault of these formidable forces, led on by Ney, "the bravest of the brave," Napoleon hoped to force the left center of the British position, to take La Haye Sainte, and then pressing forward, to occupy also the farm of Mont St. Jean. He then could cut the mass of Wellington's troops off from their line of retreat upon Brussels, and from their own left, and also completely sever them from any Prussian troops that might be approaching.

The columns destined for this great and decisive operation descended majestically from the French line of hills, and gained the ridge of the intervening eminence, on which the batteries that supported them were now ranged. As the columns descended again from this eminence, the seventy-four guns opened over their heads with terrible effect upon the troops of the Allies that were stationed on the heights to the left of the Charleroi road. One of the French columns kept to the east, and attacked the extreme left of the Allies; the other three continued to move rapidly forwards upon the left center of the allied position. The front line of the Allies here was composed of Bylandt's brigade of Dutch and Belgians. As the French columns moved up the south ward slope of the height on which the Dutch and Belgians stood, and the skirmishers in advance began to open their fire, Bylandt's entire brigade turned and fled in disgraceful and disorderly panic; but there were men more worthy of the name behind.

In this part of the second line of the Allies were posted Pack and Kempt's brigades of English infantry, which had suffered severely at Quatre Bras. But Picton was here as general of division, and not even Ney himself surpassed in resolute bravery that stern and fiery spirit. Picton brought his two brigades forward, side by side, in a thin two-deep line. Thus joined together, they were not three thousand strong. With these Picton had to make head against the three victorious French columns, upwards of four times that strength, and who, encouraged by the easy rout of the Dutch and Belgians, now came confidently over the ridge of the hill. The British infantry stood firm; and as the French halted and began to deploy into line, Picton seized the critical moment. He shouted in his stentorian voice to Kempt's brigade: "A volley, and then charge!" at a distance of



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less than thirty yards that volley was poured upon the devoted first, sections of the nearest column; and then, with a fierce hurrah, the British dashed in with the bayonet. Picton was shot dead as he rushed forward, but his men pushed on with the cold steel. The French reeled back in confusion. Pack's infantry had checked the other two columns, and down came a whirlwind of British horse on the whole mass, sending them staggering from the crest of the hill, and cutting them down by whole battalions. Ponsonby's brigade of heavy cavalry (the Union Brigade, as it was called, from its being made up of the British Royals, the Scots Greys, and the Irish Inniskillings), did this good service. On went the horsemen amid the wrecks of the French columns, capturing two eagles, and two thousand prisoners; onwards still they galloped, and sabered the artillerymen of Ney's seventy four advanced guns; then severing the traces, and cutting the throats of the artillery horses, they rendered these guns totally useless to the French throughout the remainder of the day. While thus far advanced beyond the British position and disordered by success, they were charged by a large body of French lancers, and driven back with severe loss, till Vandeleur's light horse came to their aid, and beat off the French lancers in their turn.

Equally unsuccessful with the advance of the French infantry in this grand attack, had been the efforts of the French cavalry who moved forward in support of it, along the east of the Charleroi road. Somerset's cavalry of the English Household Brigade had been launched, on the right of Picton's division, against the French horse, at the same time that the English Union Brigade of heavy horse charged the French infantry columns on the left.

Somerset's brigade was formed of the Life Guards, the Blues, and the Dragoon Guards. The hostile cavalry, which Kellerman led forward, consisted chiefly of Cuirassiers. This steel-clad mass of French horsemen rode down some companies of German infantry, near La Haye Sainte, and flushed with success, they bounded onward to the ridge of the British position. The English Household Brigade, led on by the Earl of Uxbridge in person, spurred forward to the encounter, and in an instant, the two adverse lines of strong swordsmen, on their strong steeds, dashed furiously together. A desperate and sanguinary hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which the physical superiority of the Anglo-Saxon guided by equal skill, and animated with equal valor, was made decisively manifest. Back went the chosen cavalry of France; and after them, in hot pursuit, spurred the English Guards. They went forward as far and as fiercely as their comrades of the Union Brigade; and, like them, the Household cavalry suffered severely before they regained the British position, after their magnificent charge and adventurous pursuit.

Napoleon's grand effort to break the English left center, had thus completely failed; and his right wing was seriously weakened by the heavy loss which it had sustained. Hougoumont was still being assailed, and was still successfully resisting. Troops were now beginning to appear at the edge of the horizon



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on Napoleon's right, which he too well knew to be Prussian, though he endeavored to persuade his followers that they were Grouchy's men coming to their aid.

Grouchy was in fact now engaged at Wavre with his whole force, against Thielman's single Prussian corps, while the other three corps of the Prussian army were moving without opposition, save from the difficulties of the ground, upon Waterloo. Grouchy believed, on the 17th, and caused Napoleon to believe, that the Prussian army was retreating by lines of march remote from Waterloo upon Namur and Maestricht Napoleon learned early on the 18th, that there were Prussians in Wavre, and felt jealous about the security of his own right. He accordingly, before he attacked the English, sent Grouchy orders to engage the Prussians at Wavre without delay, and to approach the main French army, so as to unite his communication with the Emperor's. Grouchy entirely neglected this last part of his instructions; and in attacking the Prussians whom he found at Wavre, he spread his force more and more towards his right, that is to say, in the direction most remote from Napoleon. He thus knew nothing of Blucher's and Bulow's flank march upon Waterloo, till six in the evening of the 18th, when he received a note which Soult by Napoleon's orders had sent off from the field of battle at Waterloo at one o'clock, to inform Grouchy that Bulow was coming over the heights of St. Lambert, on the Emperor's right flank, and directing Grouchy to approach and join the main army instantly and crush Bulow en flagrant delit. It was then too late for Grouchy to obey; but it is remarkable that as early as noon on the 18th, and while Grouchy had not proceeded as far as Wavre, he and his suite heard the sound of heavy cannonading in the direction of Planchenoit and Mont St. Jean. General Gerard, who was with Grouchy, implored him to march towards the cannonade, and join his operations with those of Napoleon, who was evidently engaged with the English. Grouchy refused to do so, or even to detach part, of his force in that direction. He said that his instructions were to fight the Prussians at Wavre. He marched upon Wavre and fought for the rest of the day with Thielman accordingly, while Blucher and Bulow were attacking the Emperor.

[I have heard the remark made that Grouchy twice had in his hands the power of changing the destinies of Europe, and twice wanted nerve to act: first when he flinched from landing the French army at Bantry Bay in 1796 (he was second in command to Hoche whose ship was blown back by a storm). and secondly, when he failed to lend his whole force from Wavre to the scene of decisive conflict at Waterloo. But such were the arrangements of the Prussian General, that even if Grouchy had marched upon Waterloo, he would have been held in check by the nearest Prussian corps, or certainly by the two nearest ones, while the rest proceeded to join Wellington. This, however, would have diminished the Number of Prussians who appeared at Waterloo, and (what is still more important) would have kept them back to a later hour.

There are some very valuable remarks on this subject in the 70th No. of the "Quarterly," in an article on the "Life of Blucher,"

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usually attributed to Sir Francis Head. The Prussian writer, General Clausewitz, is there cited as "expressing a positive opinion, in which every military critic but a Frenchman must concur, that, even had the whole of Grouchy's force been at Napoleon's disposal, the Duke had nothing to fear pending Blucher's arrival.



"The Duke is often talked of as having exhausted his reserves in the action. This is another gross error, which Clausewitz has thoroughly disposed of. He enumerates the tenth British brigade, the division of Chasse, and the cavalry of Collaert, as having been little or not at all engaged; and he might have also added two brigades of light cavalry.' The fact, also, that Wellington did not at any part of the day order up Prince Frederick's corps from Hal, is a conclusive proof that the Duke was not so distressed as some writers have represented. Hal is not ten miles from the field of Waterloo.]

Napoleon had witnessed with bitter disappointment the rout of his troops, - foot, horse, and artillery, - which attacked the left center of the English, and the obstinate resistance which the garrison of Hougoumont opposed to all the exertions of his left wing. He now caused the batteries along the line of high



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ground held by him to be strengthened, and for some time an unremitting and most destructive cannonade raged across the valley, to the partial cessation of other conflict. But the superior fire of the French artillery, though it weakened, could not break the British line, and more close and summary measures were requisite.

It was now about half-past three o'clock; and though Wellington's army had suffered severely by the unremitting cannonade, and in the late desperate encounter, no part of the British position had been forced. Napoleon determined therefore to try what effect he could produce on the British center and right by charges of his splendid cavalry, brought on in such force that the Duke's cavalry could not check them. Fresh troops were at the same time sent to assail La Haye Sainte and Hougoumont, the possession of these posts being the Emperor's unceasing object. Squadron after squadron of the French cuirassiers accordingly ascended the slopes on the Duke's right, and rode forward with dauntless courage against the batteries of the British artillery in that part of the field. The artillery-men were driven from their guns, and the cuirassiers cheered loudly at their supposed triumph. But the Duke had formed his infantry in squares, and the cuirassiers charged in vain against; the impenetrable hedges of bayonets, while the fire from the inner ranks of the squares told with terrible effect on their squadrons. Time after time they rode forward with invariably the same result.: and as they receded from each attack the British artillery-men rushed forward from the centers of the squares, where they had taken refuge, and plied their guns on the retiring horsemen.

On came the whirlwind—like the last
But fiercest sweep of tempest-blast-
On came the whirlwind — steel-gleams broke
Like lightning through the rolling smoke;
The war was waked anew,
Three hundred cannon-mouths roar'd loud,
And from their throats, with flash and cloud,
Their showers of iron threw.
Beneath their fire, in full career,
Rush'd on the ponderous cuirassier,
The lancer couch'd his ruthless spear,
And hurrying as to havoc near,
The cohorts' eagles flew
In one dark torrent, broad and strong,
The advancing onset roll'd along,
Forth harbinger'd by fierce acclaim,
That, from the shroud of smoke and flame,
Peal'd wildly the imperial name.
But on the British heart were lost
The terrors of the charging host;
For not an eye the storm that view'd
Changed its proud glance of fortitude,
Nor was one forward footstep staid,
As dropp'd the dying and the dead.
Fast as their ranks the thunders tear,
Fast they renew'd each serried square;
And on the wounded and the slain
Closed their diminish'd files again,
Till from their line scarce spears' lengths three
Emerging from the smoke they see



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Helmet, and plume, and panoply,-
Then waked their fire at once!
Each musketeer's revolving knell,
As fast, as regularly fell,
As when they practice to display
Their discipline on festal day.
Then down went helm and lance,
Down were the eagle banners sent,
Down reeling steeds and riders went,
Corslets were pierced, and pennons rent;
And, to augment the fray,
Wheel'd full against their staggering flanks.
The English horsemen's foaming ranks
Forced their resistless way.
Then to the musket-knell succeeds
The clash of swords—the neigh of steeds-
As plies the smith his clanging trade,
Against the cuirass rang the blade;
And while amid their close array
The well-served cannon rent their way,
And while amid their scatter'd band
Raged the fierce rider's bloody brand,
Recoil'd in common rout and fear,
Lancer and guard and cuirassier,
Horsemen and foot,—a mingled host,
Their leaders fall'n, their standards lost. — Scott.

Nearly the whole of Napoleon's magnificent body of heavy cavalry was destroyed in these fruitless attempts upon the British right. But in another part of the field fortune favored him for a time. Two French columns of infantry from Donzelot's division took La Haye Sainte between six and seven o'clock, and the means were now given for organizing another formidable attack on the center of the Allies.

There was no time to be lost—Blucher and Bulow were beginning to press hard upon the French right. As early as five o'clock, Napoleon had been obliged to detach Lobau's infantry and Domont's horse to check these new enemies. They succeeded in doing so for a time; but as larger numbers of the Prussians came on the field, they turned Lobau's right flank, and sent a strong force to seize the village of Planchenoit, which, it will be remembered, lay in the rear of the French right.

The design of the Allies was not merely to prevent Napoleon from advancing upon Brussels, but to cut off his line of retreat and utterly destroy his army. The defense of Planchenoit therefore became absolutely essential for the safety of the French, and Napoleon was obliged to send his Young Guard to occupy that village, which was accordingly held by them with great gallantry against the reiterated assaults of the Prussian left, under Bulow. Three times did the Prussians fight their way into Planchenoit, and as often did the French drive them out: the contest was maintained with the fiercest desperation on both sides, such being the animosity between the two nations that quarter was seldom given or even asked. Other Prussian forces were now appearing on the field nearer to the English left; whom also Napoleon kept in check, by troops detached for that purpose. Thus a large part of the French army was now thrown back on a line at right angles with the line of that portion



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which still confronted and assailed the English position. But this portion was now numerically inferior to the force under the Duke of Wellington, which Napoleon had been assailing throughout the day, without gaining any other advantage than the capture of La Haye Sainte. It is true that, owing to the gross misconduct of the greater part of the Dutch and Belgian troops, the Duke was obliged to rely exclusively on his English and German soldiers, and the ranks of these had been fearfully thinned; but the survivors stood their ground heroically, and opposed a resolute front to every forward movement of their enemies. On no point of the British line was the pressure more severe than on Halkett's brigade in the right center, which was composed of battalions of the 30th, the 33rd, the 69th, and the 73rd British regiments. We fortunately can quote from the journal of a brave officer of the 30th, a narrative of what took place in this part of the field. The late Major Macready served at Waterloo in the light company of the 30th. The extent of the peril and the carnage which Halkett's brigade had to encounter, may be judged of by the fact that this light company marched into the field three officers and fifty-one men, and that at the end of the battle they stood one officer and ten men. Major Macready's blunt soldierly account of what he actually saw and felt, gives a far better idea of the terrific scene, than can be gained from the polished generalizations which the conventional style of history requires, or even from the glowing stanzas of the poet. During the earlier part of the day Macready and his light company were thrown forward as skirmishers in front of the brigade; but when the French cavalry commenced their attacks on the British right center, he and his comrades were ordered back. The brave soldier thus himself describes what passed:

"Before the commencement of this attack our company and the Grenadiers of the 73rd were skirmishing briskly in the low ground, covering our guns, and annoying those of the enemy. The line of tirailleurs opposed to us was not stronger than our own, but on a sudden they were reinforced by numerous bodies, and several guns began playing on us with canister. Our poor fellows dropped very fast, and Colonel Vigoureux, Rumley, and Pratt, were carried off badly wounded in about two minutes. I was now commander of our company. We stood under this hurricane of small shot till Halkett sent to order us in, and I brought away about a third of the light bobs; the rest were killed or wounded, and I really wonder how one of them escaped. As our bugler was killed, I shouted and made signals to move by the left, in order to avoid the fire of our guns, and to put as good a face upon the business as possible.

"When I reached Lloyd's abandoned guns, I stood near them for about a minute to contemplate the scene: it was grand beyond description. Hougoumont and its wood sent up a broad flame through the dark masses of smoke that overhung the field; beneath this cloud the French were



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indistinctly visible. Here a waving mass of long red feathers could be seen; there, gleams as from a sheet of steel showed that the cuirassiers were moving; 400 cannon were belching forth fire and death on every side; the roaring and shouting were indistinguishably commixed—together they gave me an idea of a laboring volcano. Bodies of infantry and cavalry were pouring down on us, and it was time to leave contemplation, so I moved towards our columns, which were standing up in square. Our regiment and 73rd formed one, and 33rd and 69th another; to our right beyond them were the Guards, and on our left the Hanoverians and German legion of our division. As I entered the rear face of our square I had to step over a body, and, looking down, recognized Harry Beere, an officer of our Grenadiers, who about an hour before shook hands with me, laughing, as I left the columns. I was on the usual terms of military intimacy with poor Harry — that is to say, if either of us had died a natural death, the other would have pitied him as a good fellow, and smiled at his neighbor as he congratulated him on the step; but seeing his Herculean frame and animated countenance thus suddenly stiff and motionless before me (I know not whence the feeling could originate, for I had just seen my dearest friend drop, almost with indifference), the tears started in my eyes as I sighed out, 'Poor Harry!' The tear was not dry on my cheek when poor Harry was no longer thought of. In a few minutes after, the enemy's cavalry galloped up and crowned the crest of our position. Our guns were abandoned, and they formed between the two brigades, about a hundred paces in our front. Their first charge was magnificent. As soon as they quickened their trot into a gallop, the cuirassiers bent their heads, so that the peaks of their helmets looked like visors, and they seemed cased in armor from the plume to the saddle. Not a shot was fired till they were within thirty yards, when the word was given, and our men fired away at them. The effect was magical. Through the smoke we could see helmets falling, cavaliers starting from their seats with convulsive springs as they received our balls, horses plunging and rearing in the agonies of fright and pain, and crowds of the soldiery dismounted, part of the squadron in retreat, but the more daring remainder backing their horses to force them on our bayonets. Our fire soon disposed of these gentlemen. The main body reformed in our front, and rapidly and gallantly repeated their attacks. In fact, from this time (about four o'clock) till near six, we had a constant repetition of these brave but unavailing charges. There was no difficulty in repulsing them, but our ammunition decreased alarmingly. At length an artillery wagon galloped up, emptied two or three casks of cartridges into the square, and we were all comfortable.

"The best cavalry is contemptible to a steady and well



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supplied infantry regiment; even our men saw this, and began to pity the useless perseverance of their assailants, and, as they advanced, would growl out, 'Here come these fools again!' One of their superior officers tried a ruse de guerre, by advancing and dropping his sword, as though he surrendered; some of us were deceived by him, but Halkett ordered the men to fire, and he coolly retired, saluting us. Their devotion was invincible. One officer whom we had taken prisoner was asked what force Napoleon might have in the field, and replied with a smile of mingled derision and threatening, 'Vous verrez bientôt sa force, messieurs.' A private cuirassier was wounded and dragged into the square; his only cry was, 'Tuez donc, tuez, tuez moi, soldats!' and as one of our men dropped dead close to him, he seized his bayonet, and forced it into his own neck; but this not dispatching him, he raised up his cuirass, and plunging the bayonet into his stomach, kept working it about till he ceased to breathe.

"Though we constantly thrashed our steel-clad opponents, we found more troublesome customers in the round shot and grape, which all this time played on us with terrible effect, and fully avenged the cuirassiers. Often as the volleys created openings in our square would the cavalry dash on, but they were uniformly unsuccessful. A regiment on our right seemed sadly disconcerted, and at one moment was in considerable confusion. Halkett rode out to them, and seizing their color, waved it over his head, and restored them to something like order, though not before his horse was shot under him. at the height of their unsteadiness we got the order to 'right face' to move to their assistance; some of the men mistook it for 'right about face,' and faced accordingly, when old Major M'Laine, 73rd, called out, 'No, my boys, it's "right face;" you'll never hear the right about as long as a French bayonet is in front of you!' In a few moments he was mortally wounded. A regiment of light Dragoons, by their facings either the 16th or 23rd, came up to our left and charged the cuirassiers. We cheered each other as they passed us; they did all they could, but were obliged to retire after a few minutes at the saber. A body of Belgian cavalry advanced for the same purpose, but, on passing our square, they stopped short. Our noble Halkett rode out to them and offered to charge at their head; it was of no use; the Prince of Orange came up and exhorted them to do their duty, but in vain. They hesitated till a few shots whizzed through them, when they turned about, and galloped like fury, or, rather, like fear. As they passed the right face of our square the men, irritated by their rascally conduct, unanimously took up their pieces and fired a volley into them, and many a good fellow was destroyed so cowardly.' "The enemy's cavalry were by this time nearly disposed



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of, and as they had discovered the inutility of their charges, they commenced annoying us by a spirited and well-directed carbine fire. While we were employed in this manner it was impossible to see farther than the columns on our right and left, but I imagine most of the army was similarly situated: all the British and Germans were doing their duty. About six o'clock I perceived some artillery trotting up our hill, which I knew by their caps to belong to the Imperial Guard. I had hardly mentioned this to a brother officer when two guns unlimbered within seventy paces of us, and, by their first discharge of grape, blew seven men into the center of the square. They immediately reloaded, and kept up a constant and destructive fire. It was noble to see our fellows fill up the gaps after every discharge. I was much distressed at this moment; having ordered up three of my light bobs, they had hardly taken their station when two of them fell horribly lacerated. One of them looked up in my face and uttered a sort of reproachful groan, and I involuntarily exclaimed, 'I couldn't help it.' We would willingly have charged these guns, but, had we deployed, the cavalry that flanked them would have made an example of us.

"The 'vivida vis animi' – the glow which fires one upon entering into action – had ceased; it was now to be seen which side had most bottom, and would stand killing longest. The Duke visited us frequently at this momentous period; he was coolness personified. As he crossed the rear face of our square a shell fell amongst our grenadiers, and he checked his horse to see its effect. Some men were blown to pieces by the explosion, and he merely stirred the rein of his charger, apparently as little concerned at their fate as at his own danger. No leader ever possessed so fully the confidence of his soldiery – wherever he appeared, a murmur of 'silence – stand to your front – here's the Duke,' was heard through the column, and then all was steady as on a parade. His aides-de-camp, Colonels Canning and Gordon, fell near our square, and the former died within it. As he came near us late in the evening, Halkett rode out to him and represented our weak state, begging his Grace to afford us a little support. 'It's impossible, Halkett,' said he. And our general replied, 'If so, sir, you may depend on the brigade to a man!'

All accounts of the battle show that the Duke was ever present at each spot where danger seemed the most pressing; inspiring his men by a few homely and good humored words; and restraining their impatience to be led forward to attack in their turn. – "Hard pounding this, gentlemen: we will try who can pound the longest;" was his remark to a battalion, on which the storm from the French guns was pouring with peculiar fury. Riding up to one of the squares, which had been dreadfully weakened, and against which a fresh attack of French



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cavalry was coming, he called to them: "Stand firm, my lads; what will they say of this in England?" As he rode along another part of the line where the men had for some time been falling fast beneath the enemy's cannonade, without having any close fighting, a murmur reached his ear of natural eagerness to advance and do something more than stand still to be shot at. The Duke called to them: "Wait a little longer, my lads, and you shall have your wish." The men were instantly satisfied and steady. It was, indeed, indispensable for the Duke to bide his time. The premature movement of a single corps down from the British line of heights, would have endangered the whole position, and have probably made Waterloo a second Hastings.

But the Duke inspired all under him with his own spirit of patient firmness. When other generals besides Halkett sent to him, begging for reinforcements, or for leave to withdraw corps which were reduced to skeletons the answer was the same: "It is impossible; you must hold your ground to the last man, and all will be well." He gave a similar reply to some of his staff, who asked instructions from him, so that, in the event of his falling, his successor might follow out his plan. He answered, "My plan is simply to stand my ground here to the last, man." His personal danger was indeed imminent throughout the day; and though he escaped without injury to himself or horse, one only of his numerous staff was equally fortunate.

"As far as the French accounts would lead us to infer, it appears that the losses among Napoleon's staff were comparatively trifling. On this subject, perhaps the marked contrast afforded by the following anecdotes, which have been related to me on excellent authority, may tend to throw some light. At one period of the battle, when the Duke was surrounded by several of his staff, it was very evident that the group had become the object of the fire of a French battery. The shot fell fast about them, generally striking and turning up the ground on which they stood. Their horses became restive, and 'Copenhagen' himself so fidgety, that the Duke, getting impatient, and having reasons for remaining on the spot, said to those about him, 'Gentlemen, we are rather too close together-better to divide a little.' subsequently. at another point of the line, an officer of artillery came up to the Duke, and stated that he had a distinct view of Napoleon, attended by his staff; that he had the guns of his battery well pointed in that direction, and was prepared to fire. His Grace instantly and emphatically exclaimed, 'No! no! I'll not allow it. It is not the business of commanders to be firing upon each other.'" —Siberne, vol. ii. p. 363.

How different is this from Napoleon's conduct at the battle of Dresden, when he personally directed the fire of the battery,



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which, as he thought, killed the Emperor Alexander, and actually killed Moreau.

Napoleon had stationed himself during the battle on a little hillock near La Belle Alliance, in the center of the French position. Here he was seated, with a large table from the neighboring farm-house before him, on which maps and plans were spread; and thence with his telescope he surveyed the various points of the field. Soult watched his orders close at his left hand, and his staff was grouped on horseback a few paces in the rear. [Ouvrard, who attended Napoleon as chief commissary of the French army on that occasion told me that Napoleon was suffering from a complaint which made it very painful for him to ride.] Here he remained till near the close of the day, preserving the appearance at least of calmness, except some expressions of irritation which escaped him, when Ney's attack on the British left center was defeated. But now that the crisis of the battle was evidently approaching, he mounted a white Persian charger, which he rode in action because the troops easily recognized him by the horse's color. He had still the means of effecting a retreat. His Old Guard had yet taken no part in the action. Under cover of it, he might have withdrawn his shattered forces and retired upon the French frontier. But this would only have given the English and Prussians the opportunity of completing their junction; and he knew that other armies were fast coming up to aid them in a march upon Paris, if he should succeed in avoiding an encounter with them, and retreating upon the capital. A victory at Waterloo was his only alternative from utter ruin, and he determined to employ his Guard in one bold stroke more to make that victory- his own.

Between seven and eight o'clock, the infantry of the Old Guard was formed into two columns, on the declivity near La Belle Alliance. Ney was placed at their head. Napoleon himself rode forward to a spot by which his veterans were to pass; and, as they approached, he raised his arm, and pointed to the position of the Allies, as if to tell them that their path lay there. 'they answered with loud cries of "Vive l'Empereur!" and descended the hill from their own side, into that "valley of the shadow of death," while the batteries thundered with redoubled vigor over their heads upon the British line. The line of march of the columns of the Guard was directed between Hougomont and La Haye Sainte, against the British right center; and at the same time the French under Donzelot, who had possession of La Haye Sainte, commenced a fierce attack upon the British center, a little more to its left. This part of the battle has drawn less attention than the celebrated attack of the Old Guard; but it formed the most perilous crisis for the allied army; and if the Young Guard had been there to support Donzelot, instead of being engaged with the Prussians at Planchenoit, the consequences to the Allies in that part of the field must have been most serious. The French tirailleurs, who were posted in clouds in La Haye Sainte, and the sheltered spots near it, picked off the artillerymen of the English batteries near them: and, taking advantage of the disabled state of the English guns, the French brought some field-pieces up to La Haye Sainte, and



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commenced firing grape from them on the infantry of the Allies, at a distance of not more than a hundred paces. The allied infantry here consisted of some German brigades, who were formed in squares, as it was believed that Donzelot had cavalry ready behind La Haye Sainte to charge them with, if they left that order of formation. In this state the Germans remained for some time with heroic fortitude, though the grapeshot was tearing gaps in their ranks, and the side of one square was literally blown away by one tremendous volley which the French gunners poured into it. The Prince of Orange in vain endeavored to lead some Nassau troops to the aid of the brave Germans. The Nassauers would not or could not face the French; and some battalions of Brunswickers, whom the Duke of Wellington had ordered up as a reinforcement, at first fell back, until the Duke in person rallied them, and led them on. Having thus barred the farther advance of Donzelot, the Duke galloped off to the right to head his men who were exposed to the attack of the Imperial Guard. He had saved one part of his center from being routed; but the French had gained ground and kept it; and the pressure on the Allied line in front of La Haye Sainte, was fearfully severe, until it; was relieved by the decisive success which the British in the right center achieved over the columns of the Guard.

The British troops on the crest of that part of the position, which the first column of Napoleon's Guards assailed, were Maitland's brigade of British Guards, having Adam's brigade (which had been brought forward during the action) on their right. Maitland's men were lying down, in order to avoid as far as possible the destructive effect of the French artillery, which kept up an unremitting fire from the opposite heights, until the first column of the Imperial Guard had advanced so far up the slope towards the British position, that any further firing of the French artillerymen would have endangered their own comrades. Meanwhile the British guns were not idle; but shot and shell ploughed fast through the ranks of the stately array of veterans that still moved imposingly on. Several of the French superior officers were at its head. Ney's horse was shot under him, but he still led the way on foot, sword in hand. The front of the massive column now was on the ridge of the hill. To their surprise they saw no troops before them. All they could discern through the smoke was a small band of mounted officers. One of them was the Duke himself. The French advanced to about fifty yards from where the British Guards were lying down, when the voice of one of the group of British officers was heard calling, as if to the ground before him, "Up, Guards, and at them!" It was the Duke who gave the order; and at the words, as if by magic, up started before them a line of the British Guards four deep, and in the most compact and perfect order. They poured an instantaneous volley upon the head of the French column, by which no less than three hundred of those chosen veterans are said to have fallen. The French officers rushed forwards; and, conspicuous in front of their men, attempted to deploy them into a more extended line, so as to enable them to reply with effect to the British fire. But Maitland's brigade kept showering in volley after volley with deadly rapidity. The decimated column



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grew disordered in its vain efforts to expand itself into a more efficient formation. The right word was given at the right moment to the British for the bayonet-charge, and the brigade sprang forward with a loud cheer against their dismayed antagonists. In an instant the compact mass of the French spread out into a rabble, and they fled back down the hill, pursued by Maitland's men, who, however, returned to their position in time to take part in the repulse of the second column of the Imperial Guard.

This column also advanced with great spirit and firmness under the cannonade which was opened on it; and passing by the eastern wall of Hougoumont, diverged slightly to the right as it moved up the slope towards the British position, so as to approach nearly the same spot where the first column had surmounted the height, and been defeated. This enabled the British regiments of Adam's brigade to form a line parallel to the left flank of the French column; so that while the front of this column of French Guards had to encounter the cannonade of the British batteries, and the musketry of Maitland's Guards, its left flank was assailed with a destructive fire by a four-deep body of British infantry, extending all along it. In such a position all the bravery and skill of the French veterans were vain. The second column, like its predecessor, broke and fled taking at first a lateral direction along the front of the British line towards the rear of La Haye Sainte, and so becoming blended with the divisions of French infantry, which under Donzelot had been assailing the Allies so formidably in that quarter. The sight of the Old Guard broken and in flight checked the ardor which Donzelot's troops had hitherto displayed. They, too, began to waver. Adam's victorious brigade was pressing after the flying Guard, and now cleared away the assailants of the allied center. But the battle was not yet won Napoleon had still some battalions in reserve near La Belle Alliance. He was rapidly rallying the remains of the first column of his Guards, and he had collected into one body the remnants of the various corps of cavalry, which had suffered so severely in the earlier part of the day. The Duke instantly formed the bold resolution of now himself becoming the assailant, and leading his successful though enfeebled army forward, while the disheartening effect of the repulse of the Imperial Guard on the rest of the French army was still strong, and before Napoleon and Ney could rally the beaten veterans themselves for another and a fiercer charge. As the close approach of the Prussians now completely protected the Duke's left, he had drawn some reserves of horse from that quarter, and he had a brigade of Hussars under Vivian fresh and ready at hand. Without a moment's hesitation he launched these against the cavalry near La Belle Alliance. The charge was as successful as it was daring: and as there was now no hostile cavalry to check the British infantry in a forward movement, the Duke gave the long-wished-for command for a general advance of the army along the whole line upon the foe. It was now past eight o'clock, and for nearly nine deadly hours had the British and German regiments stood unflinching under the fire of artillery, the charge of cavalry, and every variety of assault, which the



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compact columns or the scattered tirailleurs of the enemy's infantry could inflict. As they joyously sprang forward against the discomfited masses of the French, the setting sun broke through the clouds which had obscured the sky during the greater part of the day, and glittered on the bayonets of the Allies, while they poured down into the valley and towards the heights that were held by the foe. The Duke himself was among the foremost in the advance, and personally directed the movements against each body of the French that essayed resistance. He rode in front of Adam's brigade, cheering it forward, and even galloped among the most advanced of the British skirmishers, speaking joyously to the men, and receiving their hearty shouts of congratulation. The bullets of both friends and foes were whistling fast round him; and one of the few survivors of his staff remonstrated with him for thus exposing a life of such value. "Never mind," was the Duke's answer; - "Never mind, let them fire away; the battle's won, and my life is of no consequence now." And, indeed, almost the whole of the French host was now in irreparable confusion. The Prussian army was coming more and more rapidly forwards on their right; and the Young Guard, which had held Planchenoit so bravely, was at last compelled to give way. Some regiments of the Old Guard in vain endeavored to form in squares and stem the current. They were swept away, and wrecked among the waves of the flyers. Napoleon had placed himself in one of these squares: Marshal Soult, Generals Bertrand, Drouot, Corbineau, De Flahaut, and Gourgaud, were with him. The Emperor spoke of dying on the field, but Soult seized his bridle and turned his charger round, exclaiming, "Sire, are not the enemy already lucky enough?" [The Colonel states that he heard these details from General Gourgaud himself. The English reader will be reminded of Charles I's retreat from Naseby.] With the greatest difficulty, and only by the utmost exertion of the devoted officers round him, Napoleon cleared the throng of fugitives, and escaped from the scene of the battle and the war, which he and France had lost past all recovery. Meanwhile the Duke of Wellington still rode forward with the van of his victorious troops, until he reined up on the elevated ground near Rossormne. The daylight was now entirely gone; but the young moon had risen, and the light which it cast, aided by the glare from the burning houses and other buildings in the line of the flying French and pursuing Prussians, enabled the Duke to assure himself that his victory was complete. He then rode back along the Charleroi road toward Waterloo: and near La Belie Alliance he met Marshal Blucher. Warm were the congratulations that were exchanged between the Allied Chiefs. It was arranged that the Prussians should follow up the pursuit and give the French no chance of rallying. Accordingly the British army, exhausted by its toils and suffering during that dreadful day, did not advance beyond the heights which the enemy had occupied. But the Prussians drove the fugitives before them in merciless chase throughout the night. Cannon, baggage, and all the materiel of the army were abandoned by the French and many thousands of the infantry threw away their arms to facilitate their escape. The ground was strewn for miles with



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the wrecks of their host. There was no rear-guard; nor was even the semblance of order attempted. An attempt at resistance was made at the bridge and village of Genappe, the first narrow pass through which the bulk of the French retired. The situation was favorable; and a few resolute battalions if ably commanded, might have held their pursuers at bay there for some considerable time. But despair and panic were now universal in the beaten army. At the first sound of the Prussian drums and bugles, Genappe was abandoned; and nothing thought of but headlong flight. The Prussians, under General Gneisenau, still followed and still slew; nor even when the Prussian infantry stopped in sheer exhaustion, was the pursuit given up. Gneisenau still pushed on with the cavalry; and by an ingenious stratagem, made the French believe that his infantry were still close on them, and scared them from every spot where they attempted to pause and rest. He mounted one of his drummers on a horse which had been taken from the captured carriage of Napoleon, and made him ride along with the pursuing cavalry, and beat the drum whenever they came on any large number of the French. The French thus fled, and the Prussians pursued through Quatre Bras, and even over the heights of Frasne; and when at length Gneisenau drew bridle, and halted a little beyond Frasne with the scanty remnant of keen hunters who had kept up the chase with him to the last, the French were scattered through Gosselies, Marchiennes, and Charleroi; and were striving to regain the left bank of the river Sambre, which they had crossed in such pomp and pride not a hundred hours before.

Part of the French left wing endeavored to escape from the field without blending with the main body of the fugitives who thronged the Genappe causeway. A French officer, who was among those who thus retreated across the country westward of the high-road, has vividly described what he witnessed and what he suffered. Colonel Lemonnier Delafosse served in the campaign of 1815 in General Foy's staff; and was consequently in that part of the French army at Waterloo, which acted against Hougoumont and the British right wing. When the column of the Imperial Guard made their great charge at the end of the day, the troops of Foy's division advanced in support of them, and Colonel Lemonnier Delafosse describes the confident hopes of victory and promotion with which he marched to that attack, and the fearful carnage and confusion of the assailants, amid which he was helplessly hurried back by his flying comrades. He then narrates the closing scene:

"Near one of the hedges of Hougoumont farm without even a drummer to beat the rappel, we succeeded in rallying under the enemy's fire 300 men: the were nearly all that remained of our splendid division. Thither came together a band of generals. There was Reille, whose horse had been shot under him; there we D'Erlon, Bachelu, Foy, Jamin, and others. All we gloomy and sorrowful, like vanquished men. The words were, - 'Here is all that is left of my corps, my division, of my brigade. I, myself.' We had seen the fall of Duhesme, of Pelet-de-Morvan, of Michel - generals who had found a glorious death. My General Foy, had his shoulder pierced through by a musket-ball and out of his whole staff two



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officers only were left to him, Cahour Duhay and I. Fate had spared me in the midst of so many dangers, though the first charger I rode had been shot and had fallen on me.

"The enemy's horse were coming down on us, and our little group was obliged to retreat. What had happened to our division of the left wing had taken place all along the line. The movement of the hostile cavalry which inundated the whole plain, had demoralized our soldiers, who seeing all regular retreat of the army cut off, strove each man to effect one for himself. At each instant the road became more encumbered. Infantry, cavalry, and artillery, were pressing along pell-mell jammed together like a solid mass. Figure to yourself 40,000 men struggling and thrusting themselves along a single causeway. We could not take that way without destruction; so the generals who had collected together near the Hougoumont hedge dispersed across the fields. General Foy alone remained with the 300, men whom he had gleaned from the field of battle, and marched at their head. Our anxiety was to withdraw from the scene of action without being confounded with the fugitives. Our general wished to retreat like a true soldier. Seeing three lights in the southern horizon, like beacons, General Foy asked me what I thought of the position of each. I answered 'The first to the left is Genappe, the second is at Bois-de-Bossu, near the farm of Quatre Bras; the third is at Gosselies.' 'Let us march on tire second one, then,' replied Foy, 'and let no obstacle stop us - take the head of the column, and do not lose sight of the guiding light.' Such was his order, and I strove to obey.

"After all the agitation and the incessant din of a long day of battle, how imposing was the stillness of that night! We proceeded on our sad and lonely march. We were a prey to the most cruel reflections, we: were humiliated, we were hopeless; but not a word of complaint was heard. We walked silently as a troop of mourners, and it might have been said that we were attending the funeral of our country's glory. Suddenly that stillness was broken by a challenge,- 'Qui vive?' 'France!' 'Kellerman!' 'Foy!' 'Is it you, General? come nearer to us.' At that moment we were passing over a little hillock, at the foot of which was a hut, in which Kellerman and some of his officers had halted. They came out to join us. Foy said to me, 'Kellerman knows the country: he has been along here before with his cavalry; we had better follow him.' But we found that the direction which Kellerman chose was towards the first light, towards Genappe. That led to the causeway which our general rightly wished to avoid. I went to the left to reconnoiter, and was soon convinced that such was the case. It was then that I was able to form a full idea of the disorder of a routed army. What a hideous spectacle! The mountain torrent, that uproots and whirls along with it every momentary obstacle, is a feeble image of that heap of men, of horses, of equipages, rushing one upon another; gathering before the least obstacle which dams up their way for a few seconds, only to form a mass which overthrows everything in the path which it forces for itself. Woe to him whose footing failed him in that deluge! He was crushed, trampled to death! I returned and told my general what I had



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seen, and he instantly abandoned Kellerman, and resumed his original line of march.

"Keeping straight across the country over fields and the rough thickets, we at last arrived at the Bois-de-Bossu, where we halted. My General said to me, 'Go to the farm of Quatre Bras and announce that we are here. The Emperor or Soult must be there. Ask for orders, and recollect that I am waiting here for you. The lives of these men depend on your exactness.' To reach the farm I was obliged to cross the high road: I was on horseback, but nevertheless was borne away by the crowd that fled along the road, and it was long ere I could extricate myself and reach the farmhouse. General Lobau was there with his staff, resting in fancied security. They thought that their troops had halted there; but, though a halt had been attempted, the men had soon fled forwards, like their comrades of the rest of the army. The shots of the approaching Prussians were now heard; and I believe that General Lobau was taken prisoner in that farmhouse. I left him to rejoin my general, which I did with difficulty. I found him alone. His men, as they came near the current of flight, were infected with the general panic, and fled also.

"What was to be done? Follow that crowd of run aways General Foy would not hear of it. There were five of us still with him, all officers. He had been wounded at about five in the afternoon, and the wound had not been dressed. He suffered severely; but his moral courage was unbroken. 'Let us keep,' he said, 'a line parallel to the high road, and work our way hence as we best can.' A foot-track was before us, and we followed it.

"The moon shone out brightly, and revealed the full wretchedness of the tableau which met our eyes. A brigadier and four cavalry soldiers, whom we met with, formed our escort. We marched on; and, as the noise grew more distant, I thought that we were losing the parallel of the high way. Finding that we had the moon more and more on the left, I felt sure of this, and mentioned it to the General. Absorbed in thought, he made me no reply. We came in front of a windmill, and endeavored to procure some information; but we could not gain an entrance, or make any one answer, and we continued our nocturnal march. At last we entered a village, but found every door closed against us, and were obliged to use threats in order to gain admission into a single house. The poor woman to whom it belonged, more dead than alive, received us as if we had been enemies. Before asking where we were, 'Food, give us some food!' was our cry. Bread and butter and beer were brought, and soon disappeared before men who had fasted for twenty-four hours. A little revived, we ask, 'Where are we? What is the name of this village?' 'Vieville.'

"On looking at the map, I saw that in coming to that village we had leaned too much to the right, and that we were in the direction of Mons. In order to reach the Sambre at the bridge of Marchiennes, we had four leagues to traverse; and there was scarcely time to march the distance before daybreak. I made a villager act as our guide, and bound him by his arm to my stirrup. He led us through Roux to Marchiennes. The poor fellow ran alongside of my horse the whole way. It was cruel, but necessary to compel him, for we had not an instant to spare. At



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six in the morning we entered Marchiennes.

"Marshal Ney was there. Our general went to see him, and to ask what orders he had to give. Ney was asleep; and, rather than rob him of the first repose he had had for four days, our General returned to us without seeing him. And, indeed, what orders could Marshal Ney have given? The whole army was crossing the Sambre, each man where and how he chose; some at Charleroi, some at Marchiennes. We were about to do the same thing. When once beyond the Sambre we might safely halt; and both men and horses were in extreme need of rest. We passed through Thuin; and finding a little copse near the road, we gladly sought its shelter. While our horses grazed, we lay down and slept. How sweet was that sleep after the fatigues of the long day of battle, and after the night of retreat more painful still! We rested in the little copse till noon, and sat there watching the wrecks of our army defile along the road before us. It was a soul-harrowing sight! Yet the different arms of the service had resumed a certain degree of order amid their disorder; and our General, feeling his strength revive, resolved to follow a strong column of cavalry which was taking the direction of Beaumont, about four leagues off: We drew near Beaumont, when suddenly a regiment of horse was seen debauching from a wood on our left. The column that we followed shouted out, 'The Prussians! The Prussians!' and galloped off in utter disorder. The troops that thus alarmed them were not a tenth part of their number, and were in reality our own 8th Hussars, who wore green uniforms. But the panic had been brought even thus far from the battle-field, and the disorganized column galloped into Beaumont, which was already crowded with our infantry. We were obliged to follow that debacle. On entering Beaumont we chose a house of superior appearance, and demanded of the mistress of it refreshments for the General. 'Alas!' said the lady, 'this is the tenth General who has been to this house since this morning. I have nothing left, Search, if you please, and see. Though unable to find food for the General, I persuaded him to take his coat off and let me examine his wound. The bullet had gone through the twists of the left epaulette, and penetrating the skin had run round the shoulder without injuring the bone. The lady of the house made some lint for me; and without any great degree of surgical skill I succeeded in dressing the wound.

"Being still anxious to procure some food for the General and ourselves, if it were but a loaf of ammunition bread, I left the house and rode out into the town. I saw pillage going on in every direction: open caissons, stripped and half-broken, blocked up the streets. The pavement was covered with plundered and torn baggage. Pillagers and runaways, such were all the comrades I met with. Disgusted at them, I strove, sword in hand, to stop one of the plunderers; but, more active than I, he gave me a bayonet stab in my left arm, in which I fortunately caught his thrust, which had been aimed full at my body. He disappeared among the crowd, through which I could not force my horse. My spirit of discipline had made me forget that in such circumstances the soldier is a mere wild beast. But to be wounded



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by a fellow-countryman after having passed unharmed through all the perils of Quatre Bras and Waterloo! – this did seem hard, indeed. I was trying to return to General Foy, when another horde of flyers burst into Beaumont, swept me into the current of their flight, and hurried me out of the town with them. Until I received my wound I had preserved my moral courage in full force; but now, worn out with fatigue, covered with blood and suffering severe rain from the wound, I own that I gave way to the general demoralization, and let myself be inertly borne along with the rushing mass. At last I reached Landrecies, though I know not how or when. But I found there our Colonel Hurday, who had been left behind there in consequence of an accidental injury from a carriage. He took me with him to Paris, where I retired amid my family, and got cured of my wound, knowing nothing of the rest of political and military events that were taking place.”

No returns ever were made of the amount of the French loss in the battle of Waterloo; but it must have been immense, and may be partially judged of by the amount of killed and wounded in the armies of the conquerors. On this subject both the Prussian and British official evidence is unquestionably full and authentic. The figures are terribly emphatic.

Of the army that fought under the Duke of Wellington nearly 15,000 men were killed and wounded on this single day of battle. Seven thousand Prussians also fell at Waterloo. At such a fearful price was the deliverance of Europe purchased.

By none was the severity of that loss more keenly felt than by our great deliverer himself. As may be seen in Major Macready’s narrative, the Duke, while the battle was raging, betrayed no sign of emotion at the most ghastly casualties; but, when all was over, the sight of the carnage with which the field was covered, and still more, the sickening spectacle of the agonies of the wounded men who lay moaning in their misery by thousands and tens of thousands, weighed heavily on the spirit of the victor, as he rode back across the scene of strife. On reaching his head-quarters in the village of Waterloo, the Duke inquired anxiously after the numerous friends who had been round him in the morning, and to whom he was warmly attached. Many he was told were dead; others were lying alive, but mangled and suffering, in the houses round him. It is in our hero’s own words alone that his feelings can be adequately told. In a letter written by him almost immediately after his return from the field, he thus expressed himself: – “My heart is broken by the terrible loss I have sustained in my old friends and companions, and my poor soldiers. Believe me, nothing except a battle lost, can be half so melancholy as a battle won, the bravery of my troops has hitherto saved me from the greater evil; but to win such a battle as this of Waterloo, at the expense of so many gallant friends, could only be termed a heavy misfortune but for the result to the public.”

It is not often that a successful General in modern warfare is called on, like the victorious commander of the ancient Greek armies, to award a prize of superior valor to one of his soldiers. Such was to some extent the case with respect to the battle of Waterloo. In the August of 1818, an English clergyman



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offered to confer a small annuity on some Waterloo soldier, to be named by the Duke. The Duke requested Sir John Byng to choose a man from the 2nd Brigade of Guards, which had so highly distinguished itself in the defense of Hougoumont. There were many gallant candidates, but the election fell on Sergeant James Graham, of the light company of the Coldstream. This brave man had signalized himself, throughout the day, in the defense of that important post, and especially in the critical struggle that took place at the period when the French, who had gained the wood, the orchard, and detached garden, succeeded in bursting open a gate of the courtyard of the chateau itself, and rushed in in large masses, confident of carrying all before them. A hand-to-hand fight, of the most desperate character, was kept up between them and the Guards for a few minutes; but at last the British bayonets prevailed, Nearly all the Frenchmen who had forced their way in were killed on the spot; and, as the few survivors ran back, five of the Guards, Colonel Macdonnell, Captain Wyndham, Ensign Gooch, Ensign Hervey, and Sergeant Graham, by sheer strength, closed the gate again, in spite of the efforts of the French from without, and effectually barricaded it against further assaults. Over and through the loopholed wall of the courtyard, the English garrison now kept up a deadly fire of musketry, which was fiercely answered by the French, who swarmed round the curtilage like ravening wolves. Shells, too, from their batteries, were falling fast into the besieged place, one of which set part of the mansion and some of the out-buildings on fire. Graham, who was at this time standing near Colonel Macdonnell at the wall, and who had shown the most perfect steadiness and courage, now asked permission of his commanding officer to retire for a moment. Macdonnell replied, "By all means, Graham; but I wonder you should ask leave now." Graham answered, "I would not, sir, only my brother is wounded, and he is in that out-building there, which has just caught fire." Laying down his musket, Graham ran to the blazing spot, lifted up his brother, and laid him in a ditch. Then he was back at his post, and was plying his musket against the French again, before his absence was noticed, except by his colonel.

Many anecdotes of individual prowess have been preserved: but of all the brave men who were in the British army on that eventful day, none deserve more honor for courage and indomitable resolution than Sir Thomas Picton, who, as has been mentioned, fell in repulsing the great attack of the French upon the British left center. It was not until the dead body was examined after the battle, that the full heroism of Picton was discerned. He had been wounded on the 16th, at Quatre Bras, by a musket-ball, which had broken two of his ribs, and caused also severe internal injuries; but he had concealed the circumstance, evidently in expectation that another and greater battle would be fought in a short time, and desirous to avoid being solicited to absent himself from the field. His body was blackened and swollen by the wound, which must have caused severe and incessant pain; and it was marvelous how his spirit had borne him up, and enabled him to take part in the fatigues and duties



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of the field. The bullet which, on the 18th, killed the renowned leader of "the Fighting Division" of the Peninsula, entered the head near the left temple, and passed through the brain; so that Picton's death must have been instantaneous.

One of the most interesting narratives of personal adventure at Waterloo, is that of Colonel Frederick Ponsonby, of the 12th Light Dragoons, who was severely wounded when Vandeleur's brigade, to which he belonged, attacked the French lancers, in order to bring off the Union Brigade, which was retiring from its memorable charge. The 12th, like those whom they rescued, advanced much further against the French position than prudence warranted. Ponsonby, with many others, was speared by a reserve of Polish lancers, and left for dead on the field. It is well to refer to the description of what he suffered (as he afterwards gave it, when almost miraculously recovered from his numerous wounds), because his fate, or worse, was the fate of thousands more; and because the narrative of the pangs of an individual, with whom we can identify ourselves, always comes more home to us than a general description of the miseries of whole masses. His tale may make us remember what are the horrors of war as well as its glories. It is to be remembered that the operations, which he refers to, took place about three o'clock in the day, and that the fighting went on for at least five hours more. After describing how he and his men charged through the French whom they first encountered, and went against other enemies, he states:—

"We had no sooner passed them than we were ourselves attacked, before we could form, by about 300 Polish lancers, who had hastened to their relief the French artillery pouring in among us a heavy fire of grape, though for one of our men they killed three of their own. "In the melee I was almost instantly disabled in both arms, losing first my sword, and then my reins, and followed by a few men, who were presently cut down, no quarter being allowed, asked, or given, I was carried along by my horse, till, receiving a blow from a saber, I fell senseless on my face to the ground.

"Recovering, I raised myself a little to look round, being at that time, I believe, in a condition to get up and run away; when a lancer passing by, cried out, 'Tu n'est pas mort, coquin!' and struck his lance through my back. My head dropped, the blood gushed into my mouth, a difficulty of breathing came on, and I thought all was over.

"Not long afterwards (it was impossible to measure time, but I must have fallen in less than ten minutes after the onset), a tirailleur stopped to plunder me, threatening my life. I directed him to a small sidepocket, in which he found three dollars, all I had; but he continued to threaten, and I said he might search me: this he did immediately, unloosing my stock and tearing open my waistcoat, and leaving me in a very uneasy posture.

"But he, was no sooner gone, than an officer bringing up some troops, to which probably the tirailleur belonged, and happening to halt where I lay, stooped down and addressed me, saying, he feared I was badly wounded; I said that I was, and expressed a



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wish to be removed to the rear. He said it was against their orders to remove even their own men; but that if they gained the day (and he understood that the Duke of Wellington was killed, and that some of our battalions had surrendered), every attention in his power would be shown me. I complained of thirst, and he held his brandy bottle to my lips, directing one of the soldiers to lay me straight on my side, and place a knapsack under my head. He then passed on into action – soon, perhaps, to want, though not receive, the same assistance; and I shall never know to whose generosity I was indebted, as I believe, for my life. Of what rank he was, I cannot say: he wore a great coat. By-and-by another tirailleur came up, a fine young man, full of ardor. He knelt down, and fired over me, loading and firing many times, and conversing with me all the while. "The Frenchman with strange coolness, informed Ponsonby of how he was shooting, and what he thought of the progress of the battle. "At last he ran off, exclaiming, 'You will probably not be sorry to hear that we are going to retreat. Good day, my friend.' It was dusk," Ponsonby adds, "when two squadrons of Prussian cavalry, each of them two deep, came across the valley, and passed over me in full trot, lifting me from the ground, and tumbling me about cruelly. The clatter of their approach, and the apprehensions they excited, may be imagined; a gun taking that direction must have destroyed me.

"The battle was now at an end, or removed to a distance. The shouts, the imprecations, the outcries of 'Vive l'Empereur!' the discharge of musketry and cannon, were over; and the groans of the wounded all around me, became every moment more and more audible. I thought the night would never end.

Much about this time I found a soldier of the Royals lying across my legs: he had probably crawled thither in his agony; and his weight, his convulsive motions, and the air issuing through a wound in his side, distressed me greatly; the last circumstance most of all, as I had a wound of the same nature myself.

"It was not a dark night, and the Prussians were wandering about to plunder; the scene in Ferdinand Count Fathom came into my mind, though no women appeared. Several stragglers looked at me, as they passed by, one after another, and at last one of them stopped to examine me. I told him as well as I could, for I spoke German very imperfectly, that I was a British officer, and had been plundered already; he did not desist, however, and pulled me about roughly.

"An hour before midnight I saw a man in an English uniform walking towards me. He was, I suspect, on the same errand, and he came and looked in my face. I spoke instantly, telling him who I was, and assuring him of a reward if he would remain by me. He said he belonged to the 40th, and had missed his regiment: he released me from the dying soldier, and being unarmed, took up a sword from the ground, and stood over me, pacing backwards and forwards.

"Day broke; and at six o'clock in the morning some English were seen at a distance, and he ran to them. A messenger being sent off to Hervey, a cart came for me, and I was placed in it, and



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carried to the village of Waterloo, a mile and a half off, and laid in the bed from which, as I understood afterwards, Gordon had been just carried out. I had received seven wounds: a surgeon slept in my room, and I was saved by excessive bleeding."

Major Macready, in the journal already cited, justly praises the deep devotion to their Emperor which marked the French at Waterloo. Never, indeed, had the national bravery of the French people been more nobly shown. One soldier in the French ranks was seen, when his arm was shattered by a cannon-ball, to wrench it off with the other; and throwing it up in the air, he exclaimed to his comrades, "Vive l'Empereur jusqu'a la mort!" Colonel Lemonnier Delafosse mentions in his Memoirs, that at the beginning of the action, a French soldier who had had both legs carried off by a cannon-ball, was borne past the front of Foy's division, and called out to them, "Ce n'est rien, camarades; Vive l'Empereur! Gloire a la France!" The same officer, at the end of the battle, when all hope was lost, tells us that he saw a French grenadier, blackened with powder, and with his clothes torn and stained, leaning on his musket, and immovable as a statue. The colonel called to him to join his comrades and retreat; but the grenadier showed him his musket and his hands; and said "These hands have with this musket used to-day more than twenty packets of cartridges: it was more than my share: I supplied myself with ammunition from the dead. Leave me to die here on the held of battle. It is not courage that fails me, but strength." Then, as Colonel Delafosse left him, the soldier stretched himself on the ground to meet his fate, exclaiming, "Tout est perdu! Pauvre France!" The gallantry of the French officers at least equaled that of their men. Ney, in particular, set the example of the most daring courage. Here, as in every French army in which he ever served or commanded, he was "le brave des braves." Throughout the day he was in the front of the battle; and was one of the very last Frenchmen who quitted the field. His horse was killed under him in the last attack made on the English position; but he was seen on foot, his clothes torn with bullets, his face smirched with powder, striving, sword in hand, first to urge his men forward, and at last to check their flight.

There was another brave general of the French army, whose velour and good conduct on that day of disaster to his nation, should never be unnoticed, when the story of Waterloo is recounted. This was General Pelet, who, about seven in the evening, led the first battalion of the 2nd regiment of the Chasseurs of the Guard to the defense of Planchenoit; and on whom Napoleon personally urged the deep importance of maintaining possession of that village. Pelet and his men took their post in the central part of the village, and occupied the church and churchyard in great strength. There they repelled every assault of the Prussians, who in rapidly increasing numbers rushed forward with infuriated pertinacity. They held their post till the utter rout of the main army of their comrades was apparent, and the victorious allies were thronging around Planchenoit. Then Pelet and his brave chasseurs quitted the churchyard, and retired with steady march, though they suffered fearfully from the moment they left



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their shelter, and Prussian cavalry as well as infantry dashed fiercely after them. Pelet kept together a little knot of 250 veterans, and had the eagle covered over, and borne along in the midst of them. At one time the inequality of the ground caused his ranks to open a little; and in an instant, the Prussian horsemen were on them, and striving to capture the eagle. Captain Siborne relates the conduct of Pelet with the admiration worthy of one brave soldier for another:—

“Pelet, taking advantage of a spot of ground which afforded them some degree of cover against the fire of grape by which they were constantly assailed, halted the standard-bearer, and called out, “A moi, chasseurs! Sauvons l’aigle ou mourons autour d’elle!” The chasseurs immediately pressed around him, forming what is usually termed the rallying square, and, lowering their bayonets, succeeded in repulsing the charge of cavalry. Some guns were then brought to bear upon them, and subsequently a brisk fire of musketry; but notwithstanding the awful sacrifice which was thus offered up in defense of their precious charge, they succeeded in reaching the main line of retreat, favored by the universal confusion, as also by the general obscurity which now prevailed; and thus saved alike the eagle and the honor of the regiment.”

French writers do injustice to their own army and general, when they revive malignant calumnies against Wellington, and speak of his having blundered into victory. No blunderer could have successfully encountered such troops as those of Napoleon, and under such a leader. It is superfluous to cite against these cavils the testimony which other continental critics have borne to the high military genius of our illustrious chief. I refer to one only, which is of peculiar value, on account of the quarter whence it comes. It is that of the great German writer, Niebuhr, whose accurate acquaintance with every important scene of modern as well as ancient history was unparalleled: and who was no mere pedant, but a man practically versed in active life, and had been personally acquainted with most of the leading men in the great events of the early part of this century. Niebuhr, in the passage which I allude to, after referring to the military “blunders” of Mithridates, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Pyrrhus, and Hannibal, uses these remarkable words, “The Duke of Wellington is, I believe, the: only general in whose conduct of war we cannot discover any important mistake.” Not that it is to be supposed that the Duke’s merits were simply of a negative order, or that he was merely a cautious, phlegmatic general, fit only for defensive warfare, as some recent French historians have described him. Or the contrary, he was bold, even to audacity, when boldness was required.

“The intrepid advance and fight at Assaye, the crossing of the Douro, and the movement on Talavera in 1809, the advance to Madrid and Burgos in 1812, the actions before Bayonne in 1813, and the desperate stand made at



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Waterloo itself, when more tamely-prudent generals would have retreated beyond Brussels, place this beyond a doubt."

The overthrow of the French military power at Waterloo was so complete, that the subsequent events of the brief campaign have little interest. Lamartine truly says: "This defeat left nothing undecided in future events, for victory had given judgment. The war began and ended in a single battle." Napoleon himself recognized instantly and fully the deadly nature of the blow which had been dealt to his empire. In his flight from the battle-field he first halted at Charleroi, but the approach of the pursuing Prussians drove him thence before he had rested there an hour. With difficulty getting clear of the wrecks of his own army, he reached Philippeville, where he remained a few hours, and sent orders to the French generals in the various extremities of France, to converge with their troops upon Paris. He ordered Soult to collect the fugitives of his own force, and lead them to Laon. He then hurried forward to Paris, and reached his capital before the news of his own defeat. But the stern truth soon transpired. At the demand of the Chambers of Peers and Representatives he abandoned the throne by a second and final abdication on the 22nd of June. On the 29th of June he left the neighborhood of Paris, and proceeded to Rochefort in the hope of escaping to America. But the coast was strictly watched, and on the 15th of July the ex-emperor surrendered himself on board of the English man-of-war the Bellerophon.

Meanwhile the allied armies had advanced steadily upon Paris driving before them Grouchy's corps, and the scanty force which Soult had succeeded in rallying at Laon. Cambay, Peronne and other fortresses were speedily captured; and by the 29th of June the invaders were taking their positions in front of Paris. The Provisional Government, which acted in the French capital after the emperor's abdication, opened negotiations with the allied chiefs. Blucher, in his quenchless hatred of the French, was eager to reject all proposals for a suspension of hostilities, and to assault and storm the city. But the sager and calmer spirit of Wellington prevailed over his colleague; the entreated armistice was granted; and on the 3rd of July the capitulation of Paris terminated the War of the Battle of Waterloo.

In closing our observations on this the last of the Decisive Battles of the World, it is pleasing to contrast the year which it signalized with the year that is now [written in June 1851.] passing over our heads. We have not (and long may we be without) the stern excitement of martial strife, and we see no captive standards of our European neighbors brought in triumph to our shrines. But we behold an infinitely prouder spectacle. We see the banners of every civilized nation waving over the arena of our competition with each other, in the arts that minister to our race's support and happiness, and destruction. not to its suffering and

"Peace hath her Victories
No less renowned than War;"



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and no battle-field ever witnessed a victory more noble, than that, which England, under her Sovereign Lady and her Royal Prince, is now teaching the peoples of the earth to achieve over selfish prejudices and international feuds, in the great cause of the general promotion of the industry and welfare of mankind.



"A victory described in detail is indistinguishable from a defeat."

– Jean-Paul Sartre



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 6 M 1815 / Our morning meeting was large & I thought favor'd - Hannah Dennis appeared rather larger than usual for her & quite as sweet then D Buffum added by way of supplant - In the Afternoon we were silent & to my feelings a solid & in a very good degree a devotional opportunity. I believe some minds were refreshed, & many who were not in membership wore countenances that bespoke reverence. - We took tea at Father Rodmans with Wm S Burling - & while we were there we heard that Wm Wright & his wife son of Isaac Wright of N York had arrived & knowing them to be acquainted to Uncle & Aunt Santon We went with Wm Burling to their lodgings & found them pleasant & agreeable friends. We invited them to tea with us tomorrow if I did not sail for NYork which I expect to do - I do a little regret the prospect of so soon leaving town on their account -

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June 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 6th M / Wm Wright & wife came ?? as we expected - tomorrow perhaps may bring it ?? / I have been ready all day that when called upon by the packet master but there has been but little wind which was pree ahead - Our fr Jemima Shotwell & company returned this Afternoon from [Providence](#) & we shall probably be fellow passengers to NYork [this entry is in a very different hand, very small, and as tho' he wrote with his left hand?]

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June 20, Tuesday: Pursuant to the decision of the Congress of Vienna, a Polish kingdom, in personal union with Russia, was proclaimed in Warsaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 6 M 1815 / At 1 / 2 past 9 O'clock this mornng



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went on board the B D Jones Capt Cahoon for NYork intending a visit to my Uncle & Aunt Stanton of that place. – At 11 OC we reached the light house – Dined at 10 Oc while off Point Judith & find our company very agreeable, some of their names follow Wm S Burling Thos Rotch Jr Caleb Mackeel Benj Smith, Jemima Shotwell, Ann Yarnall, Sarah Sutton & several other members who do not seem to mingle much with us. Tea at 7 OC & at sunset not quite up to Watch Hill. J Shotwell & Sarah Sutton very sea Sick, & I find myself a little threatened with it, the deck agrees better with my head than the Cabin & I keep mostly upon it. This has been a day of new experiences to me, tho' the surrounding scenes delight the eye & the company on board are very agreeable conversattion runing on subjects various & mostly inteeresting, yet my dear Hannah & our little son have occupied much of my thoughts. – late in the eveng retired to my Birth -

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June 21, Wednesday: The loser [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) arrived in Paris. The Chambers detached themselves from the Emperor and called for his abdication.

News of the outcome of the battle at Waterloo reached London.

Quedlinburg was reintegrated into Prussia. The Counties of Stolberg-Rossla and Stolberg-Wernigerode were annexed by Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 6 M 1815 / Rose this morning at 3 OClock & went on deck & saw several Lights yet Burning This is the first night I have ever spent on the Water & considering all circumstances it was much more comfortable than I expected - The Capt says we have gained but about 20 Miles all night, the wind still light & the current against us. A little After sun rise & found ourselves at the west end of Plumb Island those who were sick Yesterday seem very cheerful this morning – At 8 OC Breakfast - At 10 OC off the horse & Lyon which they say is half way to NYork- At One OC we dined & while sitting at the table the wind left us & what little we have had thro' the day has been against us our progress consequently very slow, but our vessel outsails all we meet

After dinner finding my head complaining took a refreshing nap -rose & found the wind breesing up - enter'd into pleasant conversation with several of the passengers in the Cabin - Was called on deck to see a large school of Porpoises playing round the vessel. This sight amused us for some time & to the women was quite a novelty. They appearing to take an interest in the scene Sarah Sutton particularly -

The whole of the afternoon has been spent in pleasant conversation, mostly of an interesting nature but I am afraid some of us have indulged in lightness rather further than is best - I feel the Satisfaction of having kept a weight in the



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scale against it - nothing however has occurred which leaves much uneasiness, only a little apprehension of what might or maybe - The evening also was spent pleasantly, & several on board exercised their poetic talents -- At 9 OC of Huntington Light, at 10 OC retired to rest -5th day 22 of 6 M 1815 / At Sunrise off Hempstead Harbor on L I - Rose this morning under a sense of favor which I experienced most of yesterday. how pleasant to feel the heart tender & an evidence that Divine goodness is still near.

At 10 OC of Lands Light - of this place Benj Smith made an handsome sketch with his pencil which pleased our women Passengers, he took also sketches of several other places & gave them as mementos of our Passage - Settled with the Capt & paid him \$9 for my Passage - At 10 OC of White stone ferry on L Island we was in so near as to see a carriage land from the boat with a number of Friends; there appeared to be an old friendly[?] man & several plain women, who when the carriage was tackled [harnessed to the horses] jumped in very sprightly & rode up the road a quick pace through a very pleasant tract of country -

While I view the rich & costly houses & pleasant situations around my mind is forcibly impressed with a sense that "Here is not the place of our rest" tho' we may be permitted to partake a little of the Pleasant things of this life as we pass along through it yet those which are unfading should be held & ever remembered as the Primary pursuit of our lives -- At 12 OC we passed Hurl Gate, [Hell Gate] about this place & up to NYork nature & art combined, have rendered the scenery picturesque & beautiful - were I to attempt it my descriptive powers would fall far short of justice, several places of which I have heard much spoken, were pointed out, particularly the late Doctor Baker about a mile beyond the Gate we looked & saw a small sloop get nearly upset in or near the pot, this discomposed our nerves for a few minutes, but when we saw her lower her sails & danger somewhat cease - our sensibility soon left us in great measure & turned our attention to surrounding scenes which with the thoughts of soon being in NYork, already coming in sight, awakened new feelings, quite new feelings -At 1/2 past 10C we touched at the Wharf where I parted with my fellow Passengers, in a considerable degree of tender feeling - Wm B[?] conducted me directly to Uncle Stantons, where I found them just dining & Jonas Minturn at the table with them - On going in & finding myself actually in their company, which I have felt, even till the very moment of my going into the house almost as a Dream which I could scarcely believe that I should ever realise - my feelings were so overcome that it was with some difficulty that I could support the Man, [he could scarcely stand] & Answer the few questions which occur'd for the moment, - but after a little cooling drink, & some dinner, I found that big thing in my throat, which seemed to Large to swallow & bring up, gradually to settle away, & soon became easy cheerful - Uncle & Aunt received me with great cordiality & heartfelt affection which I believe they must have been so [?] since from my situation at meeting them was reciprocal on my part



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After dinner & when I began to realize that I was in the City & with my dear relatives, I finished a letter which I had begun in board the Packet to my dear H & carried it down & put it on board Capt Bliss - in this walk Uncle took me on board the New Haven steam Boat which is indeed the great curiosity of the boat Kind I was ever on board of - for power & complication of machinery is only exceeded by the Steam Frigate Fulton the first which we sailed by as we came up the River & had a view of as she lay at the Wharf Any attempt to describe This boat, or hardly any thing besides that I have seen in the City, would only expose the weakness of my descriptive facultys - I have heard much tell of this place, but of the bustle & noise & the ponderous piles of buildings which I have seen only this Afternoon I had but remote Idea of, & I can say with a Queen formerly "The half has not been told" In this rout [route] we called on Saml Wood, found in his shop - he seemed very cordial & asked me to call again, which I promised him I would after delivering him a letter which I was the bearer of - we left him & went up to Chamber Street & visited Niobe a little while who was very Affectionate & Kind & I was very glad to see her. - returned with Uncle Stanton to tea where I set the remainder of the evening - Wm S Burling called in wishing me to go with him & set a little while with Jemima Shotwell, but the evening being far spent, & I much fatigued with the labors of the day - gave up going with him tho' my inclination was much in favor of it &c -

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June 23, Friday: The new French government sent emissaries to the allies asking for an immediate armistice. They also asked that the Bourbon family not be returned to the throne and that [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)'s son Napoléon-François-Charles-Joseph Bonaparte be recognized as the new monarch (this would be refused).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 6 M 1815 / After a comfortable nights rest, rose early this morning, & brought up my journal which falls far short of recording all I have seen or felt. - After breakfast walked with Uncle round the Battery & some other parts of the City, saw Wanton Engs Stoped at Isaac Wrights Store - went thro' Foly[?] Market & in it was introduced to Francis Thompson - & spoke with Benj Minturn - The fame of Foley market had reached [Newport](#) long ago but nearly it exceeds my expectations, every thing almost that can be named, the produce of our own land is sold in it, & lays in the Greatest profusion on their Stalls & benches. In The stores on the left side going down may be bought all Kinds of West India produce & the people are so thick that it is with some difficulty one can crowd thro' the multitude stoped at Demilts Watchmakers shop & took a look at his goods - went to the Post Office & returned home but how I went or how I came I know not, for every scene was new & the bustle of City confusing, to a mind used to no other than [Newport](#) - As I passed along the street the Story which D Buffum tells of an old friend in his country who had a mind to go to a new light meeting held in the neighborhood, often crossed my thoughts - as he returned from



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the meeting riding along nursing on what had passed, a person behind him heard him exclaim "It does not signify it is confusion upon confusion" & surely I believe, was this old man loving & to walk the streets of NYork, when he saw the ponderous piles of buildings, the runing & rattling of the drays & the hurry of the people he would again exclaim "Confusion upon Confusion." however as yet I have been pretty collected - Between 11 & 12 OC took a walk into several streets with Aunt Patty called at several Stores & to see Penelope Minturn While Aunt Patty had gone to look up the family I had a pretty good opportunity to reflect & endeavored to attend to my own feelings being alone in the room some time - when she came in my sensations were about what I had anticipated - She seemed glad to see me & inquired after some of her old friends in [Newport](#) - returned to Dinner

After dinner retired to my chamber to rest a little but was soon called down to see Wm Burling - in going down my feet sliped on a cross stair & I went down my whole force more than half the distance on my back & elbow which was so hard a shock that after getting up & going into the room, I sat down & fainted quite away I soon came too & in about an hour recovered, so as to walk out into some parts of the City where I had never been - After tea went to the Steam boat & crossed in her to Brooklin & went up to the other ferry & returned in the horse boat which made a pleasing variety The Steam Boat in this ferry is inferior to the ones which run to N Haven & in the North River, as the river is narrow the accommodations discovered in the others, are not here needed -

The Horse boat goes by the Power of 9 Horses & get changed [illegible] a day - the ferrage at such place is 4 cents for a single passage & they told me they made upon average, 65 trips in a day, & often have 2 / 6 passengers at a time - they cross in 7 Minutes & often in 5; the boatman ways he had taken \$300 Dollars in a day. - I had no conception of number of People that are continually passing from the City to L Island by these ferrys, nor indeed I had not of scarcely any thing I see the horses go round as in a bake mill & form a ring standing as close to each other as then can - they appear to work hard tho' they look fat & hardy -Brooklin is a pleasant village, & I should suppose was as quiet as it is a ready retreat from the City - We set the evening with neighbor Hurst & while there, the City was under an Alarm of fire, which was soon over. -

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June 24, Saturday: A dead child was removed from the womb of 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#). It is said that "medical evidence" indicated that [Nicolò Paganini](#) had not fathered this child (I personally have no idea what that "medical evidence," in this year 1815, might have amounted to, since this was a long, long lifetime prior to the discovery of blood typing by Karl Landsteiner).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 6 M 1815 / Considering the jar of yesterday I feel remarkably well this mornng with the exception of my elbow



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which was scraped considerably & felt little or nothing of the exercise while Walking which I took immediately -?- it produced a profusion of perspiration & I believe carried off the other bad effects - Our again after breakfast, walked thro' many streets stoped at Isaac Wrights store. At Wanton Engs & bought 26 Dollars worth of Coffee for D Buffum - went through Foly Market again & called at Caleb Coggeshalls Store. Caleb I believe was very glad to see me, asked many questions about his friend at R I & urged my taking tea with him - Called at many other stores & took a turn down Courtland Street & went on board Albany Steam boat viewed the machinery & the Cabins at each end - which for elegance exceed any Parlour I have seen in this place Visited & inspected the Patens Bakery where the fire is kept in the oven the whole time & yet the buiscuit are baking as fast as they can be out in at one end & brown out at the other, This walk was rather extensive, the heat & the distance overcame me & in Courtland street I felt faint, expressed a Wish to return which we did & after a little refreshing drink, returned to my chamber, rested & am now writing - I omitted to insert that this mornng [illegible] visited in neighboring Chocolate Mill, which is a curious operation carried by two horses, the Coacoa is first broken then the shells sifted out, then ground fine put into pans - the horses move a great wheel at least 15 feet in diameter, this wheel communicates force to Smaller ones by which at one time the Coacoa is sifted & ground After dinner took leave of Wm S Burling who dined with us, he intending for Albany this Afternoon in the Steam Boat - Then walked our towards the Bowery & all round that part of the Town -Made an agreeable call on Ann Freeborn who lives in Elizabeth Street This part of the City looks more like [Newport](#) than any I have seen - visited at Thos Collins but saw only the child - he was at the store. - While in this part of the City we went to the new [Roman Catholic Church](#) this building is a curiosity it is of Gothic structure & the Arched Walls is supported[?] must be in the plan of the whispering Gallery in London the least sound of the voice echos, & re echos astonishingly - & to stamp on the floor sounds like Throngs [?] The painting on the Walls & arches have a beautiful appearance - After tea Uncle took me to the Museum where I saw many curiosities natural & artificial among which was the [last three lines illegible] [?] several kinds of Deer, Monkeys Snakes * numerous species of Birds - all look very natural the [?] of industry is a curiiosity all kinds of Work & play are going on at once by means of machinery In the upper story we saw various Wax figures, some [-?] are exceedingly natural - the representation of Samuel, Saul & the Withch of Endor is not [-?-] Indian Chiefs are said to be striking likeness but alal that struck me the most forcilby & as the best worh seeing, was the wman sitting in a bower with twins [?] one on each Knee, beautifully sufused with every aimiable countenances To appearance about 6 months, on the right of her was wamon reposing in sleep in bed with the most speaking little countenance sitting up by her side that I ever saw It [illegible] it seemed as if the little [- -?] ready leap from its unconscious Mothers arms to those who stood by -there was



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also a representation of numerous Daniel Lamberts, the Goddess of Liberty &c &c From the Museum we went to Benj Marshalls where Aunt Patty had previously gone to set the evening & about 1 {?} OC returned home - & I must not omit to mention that when arrived I found a letter had been left for me from my dear H which was much like a brook by the Way notwithstanding [-] the great variety I have seem thro' [—] I have often hear say there was an indescribable pleasure in receivging letters when abroad from friends at home but I never before so fully realized it



June 25, Sunday: Augusta returned to Six Mile Bottom.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 6 M 1815 / Attended Liberty Street Meeting In the forenoon Stephen Grellett bor an excellent testimony his opening was "The whole need not a Physician but the Sick" his communication was edifying instructive & Powerful, very encouraging to see as [illegible] themselves under sickness & discouragement of mind, to apply to the Physician who heals all malady's of the mind, binds up the broken hearted &c - In the Afternoon he was again concerned "Watch & pray continually" from which he took occasion to recommend the necessity of keeping our spirits under subjection so that while we weere engaged in our outward concerns [three lines illegible] This testimony seemed to me to be as - ???it being a subject I have ruminated much on since I have been here - The people seem in such an hurry of spirits passing the streets about their buisness on week days that I can scarcely believe they can in stpping out of their buisness into meeting, enjoy that abstraction of mind which is desirable & to which they must attain to perform comforatble worship [very faint and scarcely legible] Just before the close Mary Hinsdale wife of Henry delivered a short but pretty savory testimony - Ann Swinbine & Eliza the young woman who lives with her dined with us also Thos Casey. Thos is at present a steady & hoopeful young man.



June 26, Monday: For two days royalists, goaded on by the Catholic Church, had been running wild in the streets of Marseille, killing 200 Bonapartists and Protestants.

Baden joined the [German](#) Confederation.

[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) provided the 2d of a couple of very well received performances at the Deutsches Theater of Pest.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 6 M 1815 / A Rainy Day - After breakfast called on Saml Wood who treated me with much cordial attention He just



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took me to the Lancastrian friend school for children of colour where 300 of them may be accomodated but the school this morning was small owing to the weather - The Master exhibited specimens of their performance in writing Arithmetic o& drawing both of Maps & Landscape in colours wherein some traits of rare genius for children of their colour & opportunity were displayed The cyphering Book, a specimen of writing & a map of the world by one of the boys which appeared to be about 14 Years of age quite astonished me - I examined his countenance which I thought was heavy & I could not discern in it traits of that lively immagination which were displayed in his performances - He also gave me an account of the Class of Merit, who though under him are a body by themselves, composed of those who have made the greatest proficiency - The Class chooses President, Judge & under officers, who are appointed to watch the conduct of the otheers, & when any misbehaveior is obseerved, they are complained of to the proper Officer who presents him to the Courts, where he is tried & if he makes satisfaction, is acquitted, but if not the Judge pronounces sentence of dismissal from the Class An instance the Master told me took place a few days ago & one of them being according to order presented to the Courts what ruined him with great solemnity - The Judge after hearing witnesses in the case found him guilty reported him for his [???] exhorted him to atonement [?] illegible had the desired effect, he looked as the Judge addressed him like a little ciminal at the Bar & at length burst into tears & very penitently asked forgiveness of the Class, promised amendment & was acquitted on good behaviour. - This Class keep a record of all their proceedings, a part of which I read & thought the method & states of the minutes would have done credit to soe of our Monthly Meeting Clerks. - From this we went to the Lancastrian School for white boys where 500 may be accomodated the room is 137 feet by 44 - Being Rainy all the scholars were not present, but the scene was very interesting - I thought however the boys had not made as great improvement nor in so good order as in the school for boys of colour - The Master whose name was Wm Smith presented me with an acct of the School & a report of the Trustees for the present Year

We then went into a room below in the same building where a School for Girls is Kept at the expense of a female Associaion in the City - upwards of 300 usually attend but not all present this mornng - The mistress was absent & one of the head Scholars presented their proceedings, all which did them great Credit There were many good looking children present & their deportment bespoke the attention of a careful & prudent Mistress. - From these Schools we went to the Manhattan Water Works which were not in operation, the reservoirs being full. - The works tho' not in motion, for extent & strength were admirable & well worth looking at - from these works we went & took a look at a neighbouring foundary we saw them making Moulds for various Iron machines, but the furnace was not in blast which They regretted, as I have long wanted to see their more of casting in these extensive Foundarys - From there we went to the NYork Hospital,



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of which Samuel Woods son Isaac is one of the attending Surgeons - in Isaacs room we sat & rested a whil & entered into som pleasant & interesting conversation took a drink of Beer &c he then conducted us to the Theatre where the Surgical operations are performed - this is an half round room with a table in the Middle, on which the patients are placed for opperation it turns round on a pivot - around the table are circular seats, rising above each other like the high seats in our meeting houses - on these seats three or four rows of students & strangers sit as spectators while the performances are going on in what may be called the Pit -from this room of horrow he took us into the Cupola where I had a view of this great & vastly extended City, The scene was much obstructed in cocnsequence of the Weather - we then visited the rooms of the diseased patients where we saw some sad spectacles, but all of them were clean & appeared to be well attended - the Kitchen is a neat room with a marble floor - We then went into the Library, in this room the Governors meet -here we saw a vast number of Books - Isaac shewed us some beautiful work on Ornithology by Willson, which contains the most striking likenesses of Birds &c that I ever saw short of real life - in this room he presented me with an acct of the Hospital which contains a handsome view of the Building, in this room Sam Wood introduced me to the celebrated Doctor Mitchell who shook me by the hand very cordially, & after a little familiar conversation, observed that he would offer some attention, but at the present moment he was much occupied in preparing a work for the press, & as I was in the best of hands there was no need of it - Saml & his Son being all sufficient - From the Hospital Isaac conducted us to the Assylum for deranged people but it was not the hours for admission of company & we were deprived of any more than a range of the great ortary [oratory?] where we saw some of the Patients in various stages of delirium - Returned to dinner - After dinner called on Wm Thurston & his wife, set 2 hours with them her sister in company This [illegible, three lines too faint and blurred] with my fr Saml Wood & his amiable family here I met Edmond Prior who took tea with us - if the friend & his mosfortune s I have heard [?] much spoken he was once {--} of much note in society & great in [--] profession [?] but by imprudent kindness in lending he lost both his porperty & his standing as an Elder - he seemed very tender & humble of his situation claims my sympathy & I believe notwithstanding what has happened to him Life remains in him & I hope that his gray hair may not [--] hopeless to the grave -- In Saml Shop I saw Sarah Sutton & took leave of her they intending to set our for home tomorrow - she mentioned that Jemima Shotwell regretted not seeing me before she left the City & I dare say she does not regret it more than I do. -

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June 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day [sic] 27 of 6 M 1815 / This mornng after Breakfast my [] - & very affectionate Uncle took me in a Chaise through [three or four lines illegible] seats pleasant situations & rode by the great Military Aresnal of the United States - returned thro' Greenwich & visited the States Prison - It created a variety of feelings in passing thro' this great bloack of buildings [-line illegible] It was affecting to pass thro' this great concourse of men & women & [-----] countenances with "the brand of in- [illegible to the end of the page, three lines.]

View of Strangers - I look'd in every face we passed & in the weavers room particularly the countenances of the prisoners wer depraved with scarcely a single exception - but in some of the other rooms where the men were younger their faces were more prepossessing the number however was small - In the Womens apartment I was peculiarly struck they were the worst looking set of beings I ever beheld all looked wicked all looked depraved. -But in passing thro' this great place I could but feel glad yea thankful that so noble an institution was formed to prevent the many executions that would otherwise take place in the course of the year This place affords an opportunity for reflection, repentance & ammdment of life, & it was pleasnt to me to reflect that the convicts have in some instance after their imprisonment has expired, become good & useful citizens - IN going thro' the prison & assessing & descending the high flights of stairs my head became so affected with dizziness & with that & previous fatugue in the hot sun, I could not take the satisfaction in the visit which I desired - We went from the Prison to Noah Browns Ship Yard where I saw a Monstrous house in which Ships of 900 tuns burden are built - one of that demention was lanchd out of it the day I arrived here this house is 50 feet wide & 190 feet long & 40 feet [?] it is all in one room & I believe is the largest house I have ever seen, but not the most costly - from this place we rode home much fatigued & dined on Quahogs friend in Butter which relished well -After resting a little took a walk into Wall Street & visited Ruth Winteringham [-] her a letter from J Sherman - Then went down Coutland Street where the Steam Boat lay looked round a while & returned thro' Broad way & visited that surprising pearl of Painting & macinery called the Panorama - then returnd & [-] took tea at Isaac Wrights -- 4th day 6th M 28th 1815 / Kept at home all [three or four lines too faded} In the Preparatory Meeting their Queries were Answer'd. I hought pertinently Thos Harcourt made a few well adapted remarks which evinced to my understanding that he was a concernd [-] member of the Body There were two requests for membership & some other buisness - Wager Hull [-] clerk & I thought the three small [-] if right [two line illegible]- This was the first Preparative Meeting I have ever attended excepting the one to which I belong - We had the company of Ann Siverbone & only -- to dine with us Took tea at Benj Marshalls in company with Penelope Minturn & her daughter Niobe Henry & Mary Post Fanny Hunt Uncle & Aunt Stanton & a Capt Taylor This was the most Stilish tea drink that I ever undertook, but considering all things I got along much to my



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satisfaction & Niobe made the way very easy – She feels very near & I love her much -Polly Port also was brought well on my book this opportunity seem'd like a renewal of an old acquaintance which commenced in childhood & has existed from that period much by Proxy tho' reality as we have seldom seen each other for 25 Years past. –

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July 1, Saturday: The new French government resolved to surrender to the allies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st [sic] day 1st of 7 M 1815 / I find that NYork begins to look natural this forenoon too a walk our alone thro' Broad way & called at many stores & asked for many things which I did not want nor expect the had for a pretext to view their Stores, & see a little of their manner of doing buuisness returne'd down Wall Street thro' Wm Street home & found I had walked as much in the sun as I could bear – Aftebr resting a little went to Saml Woods Store looked round among his Books &c Just before dinner Sally Howland & Thos R Williams called I let me know they were to Sail for home at 1 / 2 past 2 OC I regretted not being in readiness to go with them – as at 1 / 2 an hours warning I could not pack up my things & make a few calls which I should deem necessary – In the Afternoon went to Crane Wharf & engaged a passage in Sloop Alonzo Capt Westcoat – returned & after resting a little went up & took a more thorough view of the City Hall – We went into the room where the Governors & Council meet when in NYokr, here we saw some elegant paintings aamong them was the likeness of the present Govr Tompkins & of Dweit Clinton – In the room where the Mayor & Council sit we saw the likeness of John Jay which from the great esteem I bear for his Character was more interesting than any likeness I saw among them all – The Mayor & Councils Room is said exceeds in elegance an room that is occupied by the Crowned heads of Europe – Called to see Benj & Niobe & returned to tea – Called on Wm Thurston & set the eveng with him & his wife very agreeably - on my way to Williams met Stephen Grellett in the Street who seemd very loving & sent his love to my Dear H

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July 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 7 M 1815 / When I returned home last evening found Aunt Patty quite poorly with her old complaint the Cholic, but got a little releaved & I retired to rest but find that she had a poor night, is however bettebr this morning – Attended Liberty Street Meeting, in the mornng there was an appearance by one Sam Mott, as Stark Naught as any thing I ever heard – S Grellett near the close, spoke in an awakening manner, in the necessity of a preparation for Death; for the shadows of the eveng were



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*stretching over some who were not far advanced in life - he said he did not wish to stamp his testimony, as if some sudden Death would occur he wished to excite the inquiry "Is it I Is it I" in every mind - it would hurt more to make a critical examination of their state & condition &c. - Between Meetings J Bower Lewis Rous ma nier ? & Capt Wood called to see us. R Island folks company was pleasant & the more so as they brought letters from home which mentioned the wellfare of all I left - The leeter from my H enclosed one from our little John which she had guided his little hand & mind to write, I recd on also from Br David - they were no small releaf to my mind as I was getting veebry anxious to be at home -
In the Afternoon Willet Hicks preached well, after meeting closed at the door I met Wm Wright who had returned to NYork as he did in [Newport](#) went with him to his fathers & took tea, & set the latter part of the eveng with Daniel Minturn -*

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July 3, Monday: On June 30 and on this day, a Treaty of Peace with the Bey of Algiers.

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The Bey agreed to cease exacting tribute, and to release all prisoners of war.

Also, our commissioners at Ghent made a commercial convention with Great Britain, to last four years, and stipulation, for absolute reciprocity by abolishing, in direct trade, all discriminations.

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[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) arrived at the Atlantic port of Rochefort north of Bordeaux, hoping to escape to the United States of America. Meanwhile the French government prepared 18 articles known as the Convention of Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3rd 7M 1815 / Buisy all the forenoon preparing for a passage home, but in the Afternoon found to my disappointment that the Capt had defer'd Sailing till tomorrow - My mind is now quite anxious to be getting home - & tho' I receive every attention & much more than I deserve, & my frs still desirous of a protracted stay, yet time begins to hang heavy - The purpose for which I came is answerd, & even more than answerd -I feel thankful for this opportunity of being with my friends, & above all for the newe'd evidence of the continuance of divine regard which has been mercifully vouchsafed - My heart has been fraught with gratitude, tenderness & love to my friends here, & greatly indeed has my love been excited for my dear H & our dear little boy at home - they now begin to claim my thoughts & occasion some anxiety --Toward night called a little while on Ruth Winteringham - In the evening went up with Aunt to set a little while with Benj & Wife & found they had set out to see us -- we returned & found them setting in the front Room -- I must not



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close the account of this day without inserting, that After tea I walked up to Collumbia [sic] College -which is most beautifully situated at the foot of Park Place, before it is a fine green plat & a flowring grove of Trees - two of them which are Button Wood are the largest I have ever seen. Park Place was formerly called Robinson Street & is one of the Widest, most airy & fine built that I have observed in the City. -

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Our national birthday, Tuesday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 11th birthday.

The cornerstone for [Baltimore](#)'s Washington Monument was set.

Richard Bland Lee read the [Declaration of Independence](#) in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the Capitol.

In New-York, officers from the French frigate *Hermione* sat in the reviewing stands in front of City Hall as American troops paraded before them. Although "patriotic tars" attempted to "haul down the British colors," the group was dispersed by the police. In the harbor a "steam vessel of war," complete with cannon, was being tested — and was passing its tests.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



French Minister of War Louis Davout carried the Convention of Paris to the allies at the Neuilly bridge, where it was signed by all parties.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 7 M 1815 / This morning took a Walk round fly Market from thence to Washington Market which I think the handsomest I have seen in the City - To a Newporter the Provisions exhibited & sold at these public Stands are almost incredible - At Washington I bought some dry'd Peaches & Cherrys, the latter I hope will keep till I get home, being desirous to treat my H & our little boy with some of them - While walking round great stir begun to take place in the City in commemoration of Independence - The noise & Bustle became unpleasant - I hastened home & in the course of the forenoon called on Saml Wood & took leave of him - employed my time till Dinner time in making a few Memorandums, & writing a short address to Uncle & Aunt wherein I more freely express my feeling at parting with them than I could at the Moment by word of Mouth -

Dined at 1 / 2 OClock & parted with my dear & affectionate relatives which proved quite as much as my Manhood could encounter, & as it was articulation became difficult - when we



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got to the Wharf the Packet had hauled some distance in the River but at five minutes before 2 O'clock we were on board her & at 1 / 2 past 5 OC we passed safely thro' Hurl Gate we saw a schooner on shore that went thro' just before us - At 1 / 2 past 8 O'clock off Sands Point Light - a little before which we took tea - The Capt Says we are under fine way & a good Prospect before us - We have on board Jacob Bunting a young fr from Philads - who seems to be quite companionable - There is also with us a Presbyterian Minister from Portland whose name is Elijah Kellog he appears to be remarkably liberal in his conversation, & is well acquainted with most of our friends of that Place & speaks well of them - at tea table he took the Liberty to make a Prayer which I did not savor so well as his conversation - There are many other Passengers, & many of them I have not yet ascertained their names - those of [Newport](#) are Jonathon Bowen, Robt Robinson, & Robt Stevens Jr - At the table we found the want of a Woman to do the honors of the table -

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 July 5, Wednesday: [John Thoreau, Jr.](#)'s 1st birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 7 M 1815 / On Board the Alonzo Capt Westcot Rose this Mornng just as the sun was rising in a clear horizon from the Water - I have several times rose early & gone on the Hill to see this sight but never before had the opportunity, it was truly beautiful - We find ourselves off Crane Neck on L Island & only about 60 Miles from NYork - a poor run last night, which I hope will be compensated by a good breeze & favorable tide today tho the prospect before us is Dull - I slept comfortably & had to sympathize with several who lay on the Cabin floor -

At 11 OC of Oldmans harbor on L Island in a flat Calm At 2 OC while at dinner the Wind Breezed up finely - I find we have on board Doctor John Waterhouse of Philadelphia son of Benj Waterhouse - & Ray Clarke of [Greenwich](#) who is one of my old school fellows - a renewal of acquaintance with him is very pleasant - At Sunsett of Oyster Pond with a good breeze - At 1 / 2 past 9 OC a little past Gull light with a good breeze - The Air is very clear & we have the very singular sight of five Light Houses all in view at once Vizt Gull, Saybrook, Montaugue, New London & Watch Hill

In the course of the eveng I have discovered that there was a man on board by the name of Saml G Adams of Richmond Virginia, by whom I enquired after & sent my love to Thos Ladd - at several times engaged in agreeable conversation with Parson Kellog. -

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 July 6: The [Duke of Wellington](#) and Marshall Blücher entered Paris at the head of their allied army. Blücher made a demand of the city leaders, for 100,000,000 francs plus new uniforms for all of his 110,000 troops. British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh reached Paris to negotiate a 2d Peace of Paris.

[John Wedderburn Halkett](#) remarried, with Lady Katherine Douglas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6th of 7th 1815 / Found ourselves this mornng under Block Island & not far from Point Judith in a flat Calm & came to Anchor where we lay till near 11 OC when the Wind & tide favoring we made some headway - Amused ourselves with the Spy Glass in looking at Block Island & scenes around in Charleston - which with a little conversation with the Passengers & the prospect of being home tonight made the time not very tedious - In the course of this day made some acquaintance with Saml Dana of Cambridge & Echabod Goodwin of Berwick - At 2 OC Dined & at 1 / 4 before 3 OC turned Point Judith - At 3 OC by the Assistance of the Glass Saw the Steeples of [Newport](#) which soon became in full view - at the sight of which my heart **LEAPS** - At 1 / 2 Past 4 OC Turned Beaver tail light at 6 OC Arrived Banisters Wharf & in a few minutes to my home where I found my beloved H & our little John both well & very glad to see me. - This with my safe return to them is cause of gratitude - In taking a retrospect of my visit this evening, it all looks pleasant & I feel thankful, that I have been - it may prove beneficial to me many ways - I have had but few advantages in seeing the World, this little jant may tend & I think has already tended to enlarge my view of men & things - There is an increasing body of Friends in NYork, & some considerable number of well concerned Members -but alas for the spirit of the World - which appears to me, must be very prevalent among them -*

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 July 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 7 M / It takes sometime to get settled after a voyage my head still feels the motion of the vessel & my mind the many scenes of NYork - Sister Ruth & Mary set the evening with us to whom I endeavor'd to relate some of the occurences of my visit

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 July 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 7 M / Resumed the usual rounds of Trade &c, a number of my friends have called to see me wo seem pleased with my return

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 July 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 7 M / Our Meetings (I believe) were seasons of heaviness to most present – In the mornng a few words spoken

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 July 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 7 M / A tea table Sister Ruth mentioned the decease Henry Russel of [Providence](#) - This was the first I have heard that tho' he has been Sick some weeks & dead some days –My mind was forcibly impressed with the Language " Be ye also ready, for in the day & hour & ye Know not" – I put up at his house when at the Quarterly Meeting in the Winter of 1814 was kindly entertained, & he & his wife felt much as a Bother & Sister. – I also heard this Afternoon of the decease of my friend James Denson Ladd of Virginia & his wife who Arrived but a Short time after him –James was here in the Summer of 1809 for his health when I became acquainted with him, & since have recd one letter from him & written him two – Thus our friends are passing away –& soon very soon must we follow them - Oh the vast necessity of apreparation for the change – this I forcibly feel as I write it -4th day 12th of 7 M 1815 / Richard Mott & his companion John Clapp arrived in town last eveng – I called at his lodging this morning & spent a little time with him very agreeably, & he agreed to dine with us tomorrow

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July 13, Thursday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) handed his sword to a British officer. Sez he:

I come like Themistocles to throw myself upon the hospitality of the British people.



The British discovered a nude statue of Napoleon in the basement of the Louvre and carried it off: it would grace the home of [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#).²⁰⁴ From this point forward it would cost the British people over £400,000 per year to guard their “Themistocles,” but the man was history. When he died they would mutilate his corpse, and his penis, tagged “Little Piece of Human Flesh,” happens to be still in circulation in England, being passed from hand to hand at various classy big-city auctions.

(The wars of the 1800-1815 period had cost France alone about 1/60th of its male population, or about 500,000 young men. But Britain also had lost little pieces of human flesh here and there.)

With the defeat of [Napoleon Bonaparte](#), [Mme. Jeanne-Françoise-Julie-Adélaïde “Juliette” Récamier](#) ([Madame Récamier](#)) was able to return to Paris and restart her famous *salon*, at which she received guests frequently while semi-reclining upon a piece of furniture, a backless daybed or couch, which would become known as a *récamier* in her honor:

“And Amy, what is she going to do?” asked Mrs. March, well pleased at Laurie’s decision and the energy with which he spoke.

“After doing the civil all round, and airing our best bonnet, we shall astonish you by the elegant hospitalities of our mansion, the brilliant society we shall draw about us, and the beneficial influence we shall exert over the world at large. That’s about it, isn’t it, ‘Madame Récamier?’” asked Laurie with a quizzical look at Amy.

“Time will show. Come away, Impertinence, and don’t shock my family by calling me names before their faces,” answered Amy, resolving that there should be a home with a good wife in it before she set up a *salon* as a queen of society.

204. This statue stands all of fifteen feet tall, exclusive of its pedestal. Well, but it must weigh a bit more than the Little General did even at the most corpulent stage of his old age, as well.



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At her salon, which for a long period of time was held in her separate rented suite in an old Paris convent at the Abbaye-aux-Bois, one of the featured guests was her associate [François-Auguste-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand](#). A painting by Jacques-Louis David hanging in the Louvre depicts Mme. Récamier semi-reclining on her récamier as a younger woman,²⁰⁵ as of 1800 before she had been exiled from Paris by

205. I've checked it out, and M. Chateaubriand does **not** appear in his own portrait eating one of the double-thick center cut of beef tenderloin, stuffed and braised, the dish named in his honor. Nor is he reclining on a récamier (the illustrated piece of furniture, named in her honor), or upon Mme. Récamier herself for that matter — he's just relaxing in a comfortable pair of pants with mussy hair:



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Napoleon for her quasi-Royalist sentiments.



With the defeat of [Bonaparte](#), a portion of the reform in [Switzerland](#) was cancelled, and patricians regained decisive positions in [Lucerne](#)'s politics.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 7 M / Rich Mott this mornng appointed a Meeting for the inhabitants of the Town this Afternoon at 5 OC – He attended our Meeting in the course & delivered a short but Sound pertinent & very lively testimony – at the close his afternoon meeting was mentioned by D Buffum & general informations requested – He with his companion dined with us, their company was pleasant & gratifying – At the hour appointed a large number of people collected, several of the most respectable of inhabitants attended – among who were Wm Ellery Snr Wm Ellery Junr, Doct



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Mann. Christopher G Camplin, Benj Hazard, Doct Hazard Wm Hunter & Nath Hazard -
 Richard was much favored in his testimony his opening was "The Kingdom of God consisteth not in Meats or Drinks, but in Righteousness, peace & Joy in the Holy Ghost - this subject he handled well & his communication was attended with a remarkable degree of Life & Power, which drew the attention of people who sat very solidly & it appeared to me that Truth Reigned & the savor thereof spread over most minds present - he concluded in A very solemn & reverend supplication - All this was cause of rejoicing to many minds present. & it appears the Audience were well satisfied. -

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 July 14, Friday: The USS *Epervier*, an 18-gun sloop of war with approximately 128 men on board, was somehow lost at sea sometime after this date. No trace has ever been found.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 14 of 7 M / The people speak much in favor of our Meeting Yesterday, & from the feeling manner in which some who may be denominated the World people speak of it - I am ready [to] hope it was a season wherein Truth was Triumphant & that some lasting benefit may result to some minds, which however may not be seen in many Days

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 July 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 7 M / Excepting a few words spoken in the Afternoon our Meetings were both silent - both dull seasons to me



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Set up last night with Thos Hornsby who was exceedingly ill from the effects of an over dose of Camphor –

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July 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 7th M / Silent Meeting – In the last (Preparative) Wm Mitchell Preposed publishing his intentions of Marriage with Mary Wilcox – Charles Smith & his wife of Philadelphia were at Meeting & in the Afternoon I met him in Br D Rs Shop & invited him to give us a call, he accordingly came up & set about an hour with us & was agreeable in conversation. They take tea at father Rodmans. –

Sister Rebecca & Betsy Peckham set the Afternoon Br John Joined us at tea –6th day 21 of 7 M / Cousin Thos Gould arrivd in town last eveng from Albany & gave us a call this forenoon –We took tea with our old neighbors Sam Vernon & his Wife – –the old man in his place at table returned thanks for his interview with his friends, & craved that it might be render'd a season of instruction to us. – & I dont know but his desire was answered for among all the visits we hade made them I do not recollect one quite so agreeable – In mentioning this to my H as we returned I found her sentiment was the same. –

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July 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 7 M 1815 / This Afternoon took my H & John & went to Connanicut to Cousin Molly Howland. The object of this visit was to see Cousin Abigail Casey, the old Lady seem'd very glad to see us as was cousin Howland & told us many little accounts in conversing on some old Buckthorn trees Which stood near the house. They told us that they were the same trees which our old Great Great Grandfather Moury planted & must now be much over 100 Years old – on all the land on which she lived & owned she planted Buckthorn & Flagroot, being a doctress she made great use of these Articles – The house in which cousin Howland lives stands on the same spot on which my great Grandfather Saml Clarke did & some of the vestages of his beautiful garden still remain, it is a beautiful spot & calculated to afford every comfort & pleasure which can ebe enjoyed this side of the grave – in walking round my mind an Idea visited the ancient residents who I hope are now in a better Mansion – In going over the wind blew hard & being but myself & one more man on board I was not a little affraid of the consequences – we returned & got home little after sunset & had a very pleasant Visit as was the excursions in general — This is the first time John was [last two lines nearly illegible]

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 July 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 7 M 1815 / In the forenoon [first six line nearly illegible]

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 July 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 7 M / In the first Meeting R Davis bore a short testimony & was concluded by Fatthebr Rodman – In the last Monthly htere was considerable buisness – Wm Mitchell & Mary Wilcox published their intentions of marriage & Aza ARnold & Abby Dennis {illegible} –theirs in a meeting appointed for the [—] 3 OC Pm {too faint to understand } & I believe a low time to most present.

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 July 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 7 M / Attended the meeting for consumation of Aza Arnolds & Abby Dennis Marriage – which was large & solid the young folks succeeded well. D Buffum A Robinson & Ruth Weaver & Hannah Dennis had short testimonys.

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 July 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 7 M / In the forenoon Father Rodman appeard much to my satisfaction – Also Cousin Anne Greene – In the Afternoon Father again in a few words – After tea took a walk round the Hill with Br D Rodman – Returned & found J Sherman & Sister Eiza sitting with my H

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 August 1: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, second of four children of Richard Henry Dana, Sr. and Ruth Charlotte Smith Dana. The other children of this marriage:

- Ruth Charlotte Dana (1814-1901)
- Edmund “Ned” Trowbridge Dana (1818-1869)
- Susan Dana (1820-1822)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 8th M 1815 / This morning recd information from NYork Caty Wickham that Niobe had been sick two days & an half when she left their & her situation considered dangerous – this



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information has affected my mind with much seriousness having felt forebodings while I was there that when she came to be sick her case would be hard, & the increased nearness which is felt toward her at that time creates no small anxiety on her acct.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 8th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting & in order to give Hannah & John (who went with me) a longer ride we took a new rout over the Beach to Purgatory & went thro' the roads tha way & came into the Main road our by Peleg Sandfords This made a pleasing variety, besides which we went away from home at the early hour of 6 OClock which made it very cool & pleasant riding - we got to Uncle Thurstons at 8 OClock & there took breakfast where we met with Wm Rotch Jr Thos Arnold & several other interesting friends - At meeting the first in testimony was James Greene, more lengthy than I ever heard him -sound & pertinent & according to my sense attended with a good degree of Gospel Power next Father Rodman & then my old friend & former Correspondent Thomas Anthony & next Obadiah Davis, lengthy & sound, clear & powerful & Divine favor seem'd evidently extended thro' the whole sitting - In the last buisness went on with remarkable unanimity O Davis & others made frequent [?] remarks as did R Greene & others which I thought {last three lines too faded } [top of next page] dined at Uncle Thurstons where I met Sarah Greene had a little intersting conversation with her on the subject of her intended journey as companion to Betsy Purinton on a religious visit to Some meetings in & on the way to Baltimore Yearly Meeting - I found Sarahs ideas & mine corresponded well & she felt nearer to me than she ever did before - tho' I have known her a long time yet I never had much intimate acquaintance with her

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August 5, Saturday: The new 44-gun frigate USS *Java* (so named after a British vessel defeated by the Americans) got underway from the shipyard of Flannigan & Parsons at [Baltimore, Maryland](#). Captain [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) would pick up spare rigging at Hampton Roads and New York before sailing the new vessel to [Newport, Rhode Island](#) to recruit its crew. The frigate would stand out from Newport in the face of a bitter gale on January 22, 1816 on the way to the Mediterranean but a mast would snap with 10 men aloft, killing 5. During April the vessel would be off Algiers as Captain Perry attempted under flag of truce to persuade the Dey of Algiers to honor a treaty he had signed. It would sail to Tripoli with the USS *Constellation*, the USS *Ontario*, and the USS *Erie* in a display of the new strength of the United States of America. After visiting the ports of Syracuse, Messina, Palermo, Tunis, Gibraltar, and Naples, the frigate would return to Newport early in 1817 and be taken in for restoration at the naval yards of Boston.

Austria demanded the return of all art works taken by [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) from its lands (including from northern Italy).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5th of 8 M 1815 / The Audit met at father Rodmans to settle inventory [?] of the Meeting at the past year - Benj Mott



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was with him [two illegible lines] to [Portsmouth](#) with I accordingly [--] stepped into his Chaise & rode with him to Cousin Zacheus Chases where I found them as comfortable as old folks [the last half of this page too faint to read]

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August 8, Tuesday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) became a prisoner headed for the island of St. Helena.

Of course, the defeat at Waterloo, and the events that had followed, had brought an end to the [Italian](#) judicial career of [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 8 M 1815 / This afternoon I witnessed a solemn scene - I called in the latter part of the Afternoon to see Matthew Barker who has been a long time very low & in great distress & apparantly Dieing for several Days, about 20 Minutes after I went into the room the scene closed, his distress continuing till near the close - When he breathed his last my sensations exceeded any thing I ever felt on seeing any person depart from time, my whole frame was shaken - every day brings us all nearer to the like Awful period & every scene like this is a solemn warning to us. to have our minds prepared for the event. - for some time he has not been entirely rational - & when I saw him this mornng & at the final close he was past sensing much for any thing but his distress - I staid & assisted in laying him out

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August 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9 of 8 M / We had a pleasant call from Mary Morton Attended the funeral of Matthew Barker a few words deliverd by a friend at the house - Sarah Earl & Dorcas Wharton set the Afternoon & Jacob Clarke took tea with us -

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August 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 8 M / My mind for some time has been on desolate places & our Mornng meeting a silent barran time to me but in the Afternoon life spring up much to my consolation & comfort -there was [—] was sweet & precious [—] Eunice Earl Set the evening & took tea with us

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 August 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 8th M 1815 / I was thankful under a sense of favor in meeting today it seemed to be generally a good time – but I have been humbly to acknowledge, in the language I heard Joseph Martin this morning, in speaking of himself he said "I am a poor needy creature in spiritual things." This is just my case, & tho' there was a sense of favor in meeting this forenoon & generally thro' the course of the day yet while in meeting I could not keep the ballance the whole time, unprofitable thoughts sometimes Krept in, but it was not so hard to get rid of them as I have sometimes found it. – Near the close of the meeting by a Friend his sentence was expressed "Abel offered a Sacrifice which was not acceptable, because it was not offered in sincerity of heart & purity of intention [—] Martha & Hannah Gould set the Afternoon & took tea with us –

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 August 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 8 M / Took John before breakfast over to the Point & went into the Water with him. The dear little fellow seemed very reluctant at being soused under Water but he has seemed very smart & lively all day after it – In the mornng meeting father Rodman deliver'd a short testimony – In the Afternoon Mary Morton in a [?] of encouragement also Hannah Dennis - The afternoon was a season of some favor to me for which I desire to be thankful -After tea took a pleasant walk on the point with my dear H & Polly Macclish - John & Caleb [?] company, the little fellows seemd highly pleased –

Newport 8th M 20th 1815

Stephen Gould [surrounded with a flourish]

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 August 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 8th M 1815 / At meeting my mind was brought to look back & commemorate the mercys & tender dealings of my heavenly Father from early time to the present day - Several of my early associates were brought fresh to my mind who begun well & went on so for a season, but finally lost sight of the days of their espousals & alass, at last, their right in society - My mind was humbled & tendered in a remarkable degree under their considerations, & in reflecting that notwithstanding all my sins & transgressions & short comings in many respects, I am still kept alive still at seasons favor'd with the evidence that divine love is Yet extended, gratitude was raised in my heart to the Author of all mercies in a degree which I seldom experience, & desires raised that the present time might prove as a renewal of covenant – while I was thus ruminating - a short



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testimony was deliver'd by a friend & succeeded by other short ones by Mary Morton & Hannah Dennis, -the two last were Sweet as marrow to my feelings, it Seemed as if they both had been diped into my feelings in a manner which was remarkable, & may be memorable to me & some others present -

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August 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 25 of 8 M 1815 / This Afternoon Our dear Sister Ruth returned from her visit to None Partners where she hath been with Uncle Wmm Mitchell and passed some weeks very agreeably. Uncle Wm has returned to consumate his intended marriage with Mary Willcox. -7th dya 26 of * m / Have been much occupied today in removing Lydia Tucker to board with Avis Knowles - She has now passed 85 Years & has become so infirm as to be unable to take care of herself -
Sister Ruth Set part of the Afternoon & took tea with us & gave a very intersting account of her late Journey. -*

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August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27th of 8 M / Our mornng meeting was silent except a few words toward the close of it by father R - In the Afternoon towards the close D Buffum expressed his humble gratitude for the present favor, considering it to have been a season wherein divine good had been extended, he exhorted us to "ask & if we rightly asked we should receive" to our consolation & Ruth Weaver then expressed the text "Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven &c & the meeting closed - In the evening with my H called at the Widow Eastons to See William Thurston & his wife who arrived last eveng from N York. This call was agreeable. Wm & his wife were very open & friendly when I saw them at their home & I feel a disposition to do as well by them at mine, as they did by me at theirs.
The sorrowful tidings reached town this Afternoon that John Gardiner a young man of this town was drown'd last evening coming from N York - he went into the boat in the Stern of the Packet which slid over & turned him into the Water, every possible effort was made to save him but in vain, he was son of John Gardiner formerly of this town a late Vendue Master -*

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August 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 7th M 1815 / My H set the Afternoon at her



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fathers, I went up & took tea with her

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 August 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 8 M / My Mother, wife & son after tea went over to Thos Robinsons & set till nearly dusk, their visit they said was very agreeable. -

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 August 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th 31 of 8 M / A Stormy morning pretty high wind & rain - I feel much dicouraged with the prospect of [Portsmouth](#) Notwithstanding it looked like a difficult undertaking to go to [Portsmouth](#), yet as several who usualy go were like to be detained at home, my H & I took Chaise & went - The wind blew a violent gale at N E & it rained hard & I got wet, thro' on my arms - but by means of a camblet Cloak Hannah got wet not at all, & neither of us was very little incommoded by the undertaking -In the first meeting Anne Almy appeard in a Sweet & fervant Supplication - then Hannah Dennis in testimony, the Mary Morton in fervant supplication again, & to me it was a good Meeting as I have no doubt it was to many others present whose hearts rejoiced in a fresh evidence of renew'd life in themselves & felt it extended to others - In the last meeting we had but little buisness - Wm Mitchell was permitted to marry Mary Willcox next 2nd day [Monday] in the Afternoon - A subscription was enter'd into for the purpose of raising \$200 & a part of the money was subscribed in Meeting - We dined at R Mitchells. - Ths storm has been considerd to be greater by the Aged people today than any that has happened since the Church Steeple was blown down many years ago - many people went to the Beach in the course of the day & evening to See the breakers which run astonishingly high A vessel was said to be cast away in the Afternoon near Beaver tail light house -

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 August 30, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) would be visiting Augusta, at Six Mile Bottom, until September 4th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30th of 8th M / Set the Afternoon & took tea at Br J Rodmans
It is a season of great dullness in buisness, my trade affords but little pecuniary Assistance, yet I am far from feelings as discouraged as I have sometimes when things of an outward nature have been low, for which I do feel thankful. -Our visit at Br*



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Johns was very pleasant & while setting with them I could but say in my mind, "Behold how good & how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in love" -

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September 1, Friday: A council was held at Detroit, and the hatchet buried by the tribes represented. These were the Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandot, Pottawatomie of Lake Michigan, Ottawa, and Chippeway, with the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago), and Sauk. Other treaties were made with the Pottawatomies of the Illinois, the Piankeshaw, Osago, Iowa, Kansa, Fox, Kickapoo, and bands of the Dakota (Sioux). The posts of Prairie du Chien (at the conflux of the Wisconsin River with the Mississippi River) and Michilimackinac (at the Michigan Strait in the Great Lakes) were reoccupied.

Württemberg joined the [German](#) Confederation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 9 M 1815 / My H & John spent the Afternoon at D Buffum Junrs. Sister Rith & I joined them at tea & spent the evening with them - this is the first visit I have ever paid David & Susan since they were house keepers

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September 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 9th M / I have had the teeth Ach & the head ach all Day & this Afternoon, I find the difficulty increased - Anne & Nancy Almy gave us a short call this forenoon which was pleasant. - I see by the Newspaper of this day that John Benson son of the late Martin Benson, has within a week or two been drowned at Sea, he was a distant relation of mine on the Wanton side, - he was a steady young man, & remarkably afable in his deportment & having known him intimately from his boyhood felt an attachment to him -

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September 3, Sunday: The [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) and [Mrs. Abigail Hubbard Flint](#) were dismissed from the membership of the Congregational Church in the Lunenburg portion of Fitchburg, to the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts.²⁰⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 9th M 1815 / I have staid at home all Day with the Tooth Ach & Ague in my face - My H & John attended Meeting & said in the forenoon Father Rodman & Mary Morton preached & in the Afternoon Father, D Buffum & Ruth Weaver.-

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206. There doesn't seem to be any evidence that this was anything more than a polite fiction. There's no record to show, for instance, that any of the members of this immediate family (as opposed to the extended group of Flint relatives) actually resided in Salem or ever became involved with that First Church in Salem.



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 September 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 9th M / My Ague & Tooth Ach hangs on very hard I had little or no sound sleep last night & it has not been sufficiently easy thro' the day to admit of my taking a nap - This circumstance prevents my attending the Meeting Appointed this Afternoon for Uncle Wm Mitchell & Mary Willcox to Solemnize their marriage - My H, John & Polly Mclish went & say there was no preaching, but that the Meeting was large & well conducted - & that the old couple performed their cerimony with propriety -

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 September 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 9 M / The Ague in my face was somewhat better this mornng tho' more swollen than Yesterday. this Afternoon it seems to be very painful again, but got easy just before I went to bed. -

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 September 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 9 M / Soon After I got into bed last night my face began to ach & as fast as I got easy in one position my head & neck would be so tired that it proved an inducement to try another. So it went on for a long time & I thought I could sympathise with some I have seen on a Sick bed who could find no comfortable place to lay their "Aching head & weary limbs" - however I caught short naps thro' the night & feel if any thing rather better than yesterday morning - Tho' appearances were favorable in the morning, yet I have had much hard pain thro' the Day, also In the eveng I suffered considerable but on the Average I think I have been better than yesterday - Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us - Cousin Hannah Gardiner & my Mother set the eveng - Uncle Earl Job Sherman & B & D Dorman called a little while -

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 September 7, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived back in Prague intent on ending his relationship with the Estates Theater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 9 M 1815 / Last eveing Elisha Thornton came [teacher and educator] to Town & was at our Meeting today & one appointed by him at 5 OC for the inhabitants of the Town - In



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the forenoon My H told me he had much to communicate both in Testimony & Supplication & again in Testimony & supplication this Afternoon – I am so unwell that I thought best not to go out - tho' I did this mornng, while the sun shone warm, go as far as father R's to carry John to school - The Ague in my face is not quite as tedious as yesterday but I have more fever upon me.

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 September 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 9th M / Elisha Thornton has an appointed meeting at [Portsmouth](#) this forenoon. – I have been better on the whole but far from well May H, John & I took tea this Afternoon with Cousin Borden & Mary Tillinghast

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 September 9, Saturday: John Singleton Copley died in London at the age of 77.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 9 M / Last night took a portion of Jalap & Calomel which I think must be beneficial from the effect produced but my face continues to Ach considerably yet – Rather a hard time with my face this eveng, tho' it has been pretty comfortable some parts of the Day -- Elishas Thornton, in town toaday & expects to be at Meeting tomorrow

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 September 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 9th M / Though my face was not in very good condition I attended Meetings - Elisha in the forenoon was large & much favor'd in testimony – In the Afternoon he again was much favor'd in testimony tho' life was several times low in the course of it yet it rose again & I believe his services was greatly owned - in Supplication he was great indeed - Some thought they never heard any thing equal to it - Hannah & I with John, took tea with him at father Rodmans, & we were gratified with an opportunity in his company.-

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 September 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 9th M 1815 / Elisha Thornton left Town this Mornng



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for home. - I am now pretty much restored to my usual health - a little fever however hangs about me & my face is a little swollen - I feel thankful for the favor - pain of body, is heard [hard] to bear, but a little now & then may teach us how to apprise health when we have it

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September 12 Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 9 M / Wm Thurston & his Wife of N York & Sally Easton Set the Afternoon & eveng with us - & Sister Ruth joined us at tea. - Their visit was very pleasant.-

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September 13, Wednesday: Newspapers were announcing the successful “conclusion” of a treaty with the Dey of Algiers:

TREATY WITH ALGIERS.
WASHINGTON CITY, SEPT. 5.
We understand that despatches have been received from Com. Decatur, announcing the pleasing intelligence of his having, on the part of the United States, concluded a treaty of peace with the Dey of Algiers. With the conditions of the treaty of course we are unacquainted; but we learn generally that they are such as Com. Decatur thought proper to dictate.

Copy of a letter from Com. Decatur to the Secretary of the Navy, dated
U. S. ship Guerriere, off Cape Palos,
June 20, 1815.

SIR—I have the honour to inform you, that on the 19th inst. off Cape Palos, the squadron under my command captured an Algerine brig of twenty-two guns and one hundred and eighty men. After a chase of three hours, she ran into shoal water, where I did not think it advisable to follow with our large ships, but despatched the Epervier, Spark and Spifire, to whom she surrendered after a short resistance. Twenty-three men were found dead on board. We received from her eighty prisoners, the residue of her crew having left her in boats. Many of them must have been killed by the fire of our vessels, and one of the boats was sunk. None of our vessels, sustained any damage, nor was there a

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 9 M / This morn'g between 9 & 10 OC My dear & very affectionate Mother Sail'd in the Sloop Express Capt Bliss for N York with a fine fresh wind a little to the eastward of North. —She expects to be gone some weeks & tho I do not live in the house with her Yet seeing her every day shall miss her much —

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 September 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 9 M / Our Meeting was mostly silent - there were divers present whose faces seem'd to bespeak devotion, & for a Season It Seem'd as if my mind was favor'd, but dicoragement prevailed Subjects that were unprofitable intruded on the mind & the savor of the early part of the meeting was hreatly impaired Tho' I trust not wholly lost

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 September 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 9 M / Took tea with my H at Thos Peckhams - In the eveng took a walk with Sister Mary to the lower end of the town & stoped a while at the Widow Avis Carpenters

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 September 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 9 M / Heard today of a dirty case on [Nantucket](#), which is a warning to all, to look well to their standing. The tempter is allways at work & I believe few, very few if any have attained to that State which renders them secure from his attacks. - I have humbly to confess that at no time in my life have I felt a greater necessity to crave the blessing of preservation than of late, & especially within a few Days -

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 September 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 9 M 1815 / Our meetings were both Silent excepting in the Afternoon a short but very sweet & encoraging testimony from Mary Morton - In the eveng went over to her fathers & set a while in their interesting company

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 September 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 9 M / Our meeting was a comfortable season -Daniel Clapp from Pomfret expressed a few words signifying that he felt that among us which united in perfect brotherhood -Sister Eliza set the Afternoon, & Sally Brown joined us in the evening. -

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 September 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 9 M / We took tea with Aunt A Carpenter - A wet &

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rather dreary day within & without. –

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September 23, Saturday: Unable to persuade his king Louis XVIII to appeal to the allies to rescind or modify their ultimatum, Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent resigned as Prime Minister of France.

During the 18th Century there had been some 15 violent storms sweeping across New England, but none of them approached the fury of the hurricane that hit the southern New England coastline at 9AM on this day, known as the “Great September Gale of 1815.” The eye of the hurricane came ashore at Old Lyme in Connecticut and the greatest destruction was done along the path of the storm’s “eastern quarter,” such as in [Providence](#).



1815. The glad tidings of Peace were announced here February 12, and our streets were thronged with delighted men and women, and resounded with acclamations of joy. The town was brilliantly illuminated in the evening, and although it was intensely cold, the streets were thronged to a late hour by persons of both sexes and of all ages, and the sound of mirth resounded from almost every dwelling. Many, however, who had been carried along by this tide of rejoicing, had cause to mourn when the excitement had subsided, and the “sober second thought” of reflection had returned. They had speculated largely, when prices were high, and vast amounts were invested in merchandise, the value of



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which, on restoration of peace, "fell, like Lucifer, never to rise again." Many failures were the consequence; but to people at large, peace came as a blessing.

This year was signalized by the Great Storm and high tide. The storm commenced Sept. 22, and the wind was violent, and increasing through the night and the succeeding morning, many houses were unroofed, and other blown down. The tide on the 23d, rose to an extraordinary height, the gale from the South-East was of unparalleled severity, both combined, they drove the principal part of the shipping in the harbor from its moorings up the river against Weybosset bridge, which in short time gave way, and the whole was driven up and landed on the northern shore of the cove. A large sloop was left a considerable distance North of Great Point, now the site of the State Prison, and between that point and the upper part of the Canal basin, were upwards of thirty sail, of a burthen from 500 tons downwards. The water entirely filled the lower stories of the buildings in Market-street, west of the bridge, and a portion of the brick wall of the Washington Insurance building, in the third story, was broken in by the bowsprit of the ship Ganges, as she was driven rapidly by in the foaming current. A sloop of some 50 or 60 tons was driven across Weybosset-street, into Pleasant-street, where she grounded. The Baptist meeting-house, built for Rev. Mr. Cornell, near Muddy Dock, now Dorrance-street, was entirely destroyed. Many houses, stores and barns were swept from the wharves in South Water, Weybosset and some other streets, into the cove, where many of them were crushed to pieces. The water at the junction of Westminster and Orange-streets was at least six feet in depth. Two human beings only here lost their lives in this storm, which was matter of great wonder, when so many were perilled. No measures were taken to ascertain the damage done by the storm, but it was estimated at about a million of dollars.



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A large trunk of the public papers of former [Rhode Island](#) governor [Stephen Hopkins](#) were swept out of the house in which they were stored, and lost (Hopkins's house, which now stands adjacent to Benefit Street, at that time stood adjacent to what is now Main Street, within reach of the waters). By noon the storm had passed up into the wildernesses of the north and was breaking up, but the high winds had stalled the ebbing of the high tide, and then over these high waters came rushing the additional waters driven by the storm, pushing up Narragansett Bay and concentrating at the docks of Providence. First there had been the fury of the wind and then came the fury of the water:

Wind:

The vessels there were driven from their moorings in the stream and fastenings at the wharves, with terrible impetuosity, toward the great bridge that connected the two parts of the town. The gigantic structure was swept away without giving a moment's check to the vessel's progress, and they passed to the head of the basin, not halting until they were high up on the bank....

Water:

Stores, dwelling houses, were seen to reel and totter for a few moments, and then plunge into the deluge. A moment later their fragments were blended with the wrecks of vessels, some of which were on their sides, that passed with great rapidity and irresistible impetuosity on the current to the head of the cove, to join the wrecks already on the land.

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Some 500 buildings were destroyed in this city. The Indiaman *Ganges* was forced all the way up Westminster Street to Eddy Street, where its bowsprit pierced the 3rd story of the city's Market House.²⁰⁷



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Moses Brown](#) would be making a detailed tabulation of the various trees that had toppled in his yard. The salt spray was carried from the ocean 40 or 50 miles inland. Apples and other fruit were blown off the trees, the corn was injured, and fences and trees were prostrated. In particular the

207. Some 4-foot-long metal tubes jammed into the marshy soil and sediment layers at Succotash Marsh in East Matunuck, [Rhode Island](#) (at the west side of the ocean entrance of the [Narragansett Bay](#)) by Tom Webb of the Geological Sciences Department of [Brown University](#), have revealed that there has been a series of overwash fans created by storm tidal surges, indicating that seven category-three hurricanes have struck Narragansett lowlands in about the past millennium. The 1st such overwash fan that has been revealed dated to the period 1295-1407CE, the 2nd to the period of roughly the first half of the 15th Century, the 3rd to approximately 1520CE (give or take a few decades), and the 4th to the historic storm of the 14th and 15th of August, 1635. The 5th such overwash fan obviously dates specifically to this historic storm of September 23, 1815.



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original apple tree near Woburn MA of the Loammi Baldwin apple got knocked over:



At the time Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)'s ship was fortunately out of harm's way in New-York and Philadelphia.

In [Newport](#), [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) recorded in his journal that:

7th day 23 of 9 M / This forenoon we had the most severe Gale that Newport ever experienced - it commenced before day break to Rain Thunder & lighten, continued to increase gradually till a little before 9 OC when it suddenly increased & the tide rose with surprising velocity such as was never seen before - The wind & tide making such devastation of Vessels houses Stores & even lives as appalled all Skill to save. The destruction of houses was chiefly on the Long Wharf & on the Point - Andrew Allens wife, three children & a girl that lived with them were all in the house when it went off into the cove & they were all drowned - Over the Beach John Irish in attempting to save his boat was drowned - & two men who lived with Godfrey Hazard in trying to save their Sheep were also drowned. - Shocking was the Scene I have no powers to describe it, tho' at a more lesure Moment I intend to attempt a more full description Our cellar was full of Water, but we lost nothing of consequence. - We were



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humbly thankful it was no worse



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Many boats were destroyed at [Boston](#) wharves:



I recollect being engaged near my father's saw-mill handling lumber with my brothers [[Adin Ballou](#) was 12 years old 

The tempest, which began about 7 o'clock in the morning, reached its height at noon, when it was little else than a hurricane. Multitudes of people were filled with terror and consternation. I confess that I was, and hastening to my chamber, obtained what relief and composure I could from the unseen world by earnest supplication. I gained something of trust and calmness, but hardly enough to overcome all my fearful apprehensions, for there seemed to be no place of refuge from impending danger and my faith was not of the surest type.

When the storm subsided, the inhabitants of southern New England looked with amazement on the devastations it had caused. Inland the noblest timber lots were covered with prostrate trees and upturned earth, the finest orchards were laid waste, rail-fences, wood, and lumber were scattered far and wide, roads were rendered impassable by accumulated debris, and incalculable damage had been done to buildings on every hand, many of the lighter ones being wholly destroyed. In seaport towns and along the shore, still greater havoc, if possible had been wrought. The ocean rolled in upon the coast its mountainous waves, which, in thickly settled localities, inundated the wharves, streets, and exposed places of business, filled the cellars and lower stories of dwellings and warehouses near the water line, causing the occupants to flee for their lives, and destroying immense amounts of property that chanced to be within reach. The wind drove before it all sorts of sea-craft, even the largest vessels, sinking some, wrecking others, and landing many high on the beach, far away from tide-water. The remains of sloops and schooners, gradually dismantled and abandoned, appeared on the sand banks and along the coast for years, victims of the Storm-King's insatiate power. Such was the "great gale" of 1815, the like whereof has never been seen by New Englanders since the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock.

Many of the trees on the Boston Common were blown down.



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When, in [A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS](#), Henry David Thoreau would argue for the liberty to travel unnecessarily on the Sabbath, he was arguing against one of the pet projects of the very most prominent citizen of his town, Squire Samuel Hoar. For a story had it that when the great hurricane of 1815 had devastated the woodlands around [Concord](#), one old farmer exclaimed:

I wish the wind'd come on Sunday! -Sam Hoar would've stopped it.

[A WEEK](#): History has remembered thee; especially that meek and humble petition of thy old planters, like the wailing of the Lord's own people, "To the gentlemen, the selectmen" of Concord, praying to be erected into a separate parish. We can hardly credit that so plaintive a psalm resounded but little more than a century ago along these Babylonish waters. "In the extreme difficult seasons of heat and cold," said they, "we were ready to say of the Sabbath, Behold what a weariness is it." - "Gentlemen, if our seeking to draw off proceed from any disaffection to our present Reverend Pastor, or the Christian Society with whom we have taken such sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company, then hear us not this day, but we greatly desire, if God please, to be eased of our burden on the Sabbath, the travel and fatigue thereof, that the word of God may be nigh to us, near to our houses and in our hearts, that we and our little ones may serve the Lord. We hope that God, who stirred up the spirit of Cyrus to set forward temple work, has stirred us up to ask, and will stir you up to grant, the prayer of our petition; so shall your humble petitioners ever pray, as in duty bound -" And so the temple work went forward here to a happy conclusion. Yonder in Carlisle the building of the temple was many wearisome years delayed, not that there was wanting of Shittim wood, or the gold of Ophir, but a site therefor convenient to all the worshippers; whether on "Buttrick's Plain," or rather on "Poplar Hill."



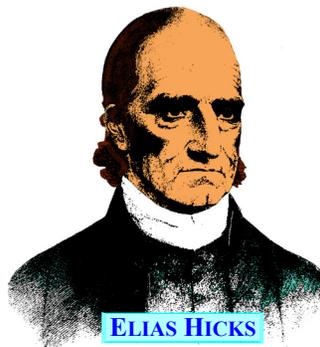
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Many of the local historians of [Concord](#), and many Thoreauvian scholars, have made this sort of connection. It is the sort of connection in which they deal, between one prominent citizen of Concord MA with prominent attitudes and another prominent citizen of Concord MA with prominent attitudes. It is, I might say, an easy association. But how many such historians and scholars know that when Thoreau would grow up in Concord in the following generation, and would take such attitudes, he was seconding the attitudes of the great Quaker preacher, [Elias Hicks](#)? For Hicks had pronounced in opposition to the so-called Blue Laws, laws which for instance entitled the Quakers of Philadelphia to stretch chains across the public street during their First Day silent worship in order to prevent the noise of the passage of carriages. For Hicks, First Day was just another day, of no greater or lesser holiness than any other weekday. He would come in from the fields, change his clothing, put on his gloves, and go off to Meeting for Worship on First Day just as he would come in from the fields, change his clothing, put on his gloves, and go off to Meeting for Worship on Fourth Day (Wednesday). But this was not merely a matter of preference for Friend Elias, any more than it was a matter of preference for Squire Hoar: it was a principle. Blue laws were laws, and laws were enacted by governments, and therefore such laws were infringements upon religion, sponsored by the state apparatus which should be allowed have no connection whatever with religion. In this direction lay a great danger, sponsored by the Squires of this world who would like nothing better than to be able to legislate the religious convictions of other people. Thus, when the Governor of New York issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation, Friend Elias was greatly alarmed, that he

*“has
by recommending a religious act
united the civil and ecclesiastical authorities,
and broken the line of partition between them,
so wisely established
by our enlightened Constitution,
which in the most positive terms
forbids
any alliance between church and state,
and is the only barrier
for the support of our liberty and independence.*

*For if that is broken down
all is lost
and we become the vassals of priestcraft,
and designing men,
who are reaching after power
by subtle contrivance
to domineer over the consciences
of their fellow citizens.”*



ELIAS HICKS

The terminology and the cadence was not Thoreauvian, but Thoreau's attitudes as proclaimed in [A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS](#) would be identical with this.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE



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Subsequent to this historic gale, and in consequence of it, [John Farrar](#), Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at [Harvard College](#), who had since 1807 been maintaining and analyzing weather records in Cambridge, would be able to elaborate upon the insights of [Benjamin Franklin](#) into the nature of the “nor’easter” weather phenomenon by conceptualizing such hurricanes as “a moving vortex and not the rushing forward of a great body of the atmosphere” (he had noted not only the lagging times of arrival of the winds at Boston versus New-York and the wind’s opposite directionality, as had Franklin, but had also been able to analyze mathematically the veering of the wind as a fluid phenomenon).

 September 24, Sunday: Armand Emmanuel du Plessis, Duc de Richelieu replaced Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévant as prime minister of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 9 M 1815 / Was this forenoon called out as a member of Engine Company N 5 to clear the Streets so that in case of fire the Engine might pass - we worked hard and effected our purpose, & it was shocking to behold the poor sufferers looking round among the ruins to look for the few things which remained of theirs - many of them had their all blown away - In the Afternoon, I went to Meeting & after tea we saw the funeral of poor Allens wife & three Children which was as long, & I believe the longest, I ever saw. The young woman who lived with them was buried from the Point - on the edge of the evening My H Sister R & Polly Macklish took a walk on the point to view the Ruins - a sad & sorrowful Sight

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 September 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 25 of 9 M / Went this Afternoon to carry a bequest of some old cloaths from Uncle Stanton to old Jonathon Walker who told me he was born in April 1728 - his sister Sarah is totally blind & they live together - I dont know as I eversaw (on every count) two more wretched looking beings - Our Alms house is cleaner, their beds look as if they were worn out, & what remains of them exceeding dirty - It was affecting to see them, & it afforded some little releaf to think I had the means of helping them a little

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 September 28, Thursday: [Nicolò Paganini](#)’s lawyer submitted abundant testimony and evidence as to the low moral character of [Angiolina Cavanna](#) to a Genoa court, in support of his claim that he had been the victim of an extortion plot by her father Ferdinando Cavanna, a poor tailor. The father would reduce his accusation of “abusing the innocence” of 17-year-old Angiolina to “breach of promise.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 9 M / In the first meeting Hannah Dennis Prayed &



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Father Rodman preached – in the last (Monthly) buisness went on pretty well considering– J Dennis served as clerk in the absense of D Williams - I thought life was low – At dinner we had Sarah Fowler, Elizabeth Lawton & wife & Geo Dennis

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 October 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 10 M 1815 / Our meeting this forenoon was a comfortable season to many present – D Buffum was (for him) large in testimony. Then John Weaver read the London Epistle for last year - then Mary Morton appeard in a Sweet testimony - In the Afternoon we were Silent but I believe it was a season of favor –

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 October 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 10 M / Our Meeting was Silent - Life low in my mind, tho' I trust others were refreshed by the incomes of it

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 October 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 10 M ? / This forenoon went over to Avis Knowles to carry Lydia Tucker a few things sent by Aunt A Carptneter for her comfort - found Lydia low & wearing out fast. – as I was returning in Washington street I met with Our old neighbor Saml Vinson who asked me to walk with him further up as he had a mind to view the ravages of the late Storm & visit the place where he served his time which is now The Goddards shop, in walking round it, he related many Anecdotes of his youth with his usual pleasantry - we then took a turn as far up as the North Battery & home thro' the street that lead by the Alms house & parted on the parade. Some of his conversation was edifying. he spoke particularly as we passed our Meeting house of his feelings in it when he was a lad & once of latter years on hearing John Casey preach - he said when he reflected now far John had deviated from morality in his Youth & how firmly established & fervent he was now in the Cause of Truth, the consideration was humbling & affecting to his mind

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 October 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 10 M / My H, & Sister R Set the evening at Thos Robinsons. I joined them the latter part of it very agreeably, as my visits there always prove – Mary Morton expects to leave



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them in a few days & most probable the Old folks will fell doubly striped when she has left them – They appear to bear their late privation of property by the Storm with firmness, christian firmness. –

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 October 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 10 M 1815 / Our forenoon meeting was very small owing to the rain. M Morton was concerned in a short but very lively testimony – In the Afternoon the meeting was larger & silent –

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 October 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 10 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended. Anne Greene was concerned in a lively & engaging testimony addressed to the Youth – Then D Buffum in a lively & pertinent communication recommended & enforced the necessity of Self examination. " The meeting I thought a favor'd one – Rebecca Waterhouse & Abigail Grelea, also Sister Mary took tea with us & Set the evening –

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 October 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 10 M / Yesterday & today I have been quite Sick with a great Cold which has prevented my attending Meeting My H went this Afternoon & said Anne Greene & Hannah Hosier bore testimony to the Truth – In the course of the day I have read most of James Goughs Journal, many parts of it has proved edifying to my mind

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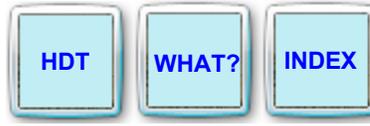
 October 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 10 M / My Cold is getting better today My H & John are taken with it & both seem to be pretty strongly affected

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 October 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 10 M / A Silent meeting & to me a pretty good one



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-My H & John are still quite poorly with the influenza-

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October 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 10 M 1815 / In the forenoon meeting our friend D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony. - In the Afternoon our frd Joseph Taber & Stephen Carpenter from Vermont were at meeting & Joseph proved himself to be a deep Baptizing Minister tho' apparantly a young man - they came upon us quite unexpectedly -we heard nothing of their being in this country till it was mentioned at the close of the morning meeting, but their coming was somewhat like the coming of Titus to the brethren formerly -it had Seemed like a low time among us for some times, & I trust the preaching of Joseph was a comfort to many present - his supplication was living & powerful.-

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October 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 10 M / Rode with B Hadwen to [Portsmouth](#) to sttend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - My H having a hoarse & severe cold which rendered her unable to go & attend to the Services of the day as Clerk - We stoped a few minutes at Saml Thurstons before meeting - The first meeting was Silent & the last heavy & so much of a certain disposition prevaling that as respects myself -, I doubt whether I gained much benefit by it. when money is to be raised the wheels are always cloged, & while there are individuals who do not do their proportion of the expence of Society - there must always be trials which without great care & christian forbearance, will create disunity - We dined at Cousin Zacheus Chases, found the old man comfortable to what I expected, & the family whom I have long loved, enjoying themselves in good degree as in former times but I think Cousin Chase & his wife are verging fast to the final close tho' the may yet live to see many go before them who are much younger -

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October 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 10th M 1815 / Our Morning meeting was silent. In the Afternoon our Frd D Buffum was very lively in a short Testimony "If thou does well shall it not be well with thee, but if thou doest not well Sin layeth at the Door - he observed that before the law, under the law & now in the Christian dispensation, peace was & is the result of doing well & illustrated the subject with much life, which I doubt not reached many minds present as well as my own - In the evening I



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called a little while at D Williams on buisness, & passed a little while in pleasant conversation - & set the residue at Home

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October 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 10 M / This morning my mind was favor'd with the arisings of life & tenderness & has continued most of the Day in a degree beyond what is usual. I desire to be thankful for the favor. a little relief from the dry destitute & barran condition which I have suffered for several days is refreshing.

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October 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 31 of 10 M / Neighbor Eddy was in the Shop this Morning & in conversation an anecdote of an Indian preacher I thought instructing - he said that an Indian preaching remarked that he compared a white man to an Onion there were many skins to take off before we come to the heart - When the Power of God took hold of a whiteman there were many things to obstruct its progress to the heart - but when the Power of God took hold of the poor Indian he had nothing but his Blanket to be striped of & without it he is naked & bare. -whether the remark is correct with respect to the Indian I leave but certain I think the comparison is instructive as respects the white man
Aunt Patty Gould & Sister Mary Set the Afternoon with us & the latter the evening - John has staid from school today being quite sick with a Cold attended with a hard cough & some considerable fever*

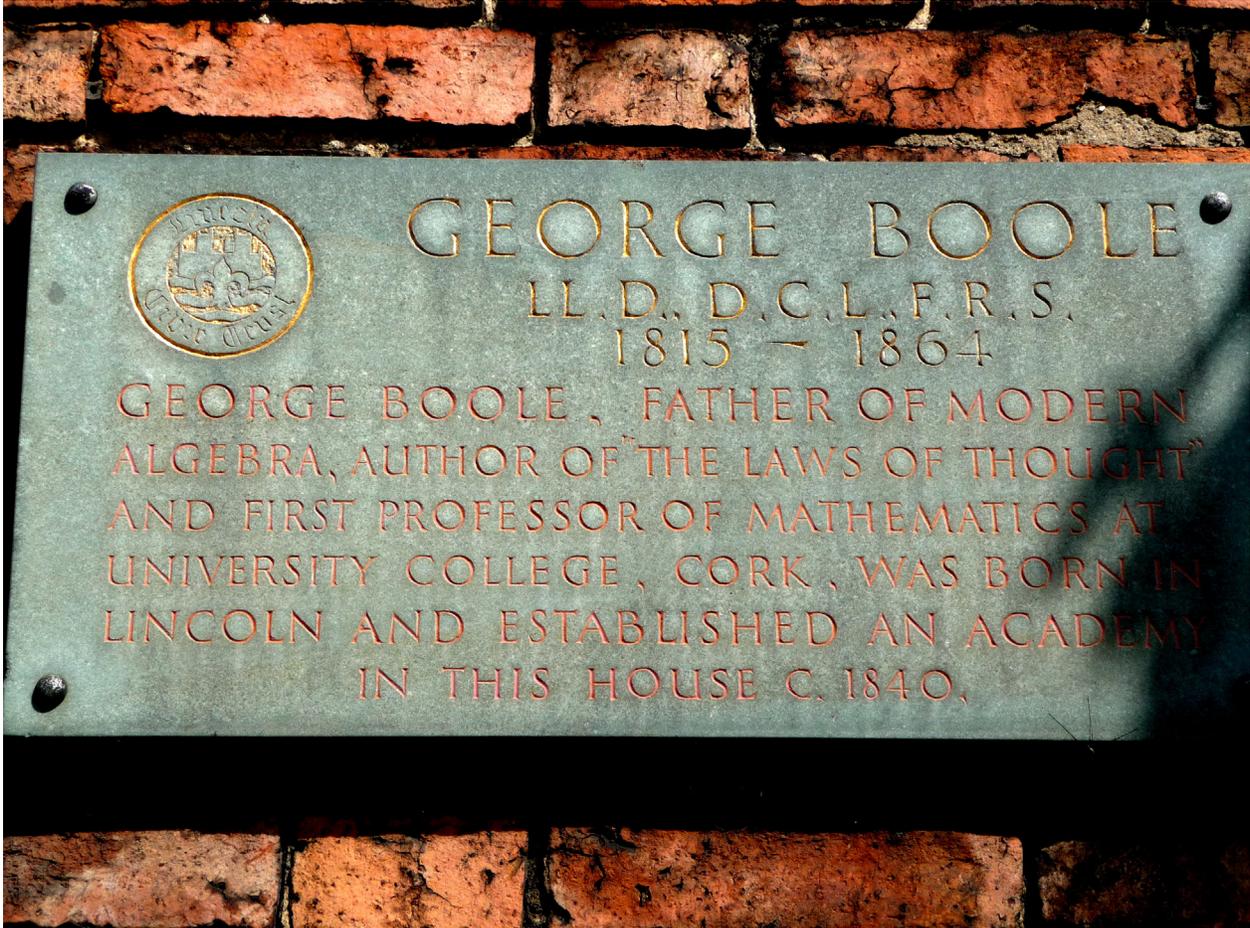
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 November 2, Thursday: George Boole, who would create Boolean logic, was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 11th M 1815 / A considerable number of friends being absent at the Quarterly Meeting now sitting at Swansea - Our meeting was quite small, but I trust there were minds present who were favor'd with devotion

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 November 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4 of 11 M / Friends who have returned from the Quarterly Meeting give a favorable account - they say Christopher Healy Benjamin Taber & Mary Allen were there & concerned very largely in Public testimony - The first meeting held nearly three hours - & it was late before the last meeting ended - It proved a season of favor, to many minds - I was glad to hear that friends were comforted together & should have been glad to have assembled with them but it did not seem best to leave home at the time for various reasons

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 November 5, Sunday: Great Britain declared a protectorate over the Ionian Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 11 M / In the morning our frd D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony, he said that while he had been sitting the saying of an Ancient Minister whom he had heard in early life had reviewed with considerable force & interest in his mind the saying was "Honesty is the best Policy" this he said he frequently repeated in his public communications & David considered it very important & set forth the necessity of being honest to men, honest to ourselves & honest to God, on the subjects he enlarged to the quickening of some minds present In a manner which I hope will not be forgotten – Hannah Dennis then deliverd a short but lively testimony encouraging us to work in the vineyards of our own hearts for the life was low &c – In the Afternoon father Rodman delivered a short testimony, the first time he has appeared in six weeks -After meeting Attended the funeral of George Hall Aged 83 years -Set the eveng at home

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 November 9, Thursday: A missionary needs a wife. The Reverend [William Ellis](#) got married with Mary Mercy Moor. The couple would be posted by the London Missionary Society to the South Sea Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 11th M 1815 / Our Meeting was small silent & short, & I believe generally a dull season. –

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November 12, Sunday: Elizabeth Cady was born in Johnstown, New York [NEW YORK](#).

[ELIZABETH CADY STANTON](#)

With Friend Lucretia Mott she would organize in 1848 the first US women's rights convention, and from 1852 she and Susan B. Anthony would lead the women's movement. She would be the editor of Revolution, a militant women's rights magazine, from 1868 to 1870, and would be president of the National Woman Suffrage Association from 1869 to 1890.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

[FEMINISM](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 11 M / Our mornng Meeting was silent & I thought solid. - In the Afternoon Anne Greene appear'd in testimony & warned us of the dangers of the "broad road" pointed out the happy consequences of waling in that which is straight & narrow & reminded us that "short running makes long friends" - Father Rodman appear'd in a short communication "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts consider your ways" & improved upon the passage with propriety & I thought his testimony was savory - At this Meeting General Jacob Brown attended, he has made a considerable conspicuous figure on the Military Theatre during the last War -he was formerly a member of our Society & is said to have kept a school in N York, but first departed from us by marrying out, & then became a Military character - he sat in meeting as if he was no stranger to Friends Meetings yet I thought his countenance looked as if he soared above the Witness for Truth in his mind.-

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November 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th[sic] of 11th M / Our meeting was small & Silent but I believe was a solid favor'd opportunity - to me it was peculiarly so, untill bodily infirmity prevailed so as to render the mind incapable to enjoy it - And this Afternoon I feel my mind cover'd with the covering that is sweet & precious - but



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alass my Frailtys how they predominate & hinder my progress -

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 November 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 11th M 1815 / The day was rainy & both meetings were small & silent. three women only in the Afternoon namely Hannah Dennis Ruth Rodman & Aunt Wait Lawton who was in town on a visit. - Set the eveng at home & my H & I read alternately

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 November 21, Tuesday: Milos Obrenovic I became Prince of Serbia.

“Col. Stephen Pearl, one of the most striking characters among the early settlers of Burlington [Vermont] died, at his home, where for many years distinguished strangers ‘from within or without the state’ and the poor and friendless alike had been received with generous hospitality. Col. Pearl was a captain at Bunker Hill, a colonel of the Rutland county militia and present at the ‘Rutland Shay’s Rebellion,’ also town clerk of Burlington and sheriff of the county.”²⁰⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 11 M / This morning between 8 & 9 OClock Mother & Uncle Stanton arroved in the Packett Express from N York. Mother has been gone.... Weeks & her return is a very pleasant circumstance.

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 November 28, Tuesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) petitioned the Imperial and Royal Landrechte of Lower Austria (court for the nobility and clergy of Lower Austria) to take full guardianship of his 9-year-old nephew Karl van Beethoven.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 11th M 1815 / This morning John Weaver & his family sailed for Troy in N York State where they expect to settle, thus poor [Rhode Island](#) is striped of its active & useful members, & where we shall get or to what state we shall be reduced to is hard to be foreseen, tho’ at present I can hardly think the Monthly Meeting is weak, yet I think our streangth is weakening & with the removal or demise of a few more of the Standards, the weighty part will be gone & there does not appear to be any that will be likely to Succeed them with equal usefulness - Sister Mary Spent the day & evening with us. -

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 November 30, Thursday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer), his brother, and a servant departed from Paris for a trip to London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 11th M / Our Monthly Meeting this day held in Town was well attended, a short testimony in the first meeting by father Rodman - In the last our discussions were of no great moment, & there was evidently but little life among us - Uncle Saml Thurston & J Lawton & Job Weedon dined with us - Eunice Earl & Sister Elizabeth set the evening & took tea with us. -

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 December 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 12 M 1815 / Rode This morning to [Portsmouth](#) with Brother Isaac to attend the funeral of Phebe Chase wife of my cousin Isaac Chase who departed this life quietly about 6 OClock in the evening last 3rd day. We got to the house about 1 / 2 an hour after the funeral had moved & the air being very cool & we suffering with the cold concluded to go in & set a little while in Silent Sympathy with cousin Isaac & his family & found him & one of his Sons So much unwell as to be unable to leave the room - the funeral was At 10 OClock Am & at 12 at the meeting house. The latter circumstance we were not acquainted with or as cold as it was we should have rode on & endeavored to have overtaken the funeral. -

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 December 3, Sunday: Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) crossed the English Channel from Calais to Dover. This required eight hours.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 12th M 1815 / In the morning the meeting was pretty well attended, quiet & solid. A Greene preached towards the close - In the Afternoon silent & solid but discouragement greatly my lot - In the evening set a little while at D Williams

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 December 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 12 M / Our meeting was Small on the womens side of the house in consequence of the Rain - I thought it a season of favor, tho' "Jacob was very small" Yet a current of life appear'd to flow. - Hannah Dennis was very lively her opening was "Is there no balm in Gilead & is there not a Physician there." In the forepart of the meeting Jonathon Dennis requested that we set more compact which was repeated by father Rodman -



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*Friends have heretofore been in the habit of Sitting scattering, Some near the door, whose age and standing would render a forward seat more appropriate. -
Last eveng about 10 OClock Died at [Portsmouth](#) Ruth Bringhurst widow of James Bringhurst late of Philadelphia -*

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December 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [sic] 9 of 12 M / After dinner walked out to John Weedens & with him rode to W Shermans to visit his son Jacob in the capacity of overseers. we staid there some time & labor'd with him in the ability afforded, which was as much to my own satisfaction as I could expect but whether we left any favorable impression on him is uncertain. John carried me round by Richard Mitchells where we stoped & warmed - I then walked to cousin Chases & staid all night, found the Old man recruiting a little after a Severe attack of the influenzy which with his other complaints proves almost to much for his constitution - 1st day forenoon being cold & unpleasant I staid with cousin Chase till after dinner then walked home in Season to attend Our Afternoon Meeting Afternoon Henry Sherburns wife was buried - Also Francis Amie Alias Friend, the poor man was in [sic]

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December 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 12 M 1815 / Attended meeting & tho' my mind has been pretty closely occupied in worldly concerns for the present Week, the opportunity was such as made me glad to be present -

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December 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day [sic] 17 of 12 M / Meetings both Silent - In the Afternoon my feelings were excited towards a young woman a member of Society & relation of mine who has lately married out of the good & correct order of Society (M E) whether the concern will amount to sufficient to pay her a visit I cannot Yet tell, - but the predominating desire of my mind is that she may not forsake the religion of her fathers & tho' she may be disowned I hope it may rouse her to a Sense of the value of her birth right & be the means of coming into society with usefulness, to us & benefit to herself-
Between meetings Benjamin Stanton Son of Benjamin Stanton of St Johns called to see us. he is second cousin to me & a branch of relationship which my father set much by - he came in for harbor*



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for his Vessel Bound for N York & goes away again this Afternoon

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December 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 12 M 1815 / I desire not to complain but do what I can in my day & generation, but certainly considering my outward circumstances my time is more occupied in the concerns of Society than I can afford - by ten OC this forenoon I was at the meeting house to fix the stove pipe - In the first meeting which was silent & well attended & the last which was preparative I set, then directly met with a committee to consider the State of the poor -we did not get thro' till almost 4 OC in the Afternoon, this consumed about 6 hours of my time today & put me behind hand in my work -

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December 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 12 M 1815 / On 4th day last the 20th inst Died after an illness of a few minutes in Little Compton that Aged friend & Patriarch Jeremiah Austin Senr Aged about 83 years - There are few men who have gone from works to reward that have left a Savor of christian Deportment so Sweet behind them "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no Guile" I never had much acquaintance with him, as he came but seldom to Town & I went but seldom where he was, but I have sought all possible, or at least convenient opportunities to be in his company & have never failed to be much interested, either by his looks, which were Sweet & innocent, or by his conversation - he had lived long & was a very Active member in Society, faithful to the testimony in every respect, & a good example in plainness - his anecdotes of the trials he passed thro' when he was a member of one of the Meeting at or near the Long Plains - in the time of the Recoluntary War, when a number of friends fell off & Advocated War, was very teaching to a young mind. he sat one day some Years ago in my shop & related much of those days to me - his services in the Church for many years were great & certainly I believe no Star in the brightest constellation of heaven shone brighter in its orb, than did this heavenly minded man in his. -

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December 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 12 M / The Morng Meeting was a season of favor for which I desire to be thankful - In the Afternoon a groveling time -both meetings were silent - the morning was small in the womens side of the house in consequence of a little Rain & bad



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walking -Better attended in the Afternoon – This Afternoon Henry Sherburns wife was buried - Also Francis Amie Alias Friend. The poor man was in my shop in the Morning of the 20th inst. went home & after a little while went upstairs & lay down & when they went to call him to dinner, behold he was no More. - Tho' this poor man had been long unwell Yet the Sudden & unexpected call from time to Eternity is a solemn warning to Survivors.

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 December 25, Monday: Meeresstille und glückliche Fahrt, a cantata by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed for the initial time, in the großen Redoutensaal, Vienna along with the premiere of his overture Namensfeier.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 12 M 1815 / This has been a very pleasant day for the Time called [Christmas](#). The forepart of it was a clear sky & fine wholesome Air - The Afternoon was some cloudy as was the evening & the Air more raw - it is a great favor to the Poor of the Town that Winter thus keeps off - we have had no snow yet, & wood is plenty tho' at the great price of \$8 P Cord -- My H set the Afternoon at Br Davids - Rebecca Sessions set the evening with us -

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 December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12 M / Rode with Sister Ruth to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting - found ourselves very cold by the time we got to Uncle S Thurstons where we stoped & warmed, then rode to meeting. - In the first H Dennis prayed - In the last we had but little buisness, but life was apparently so low that it took us a considerable time to transact it -Wfter meeting we dined at Uncle Thurstons & rode home - Mt H had concluded to go to [Portsmouth](#) last night, but her own & Johns indisposition prevented this morning -

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 December 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 12 M 1815 / This day completed the 34th Year of my Age - to have lived 34 years & to be no better is real cause for Alarm - The Year rolls round but I feel SenSibly that it has gone, forever gone from me, & the reflection naturally arises that I am one Year nearer the Grave John has been better to day for which I feel a degree of thankfulness -

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 December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 31 of 12 M 1815 / Our meetings were very small owing to the very sloppy walking but few women attended - In the morning father Rodman delivered a short testimony - My own condition was truly poor, tho' I labor'd to get my mind fixed on serious subjects yet turn which way I would unprofitable & unsuitable matter for the occasion would work in - Thus I was renewedly confirmed that times & seasons are not at our command.

John has not been quite so well as yesterday, I believe Worms are his greatest difficulty.

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 THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1816 (Isaac Bickerstaff, [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Brown & Wilson).

THE MANUFACTURER'S POCKET-PIECE, OR, THE COTTON-MILL MORALIZED: A POEM, WITH ILLUSTRATIVE NOTES / BY [WALTON FELCH](#) (Published for Samuel Allen, [Newburyport, Mass.]: <http://opac.newsbank.com/select/shaw/37574>).

 [Christopher A. Greene](#) was born. His father was the sea captain Nathaniel Green (1789-1841), and his mother was Abby Sophia Casey (1794-1838) of [East Greenwich, Rhode Island](#).

 The Providence and Pawcatuck Turnpike Society was formed to shorten and straighten the road between New-York and [Boston](#). Previously, the native American trodden path had followed the seashore east to [Narragansett Bay](#) before turning north. The new road would strike directly south-west out of [Providence](#), over rolling sandy terrain of scrub pine interspersed with bogs. The work would go on for years, before a steamboat out of New-York harbor up Long Island Sound would be able to disembark its passengers at New London, Connecticut, where these intrepid adventurers could take stages overland to Providence.

 January 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 1st M 1816 / Behold another Year has come & I have nearly finished another Day of it & am now about to retire to rest for the night - Nothing very remarkable has taken place -the day has passed rather pleasantly & this eveng Br David called & set a little while with us, & I read to him Job Scotts poetical letter to M Leadbeater & her reply. -



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John has been apparently a little better today —²⁰⁹



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 January 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 1 M / Our old neighbor Mary Donally Departed this life about Noon - she was a truly christian character in whose company both my wife & I have passed a considerable time much to our instruction. She was a Presbyterian, but modes of faith amounts to but little

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 January 3, Wednesday: The Recorder appeared in [Boston](#), Massachusetts. This was the second religious newspaper published. From the different claims which have been made for its establishment, it appears that Nathaniel Willis 1st conceived the idea of such a paper, and printed the Recorder, of which Sidney Edwards Morse was the 1st editor.

Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) arrived back in Paris from London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 1st M 1816 / In the morning of Yesterday John seem'd more comfortable but drooped toward night & had a very feverish night & this morning Dr Hazard thinks he has a Settled fever - He has been very poorly thro' the day, his fever exceedingly high & his throat very sore, it is with diffiucly that he swallows Drinks - he however ate a mouthful or two of buckwheat Cake & drank Some tea & was quite bright for an hour afterward, but drooped again before he went to bed - his feet were put in warm Water & rye poultices apply'd to them. -

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209. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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 January 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 1st M / John slept well last night & is surprisingly better today. – Soon after I took my seat in meeting my mind became quickened & I had for the first Meeting in this Year a very good one, which I hope may prove an Omen for the Succeeding part of it - David Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, that a Stalled ox & hatred therewith"

This Afternoon attended the funeral of Our much esteemed old neighbor Mary Donally - her remains were carried to the Presbyterian Meeting house where I heard a Sermon delivered on the occasion by Hitchcock, the present Minister. – While we lived on the Hill she was our next door neighbor & we contracted an intimacy which has subsisted ever since. She was a pleasant companion, cheerful & innocent in conversation & tho' our religious opinions were different it was no bar to social intercourse - The last time I called to see her, she seemed very glad to see me & told several anecdotes of her Youth that were interesting & entertaining In short but few that I have been acquainted with of any denomination possessed a more Christian disposition - She was 83 Years of Age –

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 January 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 1st M 1816 / Sister Mary Spent the day with us & the Afternoon & evening being stormy she staid all night - John continues better, his situation a few days past gave us great anxiety, - it now appears as if he may be continued longer to us & I desire it may prove a blessing - he now seems to be a promising child & remarkably forward for his Age - Nothing can give me more pleasure (short of reality) to anticipater him a religious & useful member of Society –

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Nathan Bond died at the age of 64. His remains would at his request be interred at the side of his mother in [Concord](#).

NATHAN BOND [of [Concord](#)], son of Abijah Bond, was born March 31, 1752, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1772. He was a merchant in [Boston](#), and died there January 5, 1816, aged 64. His remains were interred, at his request, by the side of his mother in [Concord](#).²¹⁰

 January 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

210. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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1st day 7 of 1st M 1816 / In our morning meeting Anne Greene declared the Truth, in the simplicity of the Truth, & with a good degree of power - In the Afternoon we were silent & to me both were good Meetings - Yesterday John seemed to be pretty smart but today has more fever & is quite drooping we have put his feet in warm water & put burdocks to his feet which with his medecine I hope will procure for the poor little fellow a comfortable night - Sister mary spent the time with us from sixth day morning till this evening, which has been very agreeable to us. - Br Isaac's little Susan Ann I think quite ill this evening with complaint Similar to Johns. -

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January 9, Tuesday: [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Charles Thomson that

*I am a **real Christian**, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrine of Jesus, very different from the Platonists, who call **me** infidel and **themselves** Christians and preachers of the Gospel, while they draw all their characteristic dogmas from what its author never said nor saw. They have compounded from the heathen mysteries a system beyond the comprehension of man, of which the great reformer of the vicious ethics and deism of the Jews, were he to return to earth, would not recognize one feature.*



Sir Humphrey Davy's safety lamp for miners was successfully tested.

Wilhelm replaced Friedrich Wilhelm as Prince and co-ruler of Nassau.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) won custody of his nephew Karl van Beethoven, in opposition to the lad's mother.

At some point in early January, the head and torso of the statue known then as "younger Memnon" was removed from the complex of ruins in ancient [Thebes](#) known as the "Memnonium" (it would appear from the condition of the piece that someone had once attempted to detach the head and torso from the base of the statue by the use of explosives).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 1st N 1816 / John has been very smart today & yesterday.

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January 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 1 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended - Father Rodman in a short testimony - to me a season of favor - Sister Ruth set the eveng with us - John seems better but his health not yet established - he is feeble & critical

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 January 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 1 M / John seems now to be pretty well excepting that his throat is a little sore & he Some weak & tender

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 January 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 1 M / Our meetings both Silent & both rather Small to me seasons of but little life - Sister Eliza spent the day with us

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 January 16, Tuesday: Lady Byron arrived at Krikby Mallory. She took with her not only Ada but also a clutch of stories of incest and sodomy that Lord Byron had told to her, that she would tell her parents — that her parents would tell to everyone in Britain.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 1 M 1816 / My Mother set the Afternoon & took tea with us - Having the Ague in my teeth this eveng & sat at home & wrote to my fr Hannah Pope in Answer to hers of 10 M last. -

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 January 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 1st M / Our meeting was silent - In the last which was Preparative the usual queries were Answered - the committee appointed at last Meeting reported that they had been unable to get any friend to Serve as Clerk, the present one declining another appintment - This seems like a discouraging prospect as indeed it really is, but I am in hopes by another Month some friend will be willing to submit to the service.

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 January 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 1st M / In our forenoon Meeting D Buffum was concern'd in one of the best testimonys I ever heard from him. "The christians life is a continual warfare" from which he enlarged & pointed out the necessity of guarding against the subtilty of the serpant, the unwiried Adversary of mans happiness &c &c in the Afternoon we were Silent & to me a season of but little benefit my mind being much unsettled most of the meeting - My H has gone this evening to watch with Br Davids



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little daughter Abby who is very ill –

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January 22, Monday: Captain [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) took his new 44-gun frigate USS *Java* out from the harbor of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) on its way to the Mediterranean in the face of a bitter gale (a mast would snap with 10 men aloft, killing 5).

Nathaniel Glover Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 22nd of 1st M 1816 / This Afternoon in company with the womens committee as volunteer I visited Mary Goddard (late Gould) in consequence of her having lately Married out of the order of society. Our minds were accompanied with much poverty but we endeavor'd to discharge what Seemed to be our duty, which she seemed to take kind – My mind has for sometimes been drawn toward her & I feel a little legacy of love due as a friend & relation which I now feel glad I Submitted to pay. –
It has been my practice ever since the decease of My late Dear Father, to commemorate The Day he left time, by reading a letter which I wrote on the occasion to Uncle & Aunt Stanton giving an extract of my journal at the time - Yesterday was the day, four Years ago that he was taken (I trust) to a better World, & it entirely escaped my mind till this evening- Somedays previous the subject was before me when I read the letter alluded to, & recorded his Death in Mothers Bible. –
My H watched last night with Br Davids little Abby who is very ill but better today –*

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February 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 2nd M 1816 / A small silent but comfortable Meeting - Several who usually attend were absent at the Quarterly Meeting - & some others staid behind in consequence of the Walking which was very wet
Thoughts run much on Quarterly Meeting. I hope they may have a comfortable & proffitable Season - Night before last I dreamed of seeing my friend Micajah Collins & last night of seeing Rowland Green it is probable that had I been at [Providence](#) today that the vision might have been realized. –*

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February 2, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was informed by a letter from Sir Ralph Milbanke that Lady Byron sought to be separated from him.

Karl van Beethoven was officially under the guardianship of his uncle [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), who knew what was best. Taken from his mother, he was entered in the private boarding school of Cajeten Giannatasio del Rio.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2 of 2 M / Our friends have returned from Quarterly Meeting bringing with them a good report – Micajah & several of our Lynn frs were there - Aslo Tristram Russel a Punlic Fr from York State –

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February 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 2 M / Our friends A Greene & A Robinson were concerned in testimony in the forenoon Meeting with life, & matter suiting the States (I have no doubt) of many present. In the Afternoon Silent, to me a good meeting – after it attended the funeral of Eloeza Sisson a girl who lived with Capt Luther & a dilligent attender of our first day Meetings tho not a member --. Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening – I called alittle [sic] while at Br D R -- This seems to be the account of the occurrences of the day - & I may add that It has been a day of favor to me for which I desire to be thankful - I have taken a pleasant retrospective view of many things which have passed & felt a desire to press forward after holiness, but Alass my steps are halting –I however esteem it a favor & evidence of the continued extension of divine regard that I am Kept alive so as to Know at Seasons from whence good comes. –

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February 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 2 M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Allen at 10 OC In the forenoon, - her remains were carried to Middletown & there interd in the family burying ground She was a respectable friend - The setting at the house was short but solid & D Buffum had a few words to communicate which I thought was weighty & left a good savor over the gathering. – Last night about 12 OClock a fire broke out in Allens Bake House which for a time was very Alarming, but was soon got under -The inside of the Bake H. was much burned, & fire poured from the top of the chimney - Wind was very light & about N & E which was favorable. –

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 February 7, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s "The Siege of Corinth" and "Parsinia" were published together.

The Congress of New Granada invested [Simón Bolívar](#) with political and military control of the invasion of Venezuela from Haiti.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 2 M / This forenoon the remains of Elisha Brown were carried to [Tiverton](#) to be buried, he died yesterday in a fit on Sherburns Wharf – A solemn warning to survivors - My mind has been this day in a serious mood I hop proffitably so. –

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 February 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 2 M / Silent meeting, & I thought a good degree of Solemnity covered the gathering - My mind not very Rich – The last day of the last Year I began the Bible & with the exception of one or two, have read a portion every evening since & this evening I have finished the first book of Samuel - The Account given of Sauls forsaken & forlorn condition when he was reduced to the sad alternative of consulting the witch of Endor, was alarming & instructing - Such was his disobedience that he had no open vision from the Lord being forsakewn of him, & his recourse to measures which in better days he had known were evil, served but still deeper to afflict him, as Saml confirmed to him that the Kingdom was rent from him & given to another for his disobedience -& finally, his tragical end on Gilboa, all instructs & humbles the heart or ought to humble the heart of vain Man –

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 February 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 2nd M 1816 / Another day spent with the financering Committee, to but little purpose - B Freeborn, B Mott & P Lawton dined with us. –

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 February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 2 M / Meetings were Silent except a short but savory communication in the Afternoon by C R – to me both were Seasons of exercise, the exercise was of a nature unprofitable- In the Afternoon a Spaniard was at meeting whose contenance was more interesting than any I ever saw of his Nation Set the evening with My H at Uncle Earls while Sister Mary kept house for us she is spending a few days with us (on our part



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very agreeably) while she is undergoing The operation of the Kine Pock which she is having finely

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February 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 2 M / One Year ago early this morning it was, that our hearts were revived & gladned [sic] with the news of PEACE with England - it was a Happy Day to poor [Newport](#) Such enthusiastic Joy was never before witnessed & I hope there never will be the occasion for such again - Since that time there has been many changes, many who Hailed to News of Peace have since paid Natures Debt, & some of them I have no doubt have enter'd that state of existence where "Peace flows like a River" beyond the reach of all sublinary things - We Who yet remain have much to encounter both spiritually & temporally - As respects my temporal concerns they are no better than a year ago but not quite so dubious a prospect in view - And as to my spiritual concerns, I know that I go halting on, but my heart is often humbled under a Sense of the extendings of divine favor still continued & tho' since the present Year has commenced, leanness & Poverty thro' disobedience has often been my lot, yet with in the same space of time, I have seldom in my life witnessed more of Divine good to flow in my Heart -

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February 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 2nd M 1816 / The day very cold & but few women attended Meeting. however & believe it was a season of favor to some Minds -- C R appear'd in a short but lively testimony

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February 22, Thursday: [Adam Ferguson](#) died at St. Andrews.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1816 / Last evening my dear H inform'd me that one of her breasts was Swollen & painful - This concern has like Aarons sepent swallowed all the rest what it will prove to be remains for time to prove, at any rate it has greatly distressed my feelings this Day At Meeting all silent. - In the Preparative The Overseers reported Jacob Sherman who has married out of the order of Society.—

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February 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2 M / My mind almost constantly depressed with fearful forebodings of my dear Wifes Situation with respect to her breast She says it has been but very little painful today – It would greatly relieve me if she could say she had none & that there appear to be no swelling about it. –

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February 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 2 M / This Afternoon in company with Br overseers R M & J W had an opportunity with a Young man a member of society who is in the habit of Drinking to excess with a young growing family– This is a painful case, his family respectable & himself plenty of property, & with all an excellent natural disposition, & withall this, a great prospect of his being lost to society & the community at large without a sudden change in his habits Oh deplorable Oh Lamentable - we labor'd with all out ability for his help & he promised to try to amend but I fear his resolutions will prove weak, & Brandy prove his utter ruin.–

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February 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 2 M / Our forenoon meeting was Silent -Afternoon Anne Greene appear'd in a short but lively & sweet testimony – Took Tea with D Buffum who has been sometime confin'd with the Rheumatism – his conversation was interesting, on the State of society he said that notwithstanding the present low state of the Church in many places that he believed Our society would rise & is rising in the Agregate, & will finally go before all others in the World - The expression from a man of his Age & experience was comfortable to my feeling especially at this time, it having been my prospect that we were losing ground & a fear possessed my mind that we should finally be outstriped in Spiritually by those who now seem feeding upon husks. – He related a story when speaking of our friend Comfort Collins who was formerly Comfort Hoag & has lately left time at the very advanced Age of 105 Years & 3 M he said many years ago she was at lower [Smithfield](#) Meeting & that a man came to the meeting who was a stranger to friends, who remarked that when she first stood up, he thought her the most Ordinary woman he ever saw, but before she had half done he thought her the handsomest he ever saw - Comfort was very ordinary in appearance, but a very great preacher - a great orator, & with all & over all & on atop" (as G Fox said) her ministry was attended with uncommon life & power. –

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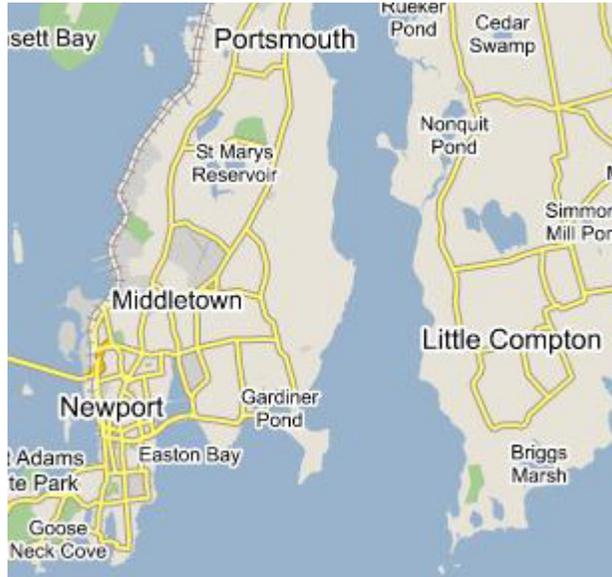


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February 29, Thursday: Friend [Elias Hicks](#) the traveling [Quaker](#) minister appeared at the meetinghouse in Little Compton, [Rhode Island](#):



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 2nd M 1816 / Rode this Morning with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to Attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting stoped at Uncle Thurstons & left John who we took along with us – from thence to the meeting house where we found the gathering larger than usual a large number expecting to meet Elias Hicks but were disappointed he being today at L Compton – May Hicks appeared in supplication & H Dennis in testimony very lively & pertinent. – In the last meeting we had considerable buisness - the case of poor D C again refere'd Daniel Cobb of Gorham (Mane) & Ruth Almy Daughter of the late Peleg Almy published their intentions of marriage & the meeting was adjourned to the 19th of Next M for them to receive their answer – We dined & Uncle Thurstons & in consequence of the very hevvy travelling -left Hannah & John there & roder home alone–

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 March 1, Friday: The US Congress passed an act limiting importation by foreign vessels to the produce of their respective countries. Its provisions were to apply to only such nations as had placed a similar obstruction upon commerce. The coasting trade was also limited to American built vessels owned by Americans. All coasting and fishing vessels were required, under penalties, to have 3/4ths of their crews Americans.

The US Congress repealed all such parts of existing laws imposing duties as were inconsistent with the provisions of a treaty prepared by a convention held in London, England, on the third of the previous July. At this convention it was agreed to equalize the duties on tonnage and imports. The treaty was reciprocal with regard to the British territories in Europe and the East Indies, but did not secure for the United States equal privileges in British possessions in America (this treaty would be renewed on October 20, 1818 for ten years, and on August 6, 1827 indefinitely).

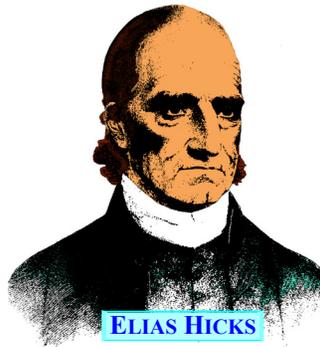
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 3rd M 1816 / Without my H & John I have been pretty lonely thro' the Day but have made out quite as well as could be expected. –

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 March 2, Saturday: The King of Kandy (Sri Lanka) was deposed.

Friend [Elias Hicks](#) the traveling [Quaker](#) minister arrived in [Newport, Rhode Island](#). Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was lonesome for his wife and child, who were visiting in nearby [Portsmouth](#):



ELIAS HICKS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 2nd of 3rd M / Elias Hicks & his companion Isaac Hicks arrived in Town the Afternoon. –
What a poor lonely creature man is ? without a Wife ! Tho' I get along comfortably & Sister Ruth came down & swept out the rooms &c for me this afternoon, yet I begin very much to miss my dear H & little John - should have gone to Portsmouth after them this*



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Afternoon had it not been very Rainy



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March 3, Sunday: Spain had protested against the fitting out in US ports of vessels that were to sail under the flags of her revolted South American provinces, and to assist Texas and Mexico, which also had rebelled. The US Congress therefore passed an act forbidding the fitting out within the jurisdiction of the United States of any vessel to cruise against any power with which the United States was at peace. A fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment not to exceed 10 years were to be the penalties for engaging to fit out any such vessel.

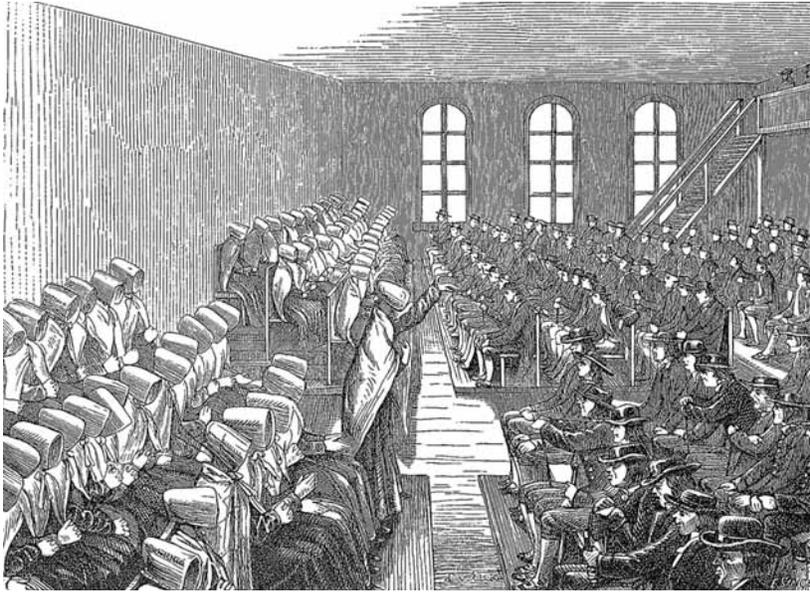
Friend [Elias Hicks](#) was present at the [Quaker](#) worship in [Newport, Rhode Island](#), and expounded for some couple of hours:

1st day 3rd of 3rd M / Rose this Morning very Early & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to bring my H & John to Town reached Uncle Thurstons while they were eating breakfast & return'd with them before Meeting time. - At Meeting we had Elias Hicks - soon After I took my seat my mind became engaged earnestly to be centered on the true minister without dependance on any outward instrument & while I was thus engaged & had in good measure succeeded in getting my mind fixed Abigail Robinsons rose & expressed her concern that we might so fix our minds on Jesus Christ who was ever ready to help all who call upon him As to render our meetings proffitable, tho' the instruments might have nothing to communicate this she did in short but very neat & feeling testimony which I have no doubt reached the witness in many minds - Then Elias was engaged in a testimony about two hours long wherein he advanced Many Truths with a good Share of Gospel Authority, & some Ideas which I considered speculative one of which I very much Doubt which is that the Slave Trade has been productive of more evil in the world than War - My opinion is that War has been productive of more Evil by far than the Slave Trade - At the close of the Meeting it was requested that general information be given to the inhabitants of the Town of his being here but as meeting held till nearly two OClock & Our Meeting beginning at 3 OClock, but little information was spread & the gathering was but very little larger than in the morning -Elias was not very extensive in communication; his chief concern was towards those who were desirous to find Peace, but were unable to in consequence of the many hindrances that were in the way these he pointed to the right & sure way & addressed the Youth most excellently - what he said in the Afternoon was in my

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opinion without exception, & I desire not to be found to rigidly in the seat of judgement with respect to what he said in the forenoon, but I must say many things that he did say were to my understanding doubtful - he is a great Doctrinal preacher & I have no doubt is highly favor'd & has done much good in the World, Yet however has carried some points to far. - L Clarke & Br J Rodman set the evening with us. -



 March 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 3rd M / Rather to much earnestness in conversation before meeting - which hurt my condition when there. - A few words in testimony was offered by a man friend -

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 March 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was Silent - In the Afternoon A Greene was concerned in Supplication, for those who were poor & low in spirit, hide in secret corners from the view of the World - then in testimony - recommended all to the School of Christ, & particularly a state which she apprehended was called dedication in the Lords Cause - My H & I after tea walked out to D Buffums & set the evening very agreeably - we found Jos Wilbour there & soon after we got there David Jr & Susan came down & Joined us. -

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 March 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 3rd M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Catherine



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Trevett formerly Easton. Job Chaloner was there & (very unexpectedly) Amos Peasley & Olney Thompson his companion also came - Amos was concerned in a short testimony to the usefulness of quiet at such opportunities to give time for Serious reflection, & said he had craved that we might experience the Prophets language when he exclaimed "Oh that my people were wise that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end" &c

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March 16, Saturday: Augusta left Piccadilly Terrace after four months, and moved into rooms at St. James Palace.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 3rd M / Sister Ruth & Mary spent the Afternoon, also ten children Johns school Mates & cousins - they spent the Afternoon very pleasantly in childrens play - It brought to my mind very forceably the days of my childhood. - This Afternoon Arrived in town from [Portsmouth](#) Our friend Rachael Barnard & her companion Eliza Pennock attended by Caleb Swayne of Jersey on a religious visit to friends in these parts

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March 17, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) accepted the principle of a mutual separation from his spouse.

[Lieutenant Francis Hall](#) arrived at the Canadian border.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 3rd M / Our friends Rachael Barnard & Elizabeth Pennock attended both meetings, & in both Rachael was very sweetly engaged in testimony, much to the satisfaction of Friends & I believe all who heard her - Rachael & Elizabeth appear to be women rather short of middle Age - tall & thin in stature Caleb is tall & not a full habit I should say about 60 Years if Age & has a good countenance. -

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March 19, Tuesday: [Lieutenant Francis Hall](#) arrived at Montréal, Canada (from there he would head toward the falls of Montmorenci).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 3rd M / Our Monthly Meeting was adjourned to the 10th hour this forenoon in order to give D Cobb & R Almy their Answer in order to marriage, but it was so exceeding Stormy in the forenoon that I hardly believe the Meeting met at the hour Appointed, or that Elizabeth Freeborn was buried whose funeral



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was to have been at 11 OC AM

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March 21, Thursday: The Principality of Isenburg-Birstein was annexed by Hesse-Darmstadt.

In the Jerusalemkirche of Berlin, four children of Abraham and Lea Mendelssohn –Fanny, Felix, Rebecka, and Paul– were secretly baptized into the Lutheran faith. Felix was given the added names Jakob Ludwig. Fanny was baptized as Cäcilie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 3rd M 1816 / Understood this morning that the adjournment of the M Meeting on third day was attended by a number sufficient to answer the purposes of the meeting & that Elizabeth Freeborn was buried at the time appointed & that Yesterday Daniel Cobb & Ruth Almy was married at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House. –

Meeting pretty well attended considering the sloppy Walking in the first a short testimony In the last (Preparative) Daniel Gould was reported for having married out of the order of Society – & David Buffum Jr was appointed Clerk in the place of Br D Rodman having resigned - In the Womens Meeting Mary Williams Jr was appointed Clerk in place of Sister Ruth resigned, having found her new appointment in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting a sufficient charge.

This Afternoon rec'd a letter from Aunt M Stanton. –

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March 22, Friday: [Edward Jesse](#) was promoted from 5th-ranking commissioner of hackney coaches at Windsor Palace, to 4th.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 22 of 3rd M / Rote to Uncle Stanton – In the evening My
H paid a visit to Nancy Sessions. –*

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March 24, Sunday: Upon the death of Friedrich August, Duke of Nassau, the co-rulership of Nassau was unified in Wilhelm (who would be styled Duke of Nassau).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 3rd M / Our forenoon meeting was pretty well
attended Our friend D Buffum was present After a confinement of
several weeks with the Rheumatism & was very lively in Testimony
"Mind your calling brethren", he endeavor'd from those words to
excite us to particular attention to the various testimonys*



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which we have as a society to bear to the world, which he believed had been of Singular use in the World by breaking in upon many practices repugnant to the Truth & difusing Light - which has in divers instances been the means of great good - he was Singularly impressive on this subject endeavoring to incourage his brethren to a faithful discharge of Duty - Hannah Dennis was also well engaged to the same import - In the Afternoon the Meeting was Silent -Called in at Aunt Martha Gould found her quite unwell, in the evening carried her some medicine - Eunice Earl set the evening with us -

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 March 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25th of 3rd M / Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us

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 March 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th of 3rd M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Catherine Weaver Wife of Perry Weaver, the setting a Solid one, but I thought rather to short - At the Grave after a short but solid pause as we were lowering down the Corpse down a distressing & mortifying accident hapened - those who had hold of the rope at the head lowered before the stick was removed from the feet & the Coffin sliped from off the ropes head foremost which made a noise & distressed some of the relations exceedingly, fortunately the coffins was whole except a little peace on the side of the lid -being one of the bearers myself I feel sensibly oppressed & distressed in consequence of occurrence.

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 March 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27th of 3rd M / Br John & Sister Rebecca took tea with us Tho' I have not mentioned for some time the situation of My H being disposed to wait & see what would be disclosed by time, I may now add that her breast is still painful at times, & what it is, or will come to, remains to be uncertain. -

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 March 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 3rd M / Our first meeting was silent excepting a few words of solemn import - & to me a Solid season - In the last which was Monthly Meeting -Daniel Chase was disowned for



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not settling a debt with Mary Tillinghast - & Jacob Sherman for marrying out of the order of Society - In transacting the affairs of society towards to last of the meeting we got to criticising on words, which created some that I believe was unprofitable, & I feel as if I had done some hurt, by one or two unadvised expressions

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 April: The building that now serves as Providence's 1st Unitarian Church would be erected during the building season, this year.

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The Quaker education fund having risen to \$18,000, during this year's construction season a site on the Moses Brown farm was selected and construction began.

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 April 1, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 4th M 1816 / Finished a letter which I began some days ago to John Heald of Fairfax Columbianna County Ohio, & put the same in the Post Office. -

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 April 2, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 4th M / I have lately been reading the "Pictures of Philadelphia" by James Mease published in 1811 & have this day finished the perusal - It gives an account of many things in that great City both of Nature & Art - Untill I visited NYork last summer I could form no Idea of so large a place - to see men, who are insignificant in height, to the many proud structures which are reared of masive Stone & Marble moving round among them & performing wonders by their Art, must arrest the attention of reflecting minds & introduce the thought - how contemptable is Man & all his Works when compared with his Supreme Author & the Maker of the World - how light are all the Structures of man, before his Almighty power, who by the earthquake, the Wind & storms drive them whither he pleaseth - we often see the work of Ages in a short time mar'd, reduced, & brought to nothing - how important then it is for man to make the glory of God his chief Aim in all he does, for without his blessing we are nothing, & can do nothing in this life, that will redound to his honor, or that will stand as an anchor to the soul when things here shall pass Away. -

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 April 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 4th M / Our meeting was pretty well attended,
Silent & to me a dry time. -*

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 April 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 5th of 4th M / Aunt Patty Gould called in to see us a
little while, every time I see her, I can but impressively feel
that the time of separation draws near, she has been a Dear Aunt
to me & I love her much -*

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 April 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 6th of 4th M / With my H & John took tea with Br J Rodman-
This was a pleasant Visit- "How good & how pleasant for brethren
to Dwell together in Unity" -*

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 April 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 4th M 1816 / Our meetings were remarkably striped
of high seat folks, no men set in the upper seat all day, there
was however a pretty large gathering both morning & Afternoon &
I thought seasons of some favor. -
Toward night Br D Rodman & I walked down to see Isaac Mitchell
& his wife who have lately moved to town*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 8, Monday: There was a reception at Lady Jersey's. Among the guests were [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), Augusta, Miss Mercer Elphinstone, the Comte de Flahault, Benjamin Constant, Mrs. George Lamb, Lord Brougham, et. al.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 8 of 4 M / Rec'd a letter from Aunt Stanton - This Mornng
Br Isaac saild in the Packet Express for N York -*

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 April 14, Easter Sunday: Augusta paid a farewell visit to [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 4 M / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended & Our fr D Buffum was very lively in Testimony on the subject of a speedy preparation for a future state - he took occasion to mention the Solemn warning of King Hezekiah "Set thine house in order for thou shalt Die & not live. he also enforced the necessity for belief in the fundamental doctrines of religion & hinted a little at what they were, & how the spirit of Truth operates in the heart converting the Soul & In the Afternoon Meeting was small - this was a meeting to be remembered by me - tho' a labor was witnessed to gain a settled state of mind, yet I could not attain to what I desired & When meeting was nearly done I perceived it would fall to my lot with another friend (J D) who sat near me to conclude the sitting - this brought serious reflections. The time of separation drew nigh & a conciousness of falling short pressed upon me, & brought me to reflect on the Awfulness of the separation of body & soul, unprepared. This reflection made me tremble, & on my part meeting broke in much fear - My old mistress Mary Williams came home with us, took tea & set the evening -

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 April 21, Sunday: Charlotte Brontë was born in Thornton, Yorkshire. Her father, an Irish-born Anglican clergyman, would move with his wife and six children to become the rector of a curacy in Haworth in 1820 and change his name from Brontë to its more common form, Brunty. Soon Charlotte's mother and two older sisters would die and the surviving children would be raised with the help of Elizabeth Branswell, an aunt.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) signed the deed of separation from Lady Byron.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 4th M / Our Meetings were both silent - Seasons of weakness to me, but a good degree of life witnessed towards the close in the Afternoon, So that I thought "The End Crowned All" for this litte quickening I desire to be thankful. - This morning Br Isaac arrived from N York in health himself & brot the grattifying news of the health & prosperity of our friends & kinsfolk there. -

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 April 23, Tuesday: Cut by London society over the separation scandal, and with financial difficulties worsening, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left England forever, going to Dover and a channel crossing with Hobhouse and Scrope Davies.

In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, [Daniel Shattuck](#) got married with Sarah Edwards of nearby Ashby.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 4 M / This Afternoon I pulled out my front tooth next my Eye tooth, on the left side - this Tooth has been long troublesome. The gun located above it has been as many as 12 Years decaying round it & about 5 or 6 Years ago I had a gum boil on it which never healed. Since which the tooth has been gradually growing loose & all that I could apply would neither heal the gum or fasten the tooth which grew looser & looser till it worked quite half way out of the socket - This in addition to grey hairs which are already increasing fast - will frequently remind me that Old age is creeping on & my days fast spending. -

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 April 24, Wednesday: Le nozze di Teti, e di Peleo, a cantata by Gioachino Rossini to words of Ricci, was performed for the initial time, in Naples for the wedding of Carolina Ferdinanda Luigia, daughter of the Hereditary Prince of the Two Sicilies, and Charles-Ferdinand, Duc de Berry, 2d son of future King Charles X of France. The work was performed in the Teatro del Fondo because a couple months earlier the Teatro San Carlo had burned down.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 4th M / These are dull & hard times in every sense of the Word. In looking at the prospect of things this evening I feel almost discouraged -

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 April 25, Thursday: The [Reverend Abiel Holmes](#)'s NOTE ON AN ANCIENT MANUSCRIPT: ASCERTAINED TO BE A PART OF GOVERNOUR WINTHROP'S JOURNAL, COMMUNICATED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 25 APRIL, 1816 (analysis of a part of Governor [John Winthrop](#)'s JOURNAL).



JOHN WINTHROP JOURNAL

The US Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 annually to the increase of the Navy.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) saw the white cliffs of the English shore for the final time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 4th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Ruth to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - first meeting silent - the last we had considerable buisness which was transacted in harmony - We dined at Sam Thurstons - & rode home before sunset - My H & son passed the day at father Rodmans in my absence -

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 April 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 4 M / Our forenoon meeting was well attended both by Members & those who are common attenders D Buffum was very lively in testimony - "No man can redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for his soul." - In the Afternoon Silent & I believe a dull time to most present - In the evening called a little while at Br Davids. -

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 April 29, Monday: Inno alla primavera, a cantata for four solo voices and orchestra by Luigi Cherubini to words of Vestri, was performed for the initial time, in London. This was the last of Vestri's commissions from the Royal Philharmonic Society and had been intended for previous year while the composer had still been in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 4 M / We are all nearly sick with colds - John



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was very restless last night, cough & high fever but seems better today tho' evidently under the influence of a very hevy cold. –

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 May 1, Wednesday: The Duchy of Salzburg was returned to Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 5 M 1816 / This morning about 3 OC departed this life in the 94th Year of her Age Widow Lydia Dennis

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 May 2, Thursday: At Carlton House, [Princess Charlotte Augusta Hanover of Wales](#), daughter of [Prince Regent George](#) of Great Britain and [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), heir presumptive to the throne of Great Britain, got married with Prince Leopold George Christian Frederick of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, afterwards King of the Belgians. They would reside at Claremont, a wedding gift from the nation (their wedded bliss would be temporary).

Persuaded by [Clare Clairmont](#) that [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) would be delighted to have their company, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), and Claire went toward Dover to leave England to visit Byron in [Geneva](#) (they would arrive in mid-May and would remain near him till August 29th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 5 M Meeting rather small - A short testimony from C R. – My Mother, Cousins Patty & Mary Ann Gardiner & Josiah Lawton & Wife set the Afternoon with us.

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 May 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 3rd of 5 M / Friends returned from the Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#), had a blustering time down & most of their women Sick they Say it was a pretty a pretty clever time divers friends appear'd in the ministry, among whom Our Aged By J Casey very sweet & lively
In the Afternoon attended the funeral of the Widow Lydia Dennis In the 94th Year of her Age – the funeral was large & the setting a solid opportunity - D Buffum & H Dennis appeared in short testimonys. –
My H & John attended, this was the first funeral he was ever at*

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 May 9, Thursday: [Jacob Baker](#) got married with Lavina Minott of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 5 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended, silent



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& a season of wrestling to me & a degree of favor witnessed. -

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 May 12, Sunday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a 2d performance in Leipzig (both this and the performance of five days earlier were extraordinarily successful).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 5 M / Our morning meeting was small & silent, the weather being tolerably pleasant in the afternoon the gathering was larger than usual for the after part of the Day. a Short testimony borne
Sister Ruth gave us her pleasant company at tea & the evening. -*

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 May 25, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived at [Geneva](#) and took lodgings at the Hôtel d'Angleterre, Sécheron.

[Caroline Lamb](#)'s GLENARVON, the hero of which *roman-à-clef* was meant to be identified as her lover [Lord Byron](#).

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) published his incomplete "[Christabel](#)" (three editions in May-June 1816), his "Kubla Khan" (written in 1797), and his "Pains of Sleep," and republished his "The Ancient Mariner."



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day [sic] 25th of 5 M / This morning early, the news of the decease of Capt John Earl of [Smithfield](#) reached Town. His age was about 72 Years an affective event to his family & all his connections & friends, of the latter but a few men had More

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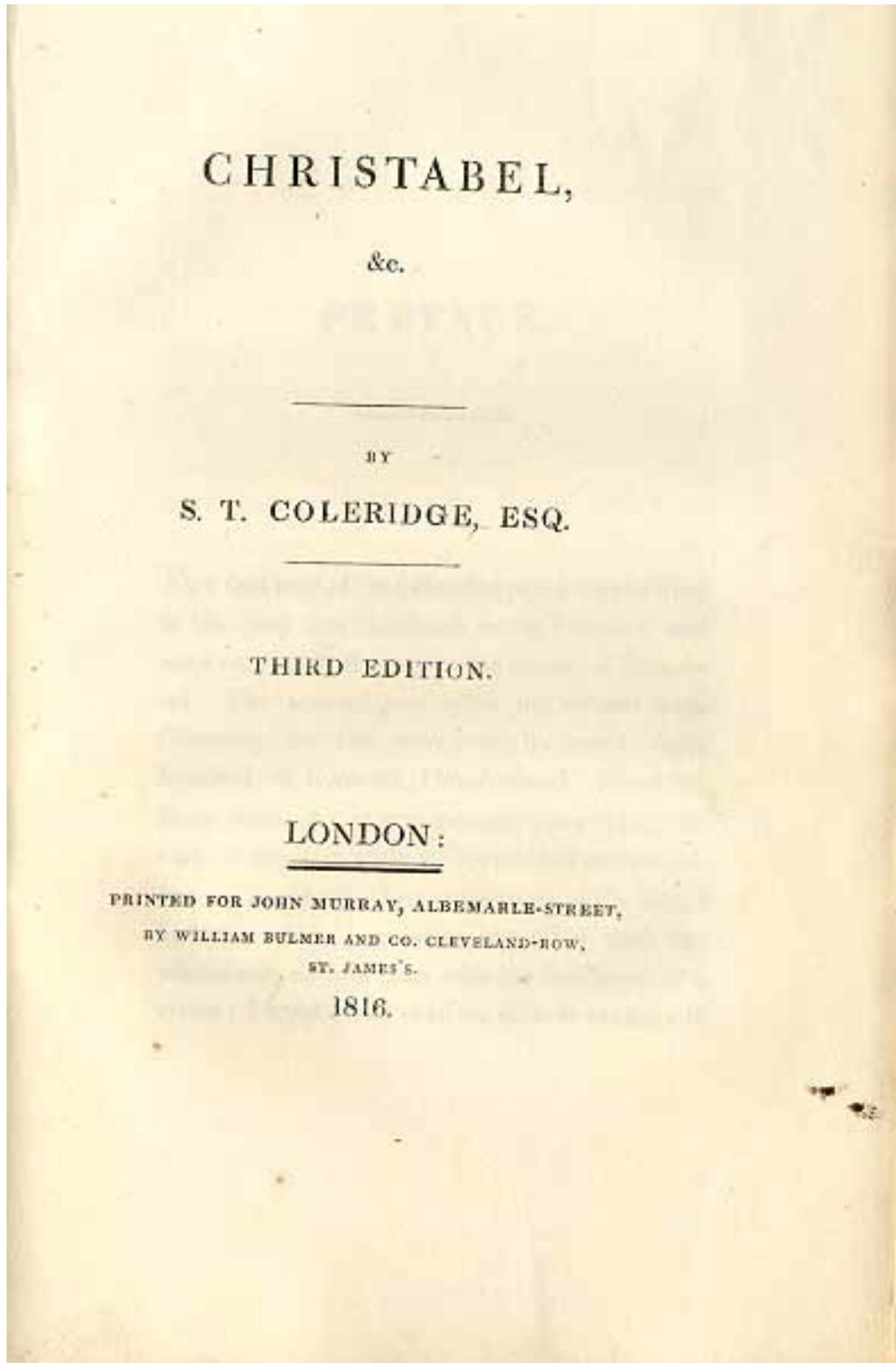
 May 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 5 M / In both Meetings we had a short testimony from father Rodman which seemed to me lively & well adapted - In the forenoon it was to me a favor'd Season - in the Afternoon



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rather more dull, -
Towards night took a pleasant Walk with my H & Polly Maclish -
John went with us. -
Sister Eliza set the evening, she returned this afternoon from
Portsmouth where she has been about a week on a visit. -

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May 27, Monday: The British forced a humiliating treaty on the Raja of Nagpur.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 5 M / Sister Eliza lent us a letter this morning,
that she had rec'd from Saml Phillbrick dated Lynn 16th Inst -
The perusal of which was pleasant & excited precious feelings
in my mind, he seems to be travelling the very path which I have
in religious experience & I hope by the way may advance & become
a Strong Man in Christ which by patience & dedication, under &
to the turnings of the Lords hand, I have no doubt he may. -

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May 28, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 5 M / This morning Aunt Martha Stanton arrived
from N York after a Passage of six days of Rainy & blustering
weather. -

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May 30, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 5 M / Our first meeting was nearly Silent, to
me a good favor'd season - the last (Monthly) was a pretty good
meeting, the buisness conducted in tolerable order & harmony -
Our Fr Wm Rotch Junr & John Elam nephew of the late Sam'l were
present Williams solid countenance & pertinent remarks I believe
were of use to the Meeting
Richd Mitchell & wife Benj Mott & Geo Dennis dined with us. -

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June 2, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 6 M 1816 / Our forenoon meeting was large & solid
Our Fr D Buffum was concern'd in testimony - his opening on this
wise - "Once I was Young & now I am Old I have lived what may
be considered a long life & I suppose my friends will acknowledge
an active life both in civil & religious Society & have this
morning had to take a retrospective view of my pilgrimage from
early life to the present day, & I have endeavor'd to be very



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*impartial in the review as I wish not to be deceived in my own State & condition expecting ere long to render an account of the deeds done in the body & I have to acknowledge for your information, that no part of my conduct in life has afforded any satisfaction, any solid satisfaction, except that which has been under the influence of divine Grace." he here endeavor'd to stimulate us to persue the things which made for our everlasting peace, with a warmth of expression which is peculiar to him & spoke of the View which he had also had of the Apostles State when near the close of life when he declared that he "had fought the good fight of faith & that there was led up for him a crown of Glory" &c. -
In the Afternoon a short testimony & pretty good meeting. -
Set the evening at home. -*

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 June 5, Wednesday: Giovanni Paisiello died at his home in Naples of hepatitis and meteorism (which is gaseous distention of the stomach or intestine), at the age of 76.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 6th M 1816 / Took tea this Afternoon with Phebe Carpenter with My H - Mother Aunt Stanton & Henry Bulls wife - this was a visit on the score of relationship & I must confess I felt a little of the family blood to circulate while sitting with them. -

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 June 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 6 M / Our Meeting pretty well attended. Silent - This Afternoon arrived in York Packet Gerrard T Hopkins & wife from Baltimore in company with Several others, to attend the Y meeting They expect to go to [Providence](#) between now & that time.

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 June 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 6th M 1816 / This mornng Jos Mitchell & wife came to Town, also Anthony Lawton & His sister Mariah, children of Uncle David Lawton of Nine Partners. -
Our first meeting was large & silent - In the Afternoon well attended & a few words in Testimony by a friend
Towards evng took a walk round the hill to observe the Moon rise eclipsed but the horizon being hazy - total Darkness came on before she rose sufficiently high to be Seen at 9 OClock it begun to go off & resembled at first the Moon soon after the change & continued to grow brighter by degree till the eclipse*



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went entirely off

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 June 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 6th M / This Mornng arrived Saml Wood of NYork & his Daughter Sarah in company with Hugh Judge & took quarters at Aunt Nancy several others came with them in the Packet who went to Dorcas Earl's their names I have not yet learned. -

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 June 14, Friday/15, Saturday: Having been stuck inside for several days due to stormy weather, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and his guests passed the time by reading ghost stories to each other. At one point Byron challenged everyone to write their own story. Clare and Percy both lost interest fairly soon and apparently wrote nothing. Byron outlined a vampyre story that he would never finish. "Poor Polidori," in the words of Mary, "had a terrible idea about a skull headed lady." [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) dreamt the idea that would become Frankenstein.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 6 M / Friends have begun to come in pretty fast to the Yearly Meeting - Our lodgers tonight are only Isaac Stevens from Falmouth Calvin Straight took tea with us. -

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 June 16, Sunday: Celebrations took place in Vienna honoring the 50th anniversary of Antonio Salieri's arrival in the city. He received a gold medal from the Lord Chamberlain in the name of the Emperor. During a celebration of the High Mass Salieri conducted his own music. In the evening, a concert by his pupils took place in his Vienna home, wherein Beitrag zur fünfzigjährigen Jubelfeier des Herrn Salieri D.441 for solo voices and piano by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time.

That night [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and his 18-year-old bride [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) were holed up at the Villa Diodati near [Geneva](#), with Dr. John Polidori and [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), because during this particularly violent storm of that strangely rainy summer, they simply would not have been able to make their way back comfortably to where they had been staying at Chapuis. Evidently due to the bad weather the group was unable to get a good cable connection for their TV (or something), and so they decided to amuse themselves by reading aloud a collection of German ghost stories, THE FANTASMAGORIANA, in one of which a group of travelers were trying to amuse one another with their respective supernatural experiences. Byron proposed the agenda that they were each to invent a story such as found in this volume, for one another's entertainment. Shelley wrote a piece which was entirely forgettable, Byron dashed off a fragment, and Polidori began what would become the "The Vampyre," the first modern vampire tale, the main character of which, Lord Ruthven, could well have been based upon Byron (for some time it would be presumed that Byron

himself had invented the story). Mary herself did not at this point put anything on paper.



In every month during this year there was a severe frost. January and February were comparatively mild, though there were a few cold days. The greater part of March was as might be expected, cold and boisterous. April opened warm, again, as might be expected, but then grew colder, ending in snow and ice and wintry cold. In May ice formed half an inch thick. Opening buds and flowers were killed and the corn froze. Frost, ice, and snow occurred throughout June. On Inauguration Day, in June, there was four inches of snow on the level ground in Warner, New Hampshire, while across the border in Maine there was ten inches. Almost every green thing was killed. There would be no fruit this year. Then there was frost and ice even in July. On July 5th, ice covered the ponds of New England and New York state like window glass. In August this ice thickened to half an inch. The wind was from the north, and cold, nearly all summer. About all that could be done with the corn this year was cut it and dry it for fodder. Farmers would be obliged to pay \$4 and even \$5 a bushel for corn from the 1815 harvest, in order to get seed for the next spring's planting. Then the first two weeks of September were mild but the remainder of the month was cold, with frost, and ice again formed, a quarter of an inch thick. October was more than usually cold, with frost and ice. November was cold and blustering, with snow enough for good sleighing, but then December proved to be quite mild and comfortable.



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Cold weather was persisting through the summer in much of the world's temperate zones. Crops were being killed by frost and snow would be occurring in June and July in the United States. The weather this summer was so dreadful for farming, that during the following traveling season, the summer of 1817, a number of families would pack up and leave for points west. (This population migration phenomenon caused by the cold summer of 1816 would come to be known as "Ohio fever.")

Why was this summer of 1816 in the Northern Hemisphere exhibiting such strange weather? Well, it wasn't just the sunspots, which were extraordinarily prominent and which people were observing through smoked glass during that May and June, and also, it wasn't just the "ice king" Frederic Tudor of Boston who was cooling off the hot spots of this planet! For in fact dust, circling the earth from the explosion of Mount Tambora in Indonesia in 1815, in this season was reaching the northern latitudes.²¹¹ Crop-damaging summer frosts caused some of the hard-won farmlands of New England to be abandoned — fields upon which cultivation has not since been attempted. Indiana experienced an unprecedented surge of some 42,000 settlers in this year, many of them fleeing the cold weather back in New England. The drop in mean temperature was amounting to some 7 degrees in New England²¹² and the price of hay was rocketing from like \$30.⁰⁰ per ton to like \$180.⁰⁰ per ton. People were praying "God, please do not inflict on us another year without a summer." Of course, in [Switzerland](#) that summer, Mary was huddling indoors to stay out of the cold and damp, and her story FRANKENSTEIN; OR, THE MODERN PROMETHEUS, if you go back and look into it, or the last half of it, is a story with what would have appeared to be a wholly gratuitous amount of guess what, **snow and ice and coldness**.

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211. Soufrière on St. Vincent had blown in 1812, Mayon in the Philippines had blown in 1814, but these became almost as pop-tarts popping up in a toaster when Tambora in Indonesia blew, as this was by far the most powerful volcanic blast of the past 10,000 years. All but 26 of the 12,000 Sumbawa islanders had lost their lives. We would have a mild taste of this volcano weather, in our own lives, in the series of cool summers after 1991 when Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines blew its top.

212. What happened in New England, what happened for instance to the denizens of Thoreau's "Easterbrooks Country," of course doesn't compare at all with what was happening on the islands immediately around this Indonesian volcano, for some 80,000 people were starving to death in huts staring out at the barren, buried fields that had been their entire livelihood. (That's them and we're us, I suppose.)



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Because of this explosion of which they were unaware, Americans would come to refer to their year 1816 as “eighteen-hundred-and-froze-to-death.”

Samuel Griswold Goodrich, the children’s author, would write the best-known contemporary account of this strange year. The season appears to have been a repeat of the growing season of the year 1454 in the Northern Hemisphere, when the [Chinese](#) wheat crop was destroyed by frosts after a winter in which the Yellow Sea had frozen, along the coast, to as much as a dozen miles out from the shoreline.

To bring this home to [Concord](#), Massachusetts, please note that per John Hanson Mitchell:

Departures are not necessarily well documented, but there is good evidence that 1816 might have broken the back of Estabrook [Thoreau’s “Easterbrooks Country”]. In 1815 the great volcano Tambora in Indonesia blew its top, and ... here in New England the effects were especially troublesome, since the soils were wearing out and the hardscrabble hilltop farms and marginal areas such as Estabrook were already hard-pressed.... The Estabrooks, the Kibbes, the Clarks, the Browns, and other “outlivers,” as they were called, who inhabited the poor farms in the tract that would come to be known as Estabrook Woods, were not immune to this pattern of settlement, and one by one, for varying reasons, the families pulled up stakes and went west ... and by Thoreau’s time Estabrook was a haunted land, the farms deserted, the families departed, and only a wind blowing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day / Our afternoon meeting was not quite as large as usual but proved a quiet favor’d opportunity - James Greene opened the meeting in a rather short testimony which savor’d well to me Then Gerrard F Hopkins in a large & excellent testimony, wherein the power of Truth was remarkably conspicuous - Margaret Judge concluded in a living prayer
In the Afternoon James Greene again, & as usual when present opened the Service then David Harkness, then Calvin Straight, then Christopher Healy & then Calvin Straight a second time - all the appearances, I thought were in the life - & The meeting as quiet as so large & mixed a gathering could be - in addition to our lodgers, we have tonight Isaac Thorne & wife of Nine Partners & Robert Pary & wife of Pennsylvania -*

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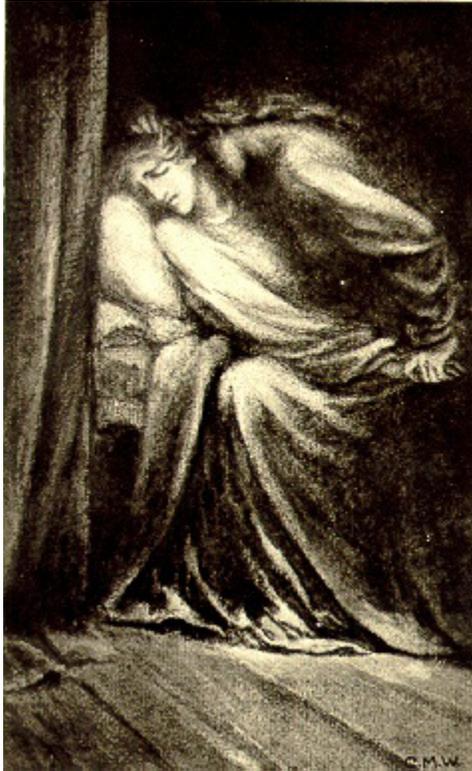


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June 17, Monday night: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) and Dr. John Polidori continued their evening activities at the Villa Diodadi and Lord Byron wrote “A Fragment of a Novel (1816).” At midnight he recited [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)’s “[Christabel](#)” and, becoming overwrought and declaring Mary to be the villainess of this poem, Percy Bysshe ran from the room. Apparently his behavior got the group rather worried — especially Mary. What the hell was going on in the mind of this high-strung hubby?



READ “CHRISTABEL”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / Our meeting this morning opened under solemn covering - Jas Green opened then Hugh Judge, then C Rodman, then Isaac Thorn in solemn Supplication - at the instance of D Buffum seconded by E Thornton the meeting proceeded to business. The usual Service of this forenoon was persued, & some lively sensations excited by Several Epistles particularly the London & Virginia, pertinent remarks made several times by Hugh Judge.

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In the Afternoon we entered into the State of Societys, Some deficiencies appeared, but I thought on the whole thngs were as comfortable as at any time. (that is) in the general - Many remarks were with much feeling, weight & life. Hugh Judge tho' deaf, sought out the cause which he knew not speaking very pertinently to divers cases while the Answers were under consideration tho' he could not hear a single voice - Isaac Thorn Christopher Healy, James Hallack, G F Hopkins, D Harness,



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C Straight labord abundantly for our good, & many remarks were added by several of our own members -. The meeting concluded under a remarkably solom covering & adjourned to the 3rd hour tomorrow Afternoon - In the eveng we had a large company of pleasant & interesting friends. -

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June 18, Tuesday: Charles de France ou Amour et Gloire, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu and Louis Joseph Ferdinand Hérold to words of Théaulon de Lambert, d'Artois de Bournonville and de Rancé, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Many friends called to see us in the course of the forenoon & at dinner our house was filled almost - In the Afternoon the meeting met as adjourned - divers lively testimonies were delivered in the course of it & the precious life spread & continued thro' the setting - The Minutes of the Meeting for Suffering & a few other matters of minor importance was all that occupied the Attention of the meeting - & adjourned to 9 OClock tomorrow morning -
In the evening about 30 men & women collected in the room & we had a percious opportunity we had - Anne Thorn soon broke silence in the language of encouragement - Then Micajah Collins, long & very lively - then Sally Parry. & then Anne Thorn in Supplication -Then Isaac Thorn felt his mind bound to acknowledge that by the present Opportunity he had been encouraged & strengthened & proposed under the present feelings that we should close, on which several who had other lodgings left the room, but The Quiet in good measure remaining & Micajah feeling his mind drawn further towards some of the interesting young women, addressed them to considerable length. it proved a Season of great tenderness, divers states being very sweetly Spoken too, & on my own part I felt thankful on the occasion -

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June 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day This morning Several of the Epistles were read but as there was no probability of the meetings closing at this Sitting, it adjourned to 1 / 2 past 3 OC in the Afternoon - All the Epistles were finished & excellent ones they were. many testimonies were delivered greatly in the life & on the whole it is acknowledged that a greater season of favor has rarely if ever been witnessed

Hugh Judge bid us affectionately farewell & after an excellent & pertinent minute was read, the meeting closed under a very solemn covering. -

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June 20, Thursday: An Aria per mezzosoprano by Giacomo Meyerbeer was performed for the initial time, in Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Last evening & this morning some of our lodgers left us for their homes I trust with the language in their hearts "It has been good for me that I have been here" – At meeting Isaac Thorn first preached very excellently. Then Gerrard T Hopkins in a very popular & expansive testimony to a numerous & interesting audience, & thus the whole closed will many of us feeling our hearts fraught with humble gratitude for the renewed extending of heavenly regard extended to us as in days past, in the days of the ancients of our society – After tea our friend Isaac & Anne Thor, Robert & Sally Parry being about to leave us we were gathered ubti silence for a parting opportunity – Isaac Thorn appeared in a Testimony which may not soon be forgotten by us, by me in particular as I was the principle subject of his address – then Sally Parry in a few more general remarks – then Hugh Judge in a lively & sweet testimony to those present who were yoaked to the Gospel, encouraging them to faithfulness, "tho weeping cometh in the nights yet Joy cometh in the Morning" &c & lastly addressed Martha Aleman a young woman who was assisting in our family during the Y Meeting time –

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June 21, Friday: Les dieux rivaux, ou Les fêtes de Cythère, an opéra-ballet by Gaspare Spontini to words of Dieulafoy and Brifaut, was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Opéra.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Our friend Hugh Judge took tea with us as did Uncle Wm Mitchell & wife, while we were in quite round the table Robert Parry & his wife came in, having returned from the Meeting appointed on Connanicut this Day – Sally does not feel clear of [Newport](#) & proposes a meeting on the Fort with the Soldiers tomorrow which friends are going to make way for if they can – James Halleck & several others set the evening with us & Robert & Sally Parry lodged with us. –

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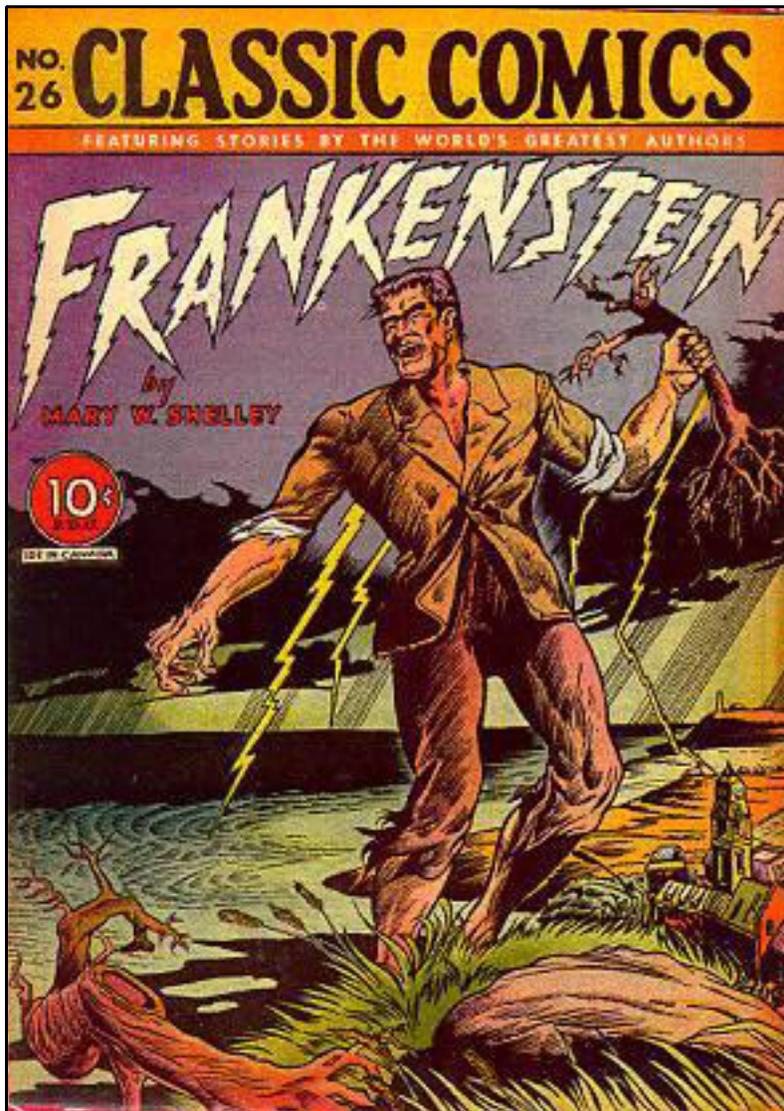
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June 22, Saturday: Britain ended its 13-year occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon as these islands reverted to being a colony of France.

That night, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) having plans for a boat trip around Lake Geneva on the next day, they abandoned their efforts to compete in the story contest, but [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), after her late start, was persisting. The friends discussed a subject from Madame de Staël's DE L'ALLEMAGNE: "whether the principle of life could be discovered and whether scientists could galvanize a corpse of manufactured humanoid."²¹³



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Early this morning Several friends went to fort Walcot & procured liberty to meet with the Soldiers at 11 O'clock, they went in the Custom House boat kindly accomodated by John Stevens. The company from abroad were James Halleck, John Hull



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- - - -Robert Parry, Sally Parry, Dorothy Holding, Alice Abbot of our own towns folks was father Rodman, Jonathon Dennis, John Slocum, Benja Hadwen Hannah Dennis, Ruth & Eliza Rodman. They first went to Fort Walcot where they had good service & truth was maintained, then to fort Adams where Truth also bore the Palm, & the good cause preserved -This meeting was of great weight on my Spirits & since I find it succeeded well, I feel rejoiced with those who went having travailed with them as deeply as my capacity would admit. - I was fully persuaded it was best for me not to go, but to stay & promote the meeting appointed for people of colour at 5 OC this afternoon -While our aforementioned friends were on the fort Hugh Judge, Gerrard T Hopkins & company were called to go on Board the Packet for NYork 0- which rendered my presence necessary to pay their passages as one of the committee for that purpose Robert & Sally Parry & Sister Ruth dined with us. - The black meeting this Afternoon was not largely attended, but succeeded pretty well John Hallock, Dorothy Golding twice, James Halleck twice were concerned in testimony - Robert & Sally lodged at Jonathon Dennis's to night & expect to be at [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow from thence to [Providence](#) homeward bound. -

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213. The term “scientist” in this translation is of course an anachronism, as this term would not begin to be used until 1830. In regard to the scientific currency of Mary Shelley’s galvanic mechanism for bringing life to Dr. Victor Frankenstein’s monster: In 1809 in ELEMENTS OF PHYSIOPHILOSOPHY, no less a credited figure than [Lorenz Oken](#) had declared that “Galvanism is the principle of life. There is no other vital force than the galvanic polarity.”





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June 23, Sunday morning: [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) had had a “waking” nightmare:

I saw the pale student of unhallowed arts kneeling beside the thing he had put together. I saw the hideous phantasm of a man stretched out, then, on the working of some powerful engine, show signs of life ... His success would terrify the artist; he would rush away ... hope that ... this thing ... would subside into dead matter ... he opens his eyes; behold the horrid thing stands at his bedside, opening his curtains ...





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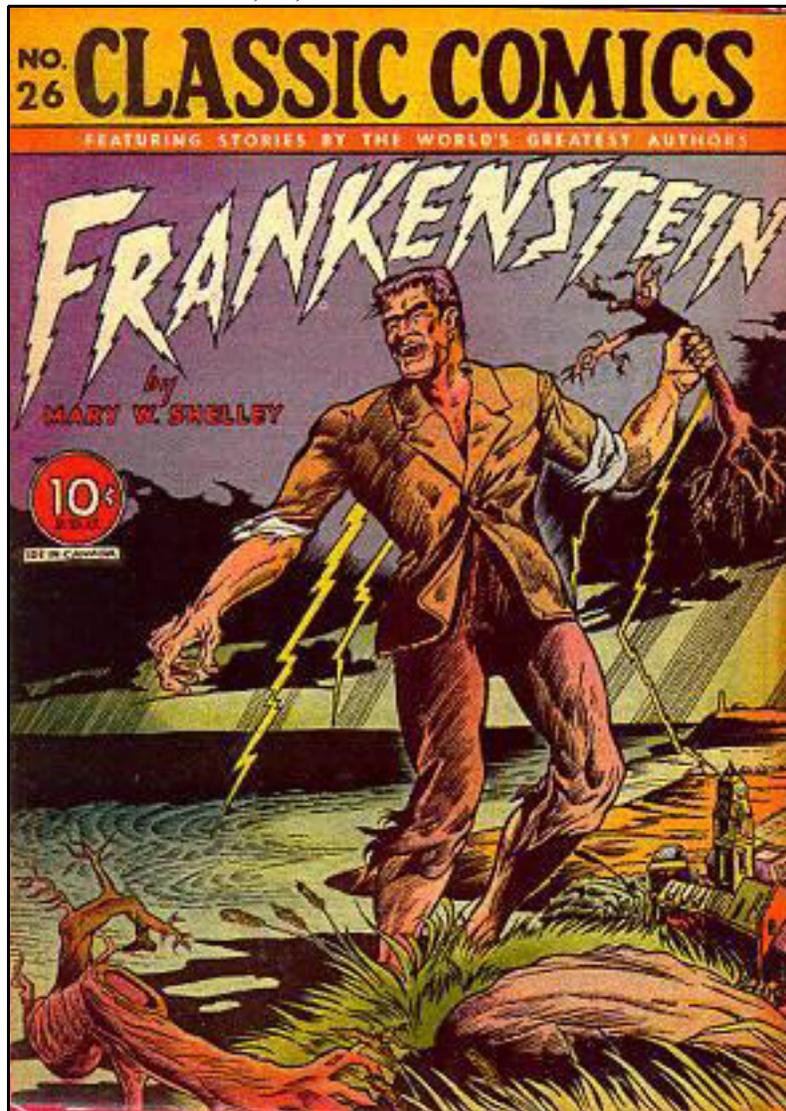
She scribbled a promising 1st draft of some lines:

It was on a dreary night of November that I beheld the accomplishment of my toils. With an anxiety that almost amounted to agony, I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. It was already one in the morning; the rain pattered dismally against the panes, and my candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs. How can I describe my emotions at this catastrophe, or how delineate the wretch whom with such infinite pains and care I had endeavoured to form? His limbs were in proportion, and I had selected his features as beautiful. Beautiful! Great God! His yellow skin scarcely covered the work of muscles and arteries beneath; his hair was of a lustrous black, and flowing; his teeth of a pearly whiteness; but these luxuriances only formed a more horrid contrast with his watery eyes, that seemed almost of the same colour as the dun-white sockets in which they were set, his shrivelled complexion and straight black lips. The different accidents of life are not so changeable as the feelings of human nature. I had worked hard for nearly two years, for the sole purpose of infusing life into an inanimate body. For this I had deprived myself of rest and health. I had desired it with an ardour that far exceeded moderation; but now that I had finished, the beauty of the dream vanished, and breathless horror and disgust filled my heart. Unable to endure the aspect of the being I had created, I rushed out of the room....

She would originate a story about a monster created out of dead bodies and Dr. Erasmus Darwin's life fluid of electricity, by a fictitious Dr. Victor Frankenstein. The lines scribbled this morning would become what now

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opens Chapter IV of FRANKENSTEIN; OR, THE MODERN PROMETHEUS.²¹⁴



[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) began a boat tour of the lake.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal

1st day 23rd of 6th M 1816 / In our forenoon meeting James Halleck was largely & pertinently concerned in testimony - Dorothy Golding was short & pretty clever. - In the Afternoon John Halleck was long & I thought his testimony was pretty sound & attended with a degree of life - I believe him to be an honest

214. Laura Dassow Walls has inquired rhetorically, “Is it necessary to remark that Mary Shelly’s FRANKENSTEIN is still the paradigmatic myth of romantic science, right down to ‘Dr. Strangelove,’ Michael Crichton’s JURASSIC PARK, and the dystopias of cyberpunk?” — but as we shall see, this misappreciates our 20th-Century horror movies to have been accurate renditions of the Shelley romance, something which they simply are not. Shelley’s tale was not at all similar to the popular “Jurassic Park” with its focus upon **hubristic science and the wrongfulness of others**, but to the contrary was very similar to the unpopular “Elephant Man” with its focus upon **our personal, instinctual, and very very wrong revulsion** at the sight of human deformity.



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friend. –

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(In this year Erasmus Darwin's grandson [Charles Robert Darwin](#) had reached at the age of seven years — and his portrait was painted.)



June 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 24 of 6th M / My wife's cousins Anthony & Mariah Lawton from None Partners dined with us. – This Afternoon D Buffum called in & set in the House with us an hour & an half, his conversation was very interesting & his visit as pleasing as from any friend I have seen this Yearly Meeting time – And after all my own friends at home are nearer my heart than Strangers & I am thankful that I love them – it is comfortable to see friends from abroad & feel that they are concerned to support the law of testimony & coming up in faithfulness in their day & generation, but this must have an end for the expence occasioned at such times could not be long supported. – My Mother Aunt Stanton & Br Isaac & Sally set the Afternoon at Aunt Carpenters & we took tea with them. —

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 June 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 6th M 1816 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is this days held at [Portsmouth](#) & I dont know as I feel much amiss in not going there is one subject that impresses my mind a little, but I dont see that it does with sufficient weight to move in it, was I there -
The situtation of friends on the Island of Connanicut, & indeed of the inhabitants generally has a place in my feelings, but what is to be done for them I do not see at present, there is something very unpleasant, in a whole Town's being without any meeting for Public Worship, which now the case, they have a convenient meeting house & might have a meeting occasionally & pretty Steady. There are two Men members & four Women One of which is a minister & one an Elder but being somewhat Advanced in life are unable to get out constantly, the other two women one is feeble & the other a young Woman with children - If any thing could be done to encourage these to keep a meeting on acct of the inhabitance generally it seems to me that I should be willing to unite in it occasionally - There are Some there who seem very friendly & pretty steadily go to meeting on first Day These considerations have occupied my feelings for some time, but the state of things is so low among us, that, as respects myself I feel but little resolution to move the subject - Those of our friends who went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting hove returned, they Say the first meeting was nearly silent - & in the last the buisness went on pretty well -*

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 June 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29th of 6th M / Early this morning departed this life at [Portsmouth Preserved Fish](#) about 68 Years, he was a respectable friend - & his funeral we understand is to be on 2nd day [Monday] next.

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 June 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 6th M / Both our meetings today were silent & to me very good ones Cousin Alice Almy dined with us & Eunice Earl took tea -

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 July: George Washington Briggs was born in [Warwick, Rhode Island](#) to John and Sarah Briggs.

 July 1, Monday: In [Portsmouth](#), Rhode Island, the body of [Preserved Fish](#) was buried.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 7th M 1816 / My Mother Aunt Patty Stanton & my



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Wife & I took tea at Thos Robinsons - a very pleasant Afternoon to us indeed -

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July 2, Tuesday: The frigate *La Méduse*, flagship of a convoy which was taking 400 French soldiers and settlers to Senegal, was wrecked off the coast of Mauritania. There were not enough lifeboats for everyone, so the Captain and the higher ranks commandeered seats aboard them and had the lower orders abandon ship to a 65x28-foot raft. There were 250 aboard the lifeboats and 150 aboard the raft. The lifeboats were unable to tow the raft, or unwilling to tow the raft, and made for shore.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 7th M / Our Cousins Benjamin Stanton & his two sones are here from St JOhns. George & James Gould are their names - James was called after my father for the respect which Cousin Benjamin had for him - They seem to be kind relations & attached to their relations here, & they are very Rich - but Alass what is Riches without innocence - they have been deeply concerned in privateering the last War & appear to justify their conduct I have Said in my heart what a blessing to have our Eyes anointed with the Eye Salve of the Gospel, & to have them opened to see the beauty of it, & above all to feel its power & to obey its calls

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July 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 7th M 1816 / With My H & Sister Ruth took a very pleasant walk this evening to the Beach & across it to the Creek This walk I may remember if I should live for many Years, it afforded pensive reflections on the past present and to come

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July 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 7th M 1816 / The weather is remarkably cold for the Season, & the earth is dry - Vegetation is extremely backward. Indian Corn & grass promises very small crops, we have however to acknowledge & be grateful for the prospect of pretty good crops of Barley Rye & Potatoes - There is Something very remarkable in the weather, there has not been a day or at least but very few days in Six Months past, in which the sun has not been obscured some part of it - and the air cool as Autumn Morning & evenings, & when the sun shines it is not clear, but most of the time hazy & today & yesterday looks white as it does in cold days in the Winter. -of late it has frequently looked red as it is common in very warm & dry weather - Whether to attribute the present extraordinary state of the weather to the Spote which have been observed on the sun for several weeks past



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or what to say about it puzzles philosophers & Divines – The News Papers of the Day contains frequent remarks on the subject, but all fall far short of Satisfactory explanation – At any rate this I believe – we are in the hands of the Almighty & that we are bound to acknowledge him the governor of the Universe & that with him are hid the treasure of wisdom & knowledge.

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July 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 7th M / Our meeting was pretty well attended particularly on the Womens side. Father Rodman was concerned in testimony, he adverted to the present prospect of calamity as respects the season & pointed to the Source from whence all favor is experienced, exhorting to a firm relyance on God in every trying dispensation &c The forepart of the meeting was a Season of favor to me but the life grew low towards the Close I suppose the occasion of it was weakness of body which I labor under. This Afternoon went to Middletown & met J Dennis at Cousin Daniel Goulds & had an opportunity with him in consequence of his case being referd at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting on Jonathons account – We were favor'd to discharge our feeling towards him to our own satisfaction & were favor'd with a large degree of tenderness & I trust feelings were excited in him, which will not soon be forgotten – as respects my self, I was much humbled under a sense of Divine favor in the little I had to communicate, & after tea as we were coming away, a few words which I felt towards Daniels Wife I hope left no bad savor on her mind – We walked out to the old cellar where the house stood in which The Goulds of this Island had their origin, & in which Daniel Gould Died a little over one 100 Years ago – on That spot he doubtless often breathed in Prayer to God for Mankind, that the knowledge of him might spread far & wide. There he knew many an heart felt exercise & passed many a sleepless night as well as many days of comfort & satisfaction resulting from time spent in his Blessed masters cause, in which he was much engaged having traveled seven times into Virginia as appears from a manuscript Journal of his now in my Possession, besides much fervant labor in the Church here away as appears by his name being frequently mentioned on our Monthly Meeting Records – & from several friends Journals of his Suffering in Boston – In visiting the space on which he lived these reflections occur'd to my mind – Some might say there was a little Idolatry in it but I say not, as respects myself. I feel nothing sacred in the ground, no very far from it, & yet I like to know the spot where good folks once lived & hope more may be raised up on the Same. Towards night took a pleasant walk home & on the way stoped a little while at Elijah Anthonys where I found several of my cousins who I love

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July 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 7 M / In consequence of Rain our Meetings were not quite as large as usual - Anne Greene in the forenoon was concerned in a lively testimony in the Afternoon Silent - Towards night I went down on the Wharf to see a Baptising by Neighbor Eddy, twelve were plunged, & while Standing a silent spectator, my heart I trust was divested of all prejudice & I was led to examine the practice, & not withstanding it was a practice of Some of the primitive christians, I could but feel inward admiration that any should consider it concience to be thus led into the Water & dived under on a religious account. I thought, but to see it was sufficient to teach all the inefficacy of it as a clenser of the soul from sins, & for what other purpose should be the bent of our actions in life, but to reedeem our souls, & if it is admitted (which I think it must be) that there is nothing in it which affects, this inward purification, of what use can it be? I know many urge it as a Sign of dedication in joining the Church -Christ himself said that it was the wicked & adulterous who seeks for a sign, & it is time in this our day that all outward Signs & ordenances be put away & the Solid Substance, the living truth as it is Jesus Christ, be embraced & abode under in full purpose of heart, by & thro' the inward baptising of his spirit, by being crusified with him & partaking of his flesh & blood we become clensed from our sins & made [?] fit subjects for his rest in the world to come -

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August 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 8th M 1816 / Rode with my H & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting - Stoped before meeting & visited my old & long loved friend Zacheus Chase & found him very feeble but so as to be about house - At meeting the first that broke Silence was James Greene, then Anne Thorn in a long & excellent testimony chiefly addressed to the Youth. Then James Hallack, short & very pertinent in a few words of encouragement to Several classes present the meeting concluded in a supplication by Hannah Dennis & a few short words supplementary by J Hallack & a favor'd one it was. - In the last meeting we had but little buisness - a few lively & pertinent remarks were made on the subject of sleeping in meetings by Wm Almy Several excellent communications by J Hallack, in one of which he attempted to encourage us to Keep to Sound doctrine as inculcated by our Ancient friends & the Scriptures & said any thing different from this was not to be believed tho' it might come from the Angel Gabriel. - We dined at Uncle Peter Lawtons, & on our way stoped at Anne Anthonys. -

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 August 15, Thursday: PRAY FOR THE JEWS! A SERMON PREACHED AT THE THURSDAY LECTURE IN BOSTON, AUGUST 15, 1816 BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#) (Boston: John Eliot, 1816).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 8th M / Our meeting was comfortably attended, I believe there were but few of our members who are in a situation to attend who were absent - my feelings were on the low key & so continue thro' the Afternoon - Father R was concerned in a short restimony. -

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 August 17, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse toured the Alps, until the 29th of the month. Lord Byron began writing MANFRED.

Publication of the Septet op.74 for piano, flute, oboe, horn, viola, cello and bass by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 17 of 8 M / Rose early this morning & with John went up to Dyres shore & took a sea bathing but in the course of the forenoon found myself much unwell with an oppression at my breast & my head disorderd, inclining to a fever - took a dose of salts & find myself more comfortable this evening -

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 August 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 8 M / Our Meeting was well attended & to me a good time, tho' my mind experienced a little of an unsettled state at times - We Sat in Silence - In the Afternoon Silent again. -- J F [?] Mitchell & wife took tea with us & set the evening -

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 August 19, Monday: The British authorities in Batavia (Djakarta) handed the Dutch East Indies back to the Netherlands.

Carl Maria von Weber accepted the terms of Count Heinrich Vitzthum von Eckstädt and would be appointed Kapellmeister in Dresden. His primary duties would be to direct the German opera but would also include church music at court, and the Italian opera.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 8 M / Hannah & John took a ride this forenoon with Joseph Mitchell & wife over to Sacawest Beech & thro' by the way of Greenend home, this is the first time Hannah has seen



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 August 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 8th M 1816 / John Gould of N York took tea with us. - Had a short call from D Buffum who gave us some account of his late visit to Lynn & Salem & of his visit to Noah Worcester The Author of "Friend of Peace" & to a man who has lately borne testimony to friends principles by refusing to take or tender the Oath. -

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 August 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 8th / Tho' my feelings were favorable before I went to meeting, yet when I got there I was very destitute & fell into leanness which I could not or did not recover - a short testimony by a man friend - no buisness in the Preparative meeting. In the Afternoon took a walk with Joseph Mitchell & wife to the Library - My H went with us - on our way back we went into the Church & looked round that awhile. -

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 August 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 23rd of 8th M / Aunt Patty Gould has been for some days quite unwell, her stomach rejects food & I think Her Strength is failing & without she gets better soon She will soon be taken to rest. -
Res'd a letter from Uncle Wm Mitchell*

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 August 27, Tuesday: Ten Royal Navy and Dutch ships battled the shore defenses of Algiers for eight hours. One British ship was damaged but the shore batteries were silenced and more than 5,000 Algerians killed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 8th M 1816 / This morning Cousin Joseph Mitchell & his wife left Aunt Nancy Carpenters about a quarter before eight OClock on their way home to DeRuyter in N York State. They expected to reach [Providence](#) today. -

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 August 28, Wednesday: Despondent over the death of a child and unable to work, Samuel Wesley wrote to his brother and sister pleading for a loan secured against his inheritance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 8 M / My H spent the Afternoon & evening at Dorcas Whartons & Sister Mary Kept house for her in her Absence

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 August 29, Thursday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), and [Clare Clairmont](#) left [Geneva](#) to return to England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 8th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Mary & John in the Chaise & attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, - stoped on the way thither at Uncle Thurstons - At Meeting D Buffum preached very lively - & a pretty good meeting to me - In the last we had considerable buisness some of which labor'd & occasioned some pretty smart remarks, particularly a communication from So Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting respecting a matter between R Hazard & T R Williams -- Daniel Gould was restored to membership & I hope he may prove more useful to society than he has hither to been We dined at Anne Anthonys after which we rode to the new Cotton factory in Motts Gulley after taking a View of it we return'd to tea & then rode home by a little after sun set -

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 August 30, Friday: [Frances Jane Hallett Prichard](#) was born, daughter of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 8 M / Had conversation with Silas Gardiner, who seems to be a religious young man & if he keeps to the Faith as Secretly manifested to him bids fair to receive further light - as he related some of his experiences to me I could but exclaim with the Apostle "Ye need not that any man teach you" &c - he appears to have been fully convinced of the impropriety of War without the aid of any book but the Scripture & suffered for his testimony against it in Savannah Georgia & also from the secret impulses of his own mind has renounced some of the forms which are much set by among some professing christians - I felt my mind disposed to tell him that that which discover'd those things to him was the Spirit by which the Scriptures were written & as he took heed to it he would experience greater dicoveries of Light -

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September 1, Sunday: Faust, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Bernhard, was performed for the initial time, in Prague, conducted by Carl Maria von Weber.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st of 9th M 1816 / In writing this date I feel that the year has got to its further half, the summer is past & the winter approaches, to many as did the last, it may prove a final change of the Season, & if I be one of that number Oh may I be prepared to meet it –
Our forenoon meeting was pretty large & silent - in the Afternoon we had the acceptable company of our frd Wm Almy who preached sweetly & to my edification, may I not say comfort, as well also a number of others present –
Sister Ruth dined with us – Sister Eliza at tea & set the evening –*

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September 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 9 M / Spent the Afternoon with Silas Gardiner at David Buffums - where we met with Wm Almy whose conversation with D.B on religious subjects were very interesting to Silas, tho it did not turn on points which seemed to be the object of the visit - After tea we walked home

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September 5, Thursday: Urged on by his liberal advisors, King Louis XVIII of France dissolved the conservative Chamber of Deputies and called new elections.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5 of 9 M / To me a favor'd meeting tho' some part of it was a little trying on some accounts – After sitting a little while I felt the quickening spirit run thro' me in a remarkable lively manner which raised a thankfulness to the great giver of all good things & drew the silent tears from mine eyes – This little rejoicing is quite in humility for such is the discouraged State of my mind with respect to myself & Society, that I hardly know at seasons what to do or Say –
Mary Tillinghast & cousin Borden & My Mother & sister Sally spent the Afternoon*

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September 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 9th / Ruth Freeborn a cousin of my H spent the



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Afternoon with us.

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September 7, Saturday: Franz Schubert learned that his application to be music master in Laibach (Ljubljana) had been rejected.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 9th M 1816 / In consequence of some buisness - rode this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle S Thurston & lodged there -next morning (1st day [Sunday]) on my way to meeting stoped at the Widow Almys - At meeting soon after I took my seat, my mind was brought into a sweet state of feeling in which I believe I was enabled to perform Worship - Anne Almy was engaged in testimny & Supplication by which I thought Truth evidently rose into dominion, & to me (& I have no doubt many others) it was a very good Meeting. - - I may say that I felt a degree of rejoicing to find the Gospel power to flow so sweetly thro' her & hope she may ever continue on the humble ground she now seems to occupy. -

After Meeting Dined with cousin John Chase & after dinner went with him to vist his Mother & sisters whom I found as comfortable as could be expected in their striped and lonely situtation, the removal of cousin Zacheus Chase from his family makes a casm in it, which cannot be filled again - with them I took tea, & cousin Shadrack brought me about 2 1/2 Miles on my way home the rest of the distance I walked & found my H & son well. - While walking from Cousin John Chases House with him to the Mansion of his late dear Father he pointed out the spot to me where he took his flight to heaven, it was on some of the highest land on his farm, & a most beautiful situation for prospect, overlooking an extensive range of land, the River & Islands adjacent, near a large Rock I have played upon & around many times when I was a boy, there it was his spirit took its flight & left his lifeless body in the Chaise & I have no doubt he is now in heaven. - While standing & viewing the spot I had some feeling which I hope to retain & some Ideas which I know not how to express. - I trust the spot will be memorable to me as long as I live -

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October 3, Thursday: Perchè muni tiranni, a rondo for soprano, chorus, and orchestra by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was performed for the initial time, in Genoa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th M 3rd 1816 / Our meeting was small & silent - Just before I left home I rec'd a letter from John Heald, & had time enough to read it before I went to meeting, & I really believe I had a better meeting for it



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My H spent the Afternoon & evening at Her father

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 October 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 10th M / In our mornng Meeting (which was pretty large) Our frd D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony on the sunject of Johns Baptism which he handled judiciously & pointed out the true baptism which is effectual & exhorted to faithfulness to the manifestation of light - father R was also concerned to the efficacy of light & I thought it a favor'd meeting -

In the Afternoon my mind experienced a labor to keep close & was enabled in good measure to keep out unprofitable intrusions on the mind - Father R appeared in a few words

I never saw an instance of a young child's being brot to a meeting in this town before, a woman from Dartmouth came this Afternoon & brot a suckling child which was a novelty here, it made a little noise but the little innocent creature did not disturb the meeting near as much as I should have thought. -

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 15th day of 10th month; October 15, Tuesday: Friend Michael Wainer, a Newstockbridge nephew of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#), wrote to his uncle about the failure of his crop due to the unusual weather, and of his desire in consequence to pull up stakes and try again as a farmer in the region of the [Ohio](#) River. Help, such as a loan of \$200, would be appreciated.

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Newstockbridge 10th mo 15 Day 1816

Der uncle I take this oppotunity to in form you that we are all ingoying good helth at this present time and hoping that those few lines will find you and your famaley well.

and I wish you would assist in Selling and Curlecing of my property for I want to by me a farm in Ohio next Sumer the Land thair is from 2 to 4 Dollers per Acer the Land is good heare but thay ask from \$10 to 15 per Acer and it is vary frostey heare So that great meney of the people is Seling out and going on to the Ohio.

the frost here has Cut of all our Corn and thaire is bin frost here every month this year but not to hav aney affect untill a bout 4 weeks a go then it killed all the Corn peretatoes Beens +c gradeel of the Corn was yust in the milk. and on to the Ohio thaire is graite Cropes of Corn it is a bout 300 miles from here but Whaire I want to go is 400 miles I want to get sum money this winter to be redy after wheat harvest to Start for Ohio If Joseph Auker Dont Cum up I Shall Cum Down this winter and if he is Cuming I wish you would lend me 200 Dollers for I Can git Land of ther Staite by paying 1/8 this is the Way that the people general Does is to pay 1/8 Don and take a Bond for a Deed and then thay will hav a plase to go to when thay move thaire famalaye



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I wish you Would write to me what my Land will fetch and what you think is best for me I Lik farming and I think I Could Do well if I had a farm of my owne and if you will be So kind as to write to me whether Joseph Auker is a Cumin or knot I would be Glad etc from Yoar well wishing Coasin

Michael Wainer

If the pleases to write to me in Newstockbridge Madison County Peterborough post office

 October 17, Thursday: [Manlius Stimson Clarke](#) was born in Norton, Massachusetts to Mary Jones Stimson Clarke (March 24, 1785-May 1, 1866) and the Reverend Pitt Clarke (January 15, 1763-February 13, 1835) of the 1st Congregational Church there. He would be educated initially at the Bristol Academy in Taunton of which his father was a member of the Board of Trustees. (The father not only farmed and ministered to this church in Norton, but also “it was his habit for many years ... to fit young men for college, and to instruct and discipline those who were suspended from Harvard University, for misdemeanors, or for neglect of study.”)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17 of 10 M 1816 / Meeting small but I believe favord to divers prewent - I am Thankful in experiencing in my own particular a fresh visitation of tenderness & love to flow in my heart -Father Rodman was concerned in short Testimony "Watch & be Sober"
This After noon rec'd a letter from my Mother now in NYork*

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 October 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 10 M / A low discouraged state seems at present to be mine

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 October 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 10th M / Being quite indisposed this morning I staid from home & had a vein opened which has in measure relieved my head of the distress which I have suffered in it for some time past. -
In the Afternoon Attended Meeting Father Rodman short in testimony. - Obadiah Brown & Wife from [Providence](#) were down & at Meetings today*

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 October 24, Thursday: Adolphus Frederick, Duke of Cambridge, the youngest son of King George III, became governor-general and viceroy of Hanover.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 10 M / Silent Meeting & remarkable dry time to me.



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I know not when I have experienced less favor when I have strove so hard to obtain it – The preparative Meeting was like namely —

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October 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 10 M / In meeting this forenoon Our fr D Buffum was very lively in testimony he was concerned to retell an occurrence of his youth. He said when he was quite a Youth he lived in a neighborhood where there were meetings frequently held by people not in persuasion with us which he after attended & once one was appointed which he went to but the person that was to hold forth as preacher came not, & they all went away without sitting down solidly together. – This put him on serious reflection on the subject to discover what they went for & led him to believe that there was great danger of their worshipping the preacher more than their creator, he took occasion to illustrate the subject of true worship & pointed our minds to the source from which it arises & to whom it is due &c – A few words by father R in the Afternoon – In the eveng made several calls, one at the widow Birds, found the old Lady quite feeble I think coming to a conclusion very fast – a little while at Aunt Polly Goulds –

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October 30, Wednesday: King Friedrich I of Württemberg died and was succeeded by his son, Wilhelm I.

José García de León y Pizarro replaced Pedro Cevallos Guerra as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 10 M 1816 / A day of weakness & discouragement my mind frequently turned towards [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow but it seems as if I shall be hardly likely to get there

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October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st 10 M / It is a rainy morning & I at home, a convenient opportunity offered to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting but Having previously relinquished the prospect & feeling as if I should be of no use there, I did not embrace it. It may not be wholly justifiable, but so it is, & I must abide the consequences I trust I have been careful to attend meetings, as often as almost any member, with a good degree of concern for myself & others & frequently experienced the benefit



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of the small dedication & hope the concern may continue.

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November 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th M 2nd 1816 / Rec'd a letter dated 26 ult from Hannah Pope of Baltimore containing intersting interesting information This Afternoon attended the funeral of Benj Hammond who died very suddenly last first day -- he went to his field after breakfast in the morning to repair a break made by the cattel between his neighbour & himself. when his neighbour arrived at the spot, he found him laying on his face & on examination he proved to be No More - his family were not satisfied that he was dead & have kept him six days & such was his situation yesterday & today as removed all doubt. - The case was very singular for several days his limbs were pliable & his flesh soft tho' cold, but at length evident marks of decay took place both in appearance & smell & this day his remains were committed to their mother earth.

I consider the precaution of keeping him till signs of decay had taken place a very prudent one both on his acct & that of his family - there has been doubtless cases of peoples being buried alive who have apparently died suddenly, & I hope all such cases will always be fully prved. -

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November 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 11th M 1816 / Our Meetings were both large, - short communications in both of them. - To me they were seasons of favor, for which I desire to be thankful. - This evening Henry Ridgeway Jr a young man lately from Ireland came & set with us - I have had some previous acquaintance with him having called several times at the Shop & once of an evening before - he appears to be a very intelligent & considerably interesting young man, a member of society & from what I can discover in good standing at home

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December 1, Sunday: [Charles Davies](#) resigned from the US Army in order to accept a position teaching mathematics at the West Point Military Academy. In addition to mathematics he would teach Natural and Experimental Philosophy. (Over the course of his long academic career the professor would author a total of 49 different treatises.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 12 M 1816 / Our meeting this forenoon was to me a season of favor D Buffum Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis was concerned in Public Testimony & particularly D Buffum was very precious to my feelings - Silent & comfortable to me in the



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*Afternoon
Sister Ruth set the evening with us. – I do feel rejoiced in
this Days favor. Oh! that I may Watch & pray that I be not left
without religious life & hope. –*

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 December 5, Thursday: The Reverend Robert Finley, an activist in the American Colonization Society, wrote to Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) about how unhappy the free Negroes of America were going to remain, “as long as they continue among the whites.” This white man somehow knew that these black man were going to be unhappy. So how could they be made happy, he asked? –Well, he suggested, we could “place them perhaps in Africa.”²¹⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th of 12 M 1816 / Meeting was attended as well as usual.
silent & to me rather a barran season. –*

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 December 8, Sunday: The Kingdom of Naples and the Kingdom of Sicily formally united as, guess what, the “Kingdom of the Two Sicilies” (don’t ask, because I don’t know).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8th of 12 M / Two testimoniys in the forenoon (C R & H
D) both attended with life to my feelings. – In the Afternoon
Silent & to me a season of some favor –
In the evening with my H & Sister R - visited my cousins Anne &
Mary Gould who we found comfortable (as could be expected after
their recent affliction, as well as our Aged Cousin Bathseba*

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 December 12, Thursday: At a General Meeting of the London Philharmonic Society, a replacement was named for Muzio Clementi as treasurer. It was decided to allow his name to remain on the list of directors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12 of 12 M / Our meeting was silent tho’ pretty well
attended*

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215. So explain this relative unhappiness to me, please, as there seem to be three possibilities: is the black man **somewhat unhappier** than the white man, that the black man is in America? –Or are the white man and the black man **approximately equally unhappy**, that the black man is in America? –Or is the black man **slightly less unhappy** than the white man, that the black man is in America? Inquiring minds want to know. Is it the **black** man who is going to be happier, when the black man is back in Africa where he belongs, or is it the **white** man who is going to be happier, when the black man is back in Africa where he belongs, or, perchance, are they both going to be **equally happy** once the white man is alone in America and the black man alone in Africa?



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 December 13, Friday: The Provident Institution for Savings, a company being chartered in [Boston](#) for the benefit of the “frugal poor,” would prosper “beyond the expectations of its founders” because it would prove unexpectedly popular as a haven for the surplus funds of an entirely different class of our society. Within the next five years its deposits would reach \$600,000 and its surplus would reach \$6,200 while the rate of interest it paid on deposits would reach 1% quarterly due to the availability of surplus funds in the ranks of the salaried middle class — the class which would be purchasing “life insurance policies” as soon as that new form of investment would become socially acceptable. Another such savings bank would open in [Baltimore](#) in the next year, and three would open in the year after that in Boston, in New-York, and in Portland (a savings bank would be opened in [Concord](#), Massachusetts in 1835).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 12 M / We have discovered that Aunt Molly Wanton is in a more critical situation as to health than she has been for some time past - She has been exceedingly lame for some months in consequence of a fall, which in addition to her distracted state of mind has rendered her exceedingly troublesome - but now her feet & legs are much swollen which indicates Dropsy. -

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 December 15, Sunday: The head and torso of the statue known then as “younger Memnon” arrived in [Cairo](#).

On the eve of his 46th birthday [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) suffered the death of one of his most important patrons, Prince Franz Joseph Lobkowitz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15 of 12 M / Our forenoon meeting was pretty well attended
In the Afternoon a few words from father. -
Jeremiah took tea & set part of the evening with us*

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 December 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 16th of 12 M / My H rec'd a letter from Aunt Stanton which mentioned that mother was in health -
Sister Mary took tea & set the evening with us. -*

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 December 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 12 M / Oh that I may labor, & labor hard to subject my evil propensities. I have felt a renew'd concern this morning to effect a thorough overcoming. I am often tried & have of late been more guarded than at time heretofore. -

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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 12 M / Our meeting was as large as usual & to me a season of some favor for which I desire to be thankful in this season of almost spiritual famine. – Father Rodman was concerned in testimony, much to my comfort - a word in season Preparative meeting short & no buisness. –

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December 22, Sunday: [William Cooper Nell](#) was born at 64 Kendall Street on Beacon Hill in Boston.

On this day and the following one, a Treaty of Peace and Amity was being signed between the United States of America and Algeria.

READ THE FULL TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 12th M 1816 / Our Meetings were both well attended, in the Afternoon I thought it was larger than common –both were silent - rather lifeless seasons to me, tho' I trust to some others were more favored. – Joseph Wilbour took tea & set the evening with us.

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December 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 12 M / Took My H & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. This side of Slate Hill the through Brace broke & by the help of friends we so fixed it that Br David & I rode in it to meeting, Hannah got in with Ruth & Isaac Mitchell took John. –At meeting Cynthia Coggeshall appeared in a few words & was followed by Hannah Dennis & D Buffum, all which testimonys were pleasant to me, & I trust in some measure was beneficial. –The subject of appointing a committee to visit [Tiverton](#) meeting was revived, & after a long time of exercise it was concluded to appoint a committee to visit such parts of the Monthly Meeting as way should open. Saml Thurston, Richd Mitchell & Benjn Freeborn were nominated & appointed. – After Meeting we Dined at Jethro T Mitchells & rode home without further accident

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December 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 M 29th 1816 / Our meetings were both well attended, father Rodman was concerned in testimony in both. Sarah Fowler



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took tea with us.

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 December 30, Monday: Some three weeks after [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s abandoned wife's drowned body had been discovered in the Serpentine, he as the absconding father of two legitimate orphaned children and his mistress [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) felt constrained to wed — presumably to enhance Percy's chances at his pending hearing to obtain custody of his children by [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#), [Ianthe Shelley](#) (age 3^{1/2}) and [Charles Shelley](#) (age 2).



WILLIAM GODWIN'S LIFE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 12 M / I feel this day that another space in the wheel of Time has sunk beneath the pinion - Alas with me another



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Year has gone I am this evening 35 Years of Age - When I awoke this morning my mind was forceably impressed with my deficiencies in every respect & a labor has been witnessed thro' the day for a revival of religious Sensibility but as an aged man has remarked of himself in my presence this evening, "I can feel how I want to feel, but do not feel as I ought to feel" Yet thro' divine mercy I have experienced some evidence of the continuance of Divine favor. -

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 December 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 12 M / This day ends the Year. - Oh! that when my final year comes I may be prepared - I acknowledge my short comings & my disposition to rebel against the light & have only hopes in Jesus Christ - I am every day reminded that the religion of Jesus is the only true Religion - My H Spent that Afternoon & took tea at her fathers. John & I also there -

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 THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1817. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Hugh H. Brown.

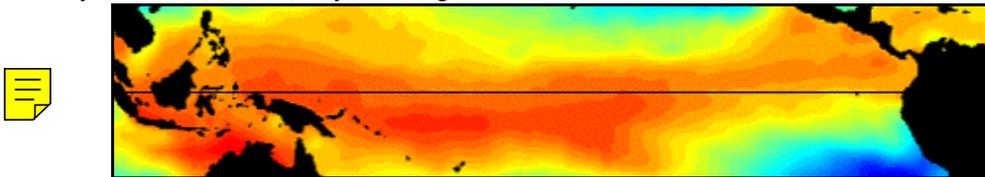
 After attending private schools in [Ireland](#), [Thomas Davis](#) immigrated to the United States and settled in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). He would engage in the manufacture of jewelry.

Largest Scale Global Weather Oscillations around 1817

	Southern Oscillation	South Pacific current reversal
1814	strong	warm El Niño strong
1815	absent	cold La Niña
1816	absent	cold La Niña
1817	moderate +	warm El Niño moderate +
1818	absent	cold La Niña
1819	moderate +	warm El Niño moderate +
1820	absent	cold La Niña
1821	moderate	warm El Niño moderate
1822	absent	cold La Niña
1823	absent	cold La Niña

The southern ocean / atmosphere “seesaw” links to periodic Indonesian east monsoon droughts, Australian droughts, deficient Indian summer monsoons, and deficient Ethiopian monsoon rainfall causing weak annual Nile floods. This data is presented from Tables 6.2-6.3 of Quinn, William H. “A study of Southern Oscillation-related climatic activity for AD 622-1900 incorporating Nile River flood data,” pages 119-49 in Diaz, Henry F. and Vera Markgraf, eds. EL NIÑO: HISTORICAL AND PALEOCLIMATIC ASPECTS OF THE SOUTHERN OSCILLATION. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1992.

The weather in [India](#) this year would be even worse than the extremely heavy rains and flooding of the year 1815, and the food situation there worsened radically. In the Western world, the food crisis in [Ireland](#) also worsened radically during this year. The “meal months” during which the old stores of [potatoes](#) had become exhausted while the new crop was not yet ready to be dug from the ground on that island would be extended far beyond the usual June, July, and August.²¹⁶



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There would be a population migration during the traveling season of this year, but this migration, known as “[Ohio fever](#),” was due rather to the failed crops of the previous growing season during the cold summer of 1816, rather than to the weather during this summer of 1817.

216. [Potatoes](#) are generally not fully mature in Ireland until October.

➡ After his bad experience of trying to pray aboard ship and being flogged with a rope end over the windlass, [Cato Pearce](#) had left the service of James Rhodes and hired out as a farm hand in [Westerly, Rhode Island](#). At about this point he sought work aboard a sloop in nearby New London, [Connecticut](#). The captain of the vessel, learning that most of Cato's work experience was agricultural, got him into his small carriage and took him out to the plantation in [Little Rest](#) (now [Kingston](#)) of Representative Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior, one of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations's wealthiest plantation masters, who would soon be running for governor. He was hired by these Seventh Day [Baptists](#) and would have "a pretty good time with them," except that they would be urging him to "keep the Seventh Day," that is, to observe the Lord's Day on a Saturday. Mistress Mary (Perkins? Mawney?) Potter, a lady from East Greenwich married to Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior, encouraged any religious observance even if it was not on the 7th day of the week, and so Cato requested of her that he be allowed to keep the Sabbath on a 1st Day, at a Sunday church service three miles away. She said that she would permit this, conditional on his having done his chores. At this worship service, with a congregation that apparently was made up mostly of white people, he was asked to speak, and did so, and was well received. He then asked if he could preach again, at their next worship service, and this offer was accepted.



Overjoyed, back at his duties at the farm, Cato informed Mistress Potter that he "had got meetin' 'pointed to preach," and she expressed her approval of this religiosity. That week he would go "into the woods to study what I should say, and sound it out there; and swing my hands." Then, at the next Sunday worship, his preaching engagement was a resounding success, and he was asked to preach again. He used some farm wages to purchase white gloves, white stockings, and a breast pin, to improve his appearance while preaching, and Mistress Potter volunteered to tack some ruffles onto his white shirt. Elisha Reynolds Potter, Sr. himself drove Cato in a wagon to the service in Groton, Connecticut. However, when they arrived, some white men outside



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the meetinghouse did not recognize him as the expected preacher, and told him to go away. Managing to make his way into the building, he made contact with his waiting host, and his preaching was again a success.

Perhaps at this point Cato was overwhelmed, for he did not preach again for awhile. Then, one day, Mistress Potter, being aware that there was a service planned at her father's house in East Greenwich, sent him on an errand there. Arriving, he was invited by the worshipers to say a few words, and did so. However, he did not feel called to continue this preaching, so he went to pray by himself to the Lord.

At this point, as Cato describes in detail, he was visited by the Lord and suddenly found himself able to read the Bible even though he was illiterate. The Lord had forgiven his sins.

I felt so happy I shouted; I couldn't lay a-bed; and I got up and told Mrs. Potter, and she got up and called the folks; and we had a wonderful time. I felt so happy in the mornin' I couldn't work that day; and I went round and told the neighbors – and in the evening we had a meetin', and had a wonderful time. Then we had meetin's every night; and the Lord was with us and begun a good work, and many souls were converted to God.

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[Cato](#) determined that he needed to be baptized, but could not decide which church to join. At this point his work on the Potter plantation ended and he sought work in Windham County, Connecticut, near the [Rhode Island](#) border. One time, at Killingly, his employer and other whites took him to a Congregational meetinghouse for a Sunday service, so that he could try it out and see if it was congenial to him. His white employer ushered him to the separate box for black attendees, but this was so far away from the pulpit that he found he could hardly hear the preacher, who was in any event preaching not spontaneously from the spirit, but from written notes. He was offended at this segregated seating and referred to it as the “nigger pews.”



Above, “The Negro Pew, or ‘Free’ Seats for black Christians,” in the AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY ALMANAC FOR 1840 (New-York, 1840). In the North in the 1st part of the 19th Century, in Protestant churches, African-Americans were often relegated to segregated, inferior seating (unlike Catholic churches, where they were not even permitted inside the building).

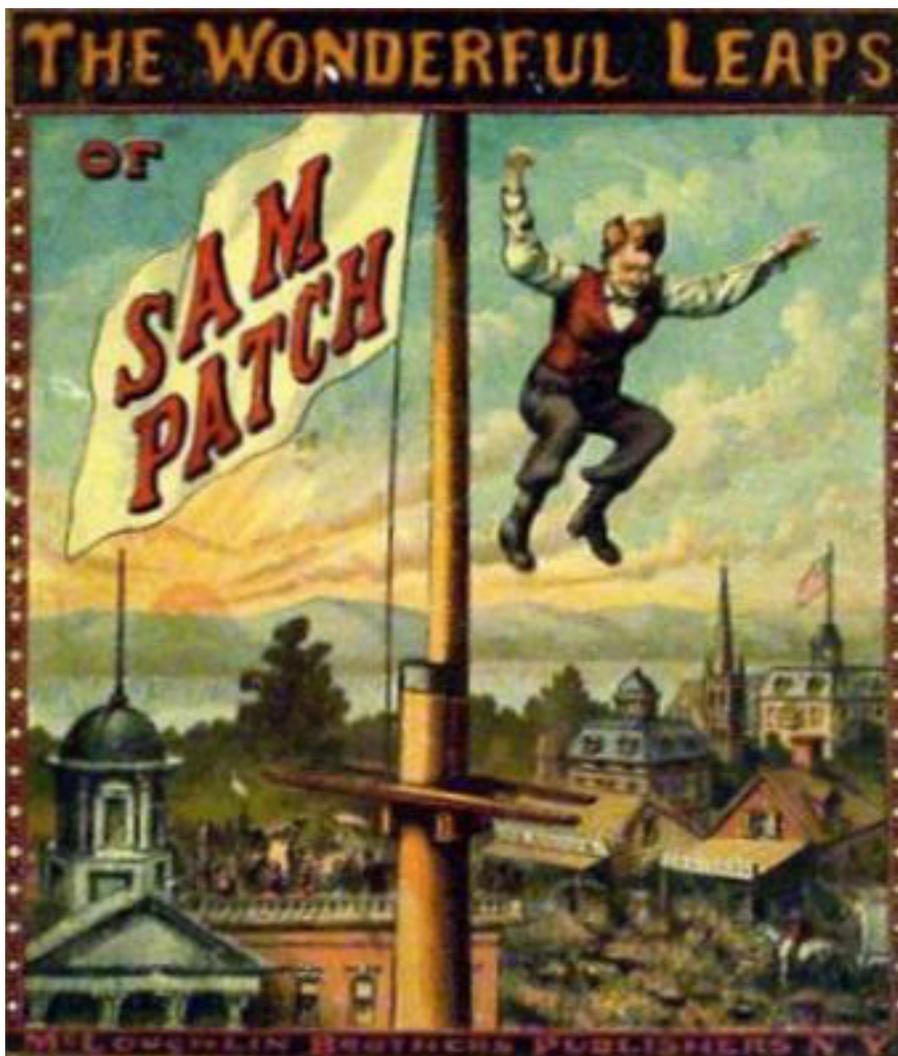
Finally, [Cato](#) got himself baptized by the Chestnut Hill [Baptist](#) Church in Killingly, Connecticut. He preached “both nights and Sundays” at various meetings in the area, including several at his white employer’s house. In the spring, however, he had to stop his preaching and obtain new employment.

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In [Rhode Island](#), Nehemiah R. Knight was in charge. [Asher Benjamin](#) designed the Rhode Island Union Bank of [Newport](#) (since demolished). The *Firefly*, the 1st steamboat to run a regular commercial service on [Narragansett Bay](#), carried President James Monroe and his party from [Newport](#) to [Providence](#). (In 1825 the *Washington*, a 131-foot steamship, would begin the serious steamship competition on the bay, leading to the development of more and more advanced ships.) At this point the teenager [Sam Patch](#) was making dramatic leaps off the roof of a 4-story building into the aerated churning water below the big falls in beautiful downtown [Pawtucket](#), so it is perfectly possible (if now unknown to us) that the President of the United States was escorted to the site to view the children at labor inside the factories and to witness such a blazing amazing feat of derring-do.



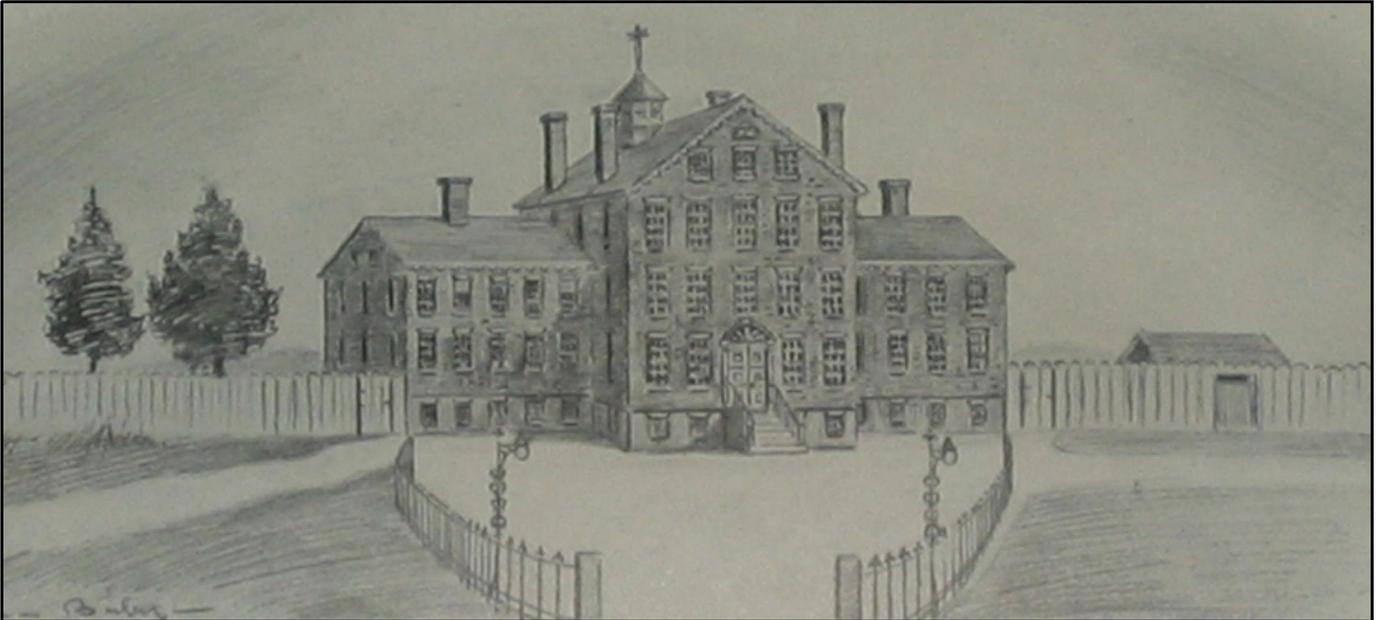
Things were not so rosy, at the building site on the farm of [Moses Brown](#) where the Quakers were erecting their Yearly Meeting School. The estimate that \$16,000 would be needed for this project had proved to be way low. The exterior of the building was complete, except for glazing, and there had been some interior finishing work done. Early in the year, it became apparent that an additional \$7,000 would be needed to finish the building scheme. [Friends](#) William Almy and Obadiah Brown were able to pledge \$3,500 and by the end of the



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year the full amount would be obtained, so that construction would be able to resume during the following building season. This sketch would be made during the process of construction:



This sketch was added to the face of a clock made by John Bailey, in the building's sitting-room



The weaving of [cotton](#) cloth on power looms began at this point in North [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Roberts developed a fly-frame, an invention important to the development of the cloth industry. Because this development would have an impact on the demand for bales of [cotton](#) as a raw material for cloth, it would have an impact on the demand for field labor to grow this cotton, and therefore would have consequences in terms of human [slavery](#) — and in terms of the [international slave trade](#).

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: The history of slavery and the slave-trade after 1820 must be read in the light of the industrial revolution through which the civilized world passed in the first half of the nineteenth century. Between the years 1775 and 1825 occurred economic events and changes of the highest importance and widest influence. Though all branches of industry felt the impulse of this new industrial life, yet, "if we consider single industries, cotton manufacture has, during the nineteenth century, made the most magnificent and gigantic advances."²¹⁷ This fact is easily explained by the remarkable series of inventions that revolutionized this industry between 1738 and 1830, including Arkwright's, Watt's, Compton's, and

217. Beer, *GESCHICHTE DES WELTHANDELS IM 19^{TE}N JAHRHUNDERT*, II. 67.



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Cartwright's epoch-making contrivances.²¹⁸ The effect which these inventions had on the manufacture of cotton goods is best illustrated by the fact that in England, the chief cotton market of the world, the consumption of raw cotton rose steadily from 13,000 bales in 1781, to 572,000 in 1820, to 871,000 in 1830, and to 3,366,000 in 1860.²¹⁹ Very early, therefore, came the query whence the supply of raw cotton was to come. Tentative experiments on the rich, broad fields of the Southern United States, together with the indispensable invention of Whitney's cotton-gin, soon answered this question: a new economic future was opened up to this land, and immediately the whole South began to extend its cotton culture, and more and more to throw its whole energy into this one staple.

Here it was that the fatal mistake of compromising with slavery in the beginning, and of the policy of *laissez-faire* pursued thereafter, became painfully manifest; for, instead now of a healthy, normal, economic development along proper industrial lines, we have the abnormal and fatal rise of a slave-labor large farming system, which, before it was realized, had so intertwined itself with and braced itself upon the economic forces of an industrial age, that a vast and terrible civil war was necessary to displace it. The tendencies to a patriarchal serfdom, recognizable in the age of Washington and Jefferson, began slowly but surely to disappear; and in the second quarter of the century Southern slavery was irresistibly changing from a family institution to an industrial system.

The development of Southern slavery has heretofore been viewed so exclusively from the ethical and social standpoint that we are apt to forget its close and indissoluble connection with the world's cotton market. Beginning with 1820, a little after the close of the Napoleonic wars, when the industry of cotton manufacture had begun its modern development and the South had definitely assumed her position as chief producer of raw cotton, we find the average price of cotton per pound, 8½d. From this time until 1845 the price steadily fell, until in the latter year it reached 4d.; the only exception to this fall was in the years 1832-1839, when, among other things, a strong increase in the English demand, together with an attempt of the young slave power to "corner" the market, sent the price up as high as 11d. The demand for cotton goods soon outran a crop which McCullough had pronounced "prodigious," and after 1845 the price started

218. A list of these inventions most graphically illustrates this advance: —

1738, John Jay, fly-shuttle. John Wyatt, spinning by rollers.

1748, Lewis Paul, carding-machine.

1760, Robert Kay, drop-box.

1769, Richard Arkwright, water-frame and throstle. James Watt, steam-engine.

1772, James Lees, improvements on carding-machine.

1775, Richard Arkwright, series of combinations.

1779, Samuel Compton, mule.

1785, Edmund Cartwright, power-loom.

1803-4, Radcliffe and Johnson, dressing-machine.

1817, Roberts, fly-frame.

1818, William Eaton, self-acting frame.

1825-30, Roberts, improvements on mule.

Cf. Baines, HISTORY OF THE COTTON MANUFACTURE, pages 116-231; *ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA*, 9th ed., article "Cotton."

219. Baines, HISTORY OF THE COTTON MANUFACTURE, page 215. A bale weighed from 375 lbs. to 400 lbs.



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on a steady rise, which, except for the checks suffered during the continental revolutions and the Crimean War, continued until 1860.²²⁰ The steady increase in the production of cotton explains the fall in price down to 1845. In 1822 the crop was a half-million bales; in 1831, a million; in 1838, a million and a half; and in 1840-1843, two million. By this time the world's consumption of cotton goods began to increase so rapidly that, in spite of the increase in Southern crops, the price kept rising. Three million bales were gathered in 1852, three and a half million in 1856, and the remarkable crop of five million bales in 1860.²²¹

Here we have data to explain largely the economic development of the South. By 1822 the large-plantation slave system had gained footing; in 1838-1839 it was able to show its power in the cotton "corner;" by the end of the next decade it had not only gained a solid economic foundation, but it had built a closed oligarchy with a political policy. The changes in price during the next few years drove out of competition many survivors of the small-farming free-labor system, and put the slave *régime* in position to dictate the policy of the nation. The zenith of the system and the first inevitable signs of decay came in the years 1850-1860, when the rising price of cotton threw the whole economic energy of the South into its cultivation, leading to a terrible consumption of soil and slaves, to a great increase in the size of plantations, and to increasing power and effrontery on the part of the slave barons. Finally, when a rising moral crusade conjoined with threatened economic disaster, the oligarchy, encouraged by the state of the cotton market, risked all on a political *coup-d'état*, which

220. The prices cited are from Newmarch and Tooke, and refer to the London market. The average price in 1855-60 was about 7*d*.
221. From United States census reports.

failed in the war of 1861-1865.²²²



January 1, Wednesday: The Reverend [John White](#) of Dedham got married with Delia Jane Holcomb Dwight, daughter of Seth Dwight of Utica, New York.

The lawyer brothers Harry and Robert Sedgwick, recent immigrants to New-York from Massachusetts, spent New Year's Day making social calls. Harry would describe his round of social calls in a letter to his fiancée Jane Minot in Boston, dated January 1, 3, and 4, 1817, that is now in the Sedgwick Family V Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society:

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 1st M D 1817 / The day has been very fine & pleasant, & nothing in any respect has occurred to obstruct a considerable degree of enjoyment, saving a want of life, but of that, a degree has been vouchsafed, tho' unmerited. I have many things to be thankful, among which I have procured some provision today, sufficient to last sometime & tho my means are small, yet thy [they] are not such as to render my circumstances difficult -& I have abundant cause to TRUST in the Lord who hath thus far evidently cared for me & many time opened ways where there hath none appeared & may these favors be acknowledged by increased dedication & faithful obedience. -

222. Cf. United States census reports; and Olmsted, THE COTTON KINGDOM.



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*Sally Easton spent the evening with us*²²³



After church which is out at half past twelve and before dinner at three, you are expected to call on all your friends and everywhere to get a glass of wine and a cookie (small cake). You cannot stay at any one place more than three minutes. It is as if all the town gave wedding parties.... The custom I think is a very excellent and delightful one, though somewhat fatiguing. Everybody is delighted to see you, and kind feelings are everywhere promoted. We finished our rounds or rather exhausted our time at a quarter past three having made more than thirty visits in every part of the city. There were still several omissions which [Robert] very much regretted.

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223. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7

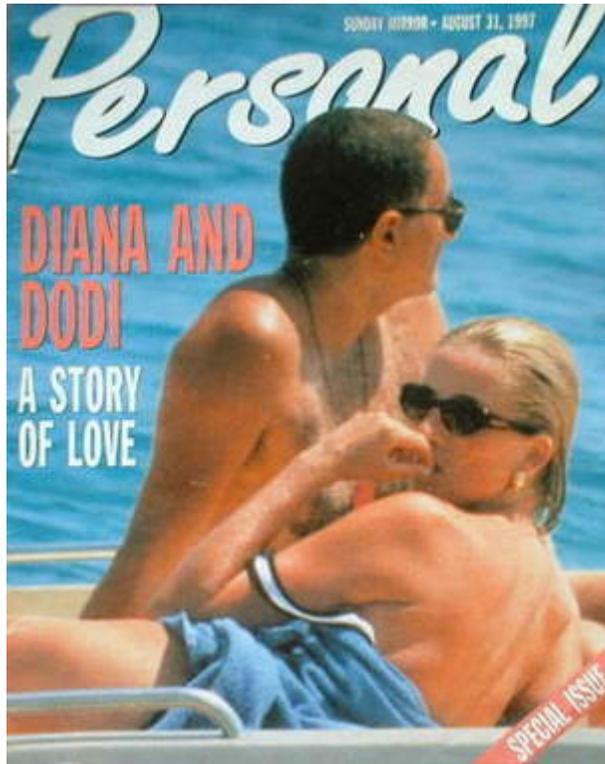


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 January 2, Thursday: The initial issue of the Vienna *Allgemeine Musik Zeitung*.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote amusingly to John Murray describing the sexual morals of the Mediterranean clime — if a woman limits herself to her husband plus one lover, she is considered virtuous; if she takes two, three, or more lovers, she might be considered a little wild; only when she becomes indiscriminately profuse, or forms “a low connexion, such as the [Princess of Wales](#) with her courier,” will she be considered to have overstepping the modesty of marriage.



Maintaining the Princess-of-Wales Tradition

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 1 M / Meeting pretty well attended, -a short offering - leanness was my companion. -

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 January 3, Friday: Publication of the Adagio, Variations and Rondo on “The Pretty Polly” op.75 for piano by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 1 M / Some days ago Sister Ruth turned her Ankle & hurt it exceedingly. Dr Sweet has this day examined it & pronounced one bone broken & one cracked - The poor thing suffered exceedingly in the operation of setting, but it now appears to be streight & by a few days confinement in bed, I am in hopes she will be more comfortable but she has a long



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suffering time of lameness to look forward to - She has my sympathy & pitty to the very heart - This Afternoon David Buffum Rec'd a letter from Wm Rotch Jr Which mentioned the Decease of our friend Ed ELISHA THORNTON in [New Bedford](#) last 3rd day

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 January 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 1st M / Our Morning meeting was well attended & father Rodman, D Buffum & H Dennis were engaged in lively testimonys. - father again appeared in the Afternoon. - Set the evening at home. - It has been but a poor Day with me. leaness my companion. Wrote to my Mother. -

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 January 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 1st M 1817 / Owing to an engagement I was under I was not at Meeting today. - My H has a severe Cough upon her & was also absent. - John has also had a hard Cough & Cold, which he had had upon him for about two weeks he is better today than Yesterda but his case give me some uneasiness. -

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January 12, Sunday: [Allegra](#), Claire Clairmont's illegitimate daughter by [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), was born at Bath (at first her mother called her "Alba").



In Naples, the Teatro San Carlo was reopened 11 months after having burned to the ground. The inaugural work was the premiere of Simon Mayr's melodramma allegorico *Il sogno di Partenope* to words of Lampredi, composed for the birthday of King Ferdinando I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 1 M / A few words spoken in the Life at meeting in the forenoon - Silent in the Afternoon & to me a Season of a little favor - Attended the funeral of two men the Capt & Mate of a vessel who were brought in from sea Dead - They were four days ago Killed by lightnening - none of the other hands hurt - a very remarkable circumstance, while I stood by the graves & saw them deposited I thought while their friends at home were in anguish at their sudden privation it must yeald them Some consolation that they were decently committed to the earth & not consigned to a Watery grave. The consideration of their very sudden removal in full strength & vigor of life affected me almost to weeping. -
Cousin Henry Gould & wife set the evening with us. -*

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January 14, Tuesday: The head and torso of the statue known then as "younger Memnon" was unloaded in [Alexandria](#) port.

Pierre-Alexandre Monsigny died in Paris at the age of 87.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 1st M / Sister Ruth has this day had the Bandage removed from her foot & a plaster put on it appears to be doing well & I am in hopes she will in the course of a few weeks be able to resume her school. -



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Rec'd letters this eveng from Mother & Aunt Stanton which gave an Acct. of their welfare. This was a pleasing circumstance as there has lately been a fire near them & they narrowly escaped being burned out. -

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 January 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 1st M 1817 / Our morning meeting was not very large but a solid & to some present a favor'd season David Buffum & Father Rodman were very lively in communication - In the Afternoon H Dennis & father were concerned, & to me it was a day of favor.

John & my H have not sufficiently recovered from their Colds & were not out at meeting. -

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 January 20, Monday: [Boston](#) chimney-sweep Daniel D. Britton was put in jail for having stolen chickens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 1st M / Rec'd letters this evening from Mother & Aunt Stanton which gave me account of their usual health - Sister Eliza spent the day & evening with us -

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 January 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 1st M / Our meeting pretty well attended a few words deliverd in the first - In the last (Preparative) Seth Kelley of Mendon preposed his intention of Marriage with Eunice Earl & Stephen Chase of Swansey proposed his intentions of Marriage with Mary Bowen. -

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 January 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 1 M / Our meetings were both rather small, the weather being a little unfavorable. A short testimony in the morning - silent in the Afternoon. - Hannah & John both out, the first time in several weeks

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 January 30, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber opened the [German](#) Opera in Dresden with Etienne-Nicholas Méhul's Joseph. This was a great success, particularly with the king.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 1st M / Our friend David Harkness from Peru Vermont attended Meeting & was largely poerfully & very acceptably in



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*testimony, & supplication. – In the last (Monthly) Seth Kelley & Eunice Earl, & Stephen Chase & Mary Bowen published their intentions of Marriage – At the close of the meeting David Harkness was again very powerfully engaged in testimony & particularly addressed the Youth. –
E Dennis B Pearce & P Hale dined with us. –*

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 February 2, Sunday: Heinrich Alois, Count Reigersberg replaced Maximilian Joseph, Count Montgelas as President of the Council of Ministers of Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 2 M / In the forenoon Meeting father Rodman was largely concerned in Testimony & D Williams read the London Epistle for the past Year-- Silent in the Afternoon -- James Rogers formerly of Pembroke Massachusetts now of Peru Vermont took tea with us, also Eunice Earl – This evening wrote a letter to my fr D Smith of Bolton to go by Ja Rogers who expects to return home by the way of Bolton. –

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 February 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6th of 2nd M 1817 / Our Meeting was small & silent I know not when I have had a more completely lifeless meeting – the Tiller was gone & my mind drove to & fro as the natural inclination was drawn – I labor'd a little to overcome but was not able to get on the spot I wished. –
Those who are abesent at the Quarterly Meeting have a fine time. –
– the weather is Cold but is Clear & wholesome–*

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 February 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 2 M / In the mornng a few words at meeting – In the Afternoon Silent – To me seasons of but little proffit. –
The day was stormy – Set the evening at home. –*

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 February 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 2 M / Mornng Meeting silent – In the Afternoon a few words to me season of reflection, serious reflection & I trust proffitable. – eveng at home. –

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 February 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 2 M 1817 / Meeting rather small, but pretty well



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considering the Walking. -

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 February 23, Sunday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#), William Shelley, and Claire Clairmont traveled to Marlow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 2 M / Meetings both small - walking very bad - a few words in the Afternoon - Set the eveng at home employed in writing to my Beloved Micajah Collins

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 February 12, Wednesday: While on their way from Rome to Milan, Gioachino Rossini and his friend Marchese Francesco Sampieri stopped off in Spoleto and caught a performance of L'Italiana in Algeri. They sat in the orchestra, Sampieri playing harpsichord and Rossini bass.

A South American army under José de San Martín defeated Spanish and loyalist forces at Chacabuco north of Santiago, Chile.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 2 M / This evening met with a considerable number of men at the Church School House & form'd ourselves into a Society for the Relief of the Poor & entitled ourselves the Relief Society we chose Edw Brinley President, Thos H Mumford Secretary & appointed a committee of eight, of which number I was one, to superintend the affairs of society for the present Year & hope thro' the Benevolence of the Public to be enabled to do some good among the poor. a considerable number of very respectable inhabitants seem to be well engaged in the subject & some of them of the wealthy class. -

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 February 13, Thursday: As the revolutionary army arrived in Santiago, the royal government of Chile was boarding ship at Valparaiso.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 2 M / Our Meeting in course today was silent but to me a season of some favor - after it was the adjournment of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, at which Seth Kelley & Eunice Earl & Stephen Chase & Mary Bowen received their answer & a meeting appointed at 3 OC This Afternoon for them to accomplish their marriage - The Meeting this afternoon was very large & Our fr D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony, then the couples were married & both performed well

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February 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 2 M / This Afternoon rode with cousin Shadrack Chase to [Portsmouth](#) & spent the Afternoon & evening with his Mother & Sisters – found them comfortable but alas - never did I so fully realise the meaning of the word miss - tho' I have lost near & dear friends yet it seemed to me that I never missed one so much as I did from his place, as my late much loved Cousin Z Chase - I missed him from his seat at The Corner of the fireplace, when the door opened, his smiling countenance did not appear with it, & in the evening his conversation was lacking to make the visit, as my visits have been to that house my whole life long. - he has gone & I doubt not is in a better world, & it remains for us who survive to prepare for the Great change which he has passed thro'. - Next Morning cousin Shadrack & wife took me to meeting in the Sleigh it was a severe Snow Storm & we suffered considerably before we got to the Meeting house, but there was a considerable of a gathering - the first sitting was silent - in the last we had but little buisness - Rode home with Richard Mitchell & dined. Then walked home. The walking was sliper, which with a cold Rain falling, made it quite tedious. -

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March 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 3 M / At Both Meetings we had the company of Jesse Hains & his Companion Nathan Sharpless from Pennsylvania,. They had been from home near a Year, have visited Canada & the eastern Quarters of the Yearly Meeting - They came very unexpectedly to all we had not heard of their being in this neighborhood till we found them at meeting. Jesse is apparantly one of the true Ministers of the day. sound deep & clear, very searching, & with all attended with that power in an eminent degree which shook the minds of the opposers & luke warm, thro' the preaching of George Fox & some of his cotemporaries [sic] - Meetings were as well attended as could be expected considering the Walking which was very slipery & wet. - Set the evening at home & employed it in writing to my friend Hannah Pope of Baltimore

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March 3, Monday: The eastern part of the Mississippi Territory was split off to form the Alabama Territory, with its capital at St. Stephens near Mobile, Alabama.

Congress appointed John Quincy Adams as commissioner to examine and report on the subject of Weights and measures in the United States, and also as to the desirableness of adopting the French system, or some similar one. During the years 1819 and 1820, Adams had the standards employed in the various custom-houses examined, and, in a table accompanying his report, presented in 1821, showed the discrepancies that existed in the different states. He reported unfavorably to the French system, and recommended a more exact conformity with the English system.

President [James Madison](#) vetoed a permanent fund for roads and [canals](#).

POEMS was [John Keats](#)'s initial publication.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 3 M 1817 / This Afternoon finished & put in the Office a letter which I begun several weeks ago to my frd Hannah Pope - & rec'd one from My dear Mother & Aunt Stanton dated 25 ult. -

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March 6, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), William Ward of Groton and Rebecca Barrett of Concord got married before the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 3 M / Last evening news came of the decease of Mary L Almy daughter of Chrsto & Lydia Almy. She was at Gloucester on a visit to her relations there was taken sick & died in a short time he afflicted parents have returned to town. - The particulars of her conclusion I have not understood. - At meeting a few words were spoken, tho' my mind was tossed about a degree of favor experienced. -

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March 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7 of 3 M / My mind has for a number of days been remarkably shut out from good - tho' I have both when I first awoke in the morning & at our pause at meals as well as many other times endeavored to raise a sigh in prayer for help, yet all was hard & good was not at my command, however having often experienced such seasons, & sometimes found them the precursor of better times, even so in measure it proves now - This morning I have felt a revival, my heart tendered, & enabled to ask for help
This eveng visited the house of mourning Christo & Lydia Almy have buried their daughter Mary, she was absent at Gloucester*



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where she was taken ill with the Thypus fever & died They got to her about 17 hours before she left time - they found her in the use of her reason with which she was favor'd to the last - Their acct was interesting & deeply instructing to my mind. -

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 March 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 3rd M 1817 / This Afternoon Our frd Philip Dunham & Warren Gifford, accompanied by Henry Knowles from Narragansett came to our house took tea & set the evening & staid all night with the exception of Henry who went to J Mitchells -

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 March 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [Quarterly Meeting?] / At meeting in the morning Philip was concerned in testimony & felt out the condition of divers present - They all dined with us. - In the Afternoon Warren was twice on his feet, was powerful & searching. - their testimonies were comforting to me & I can truly say I was thankful for the visit - They took tea with father Rodman & Went to Richd Mitchells to lodge expecting to go home tomorrow. - I have been long acquainted with Philip & as long has been a brother beloved. -

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 March 13, Thursday: When Henry Phillips, who had murdered Gaspard Denegri near Roebuck Tavern, was [hanged](#) on [Boston Neck](#), he was allowed to hold a handkerchief with the agreement that he would drop it when he was ready for the trap to be sprung.

After the cap was drawn over his eyes, he sang a song of three verses, dropped the handkerchief, and was launched into eternity.²²⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 3 M / Very unexpectedly at meeting today we had the Company of Obadiah Davis & Ruth his wife - Ruth first appeared in a long & solemn testimony to parents & Youth & related the circumstances of the death of a young woman in their neighborhood who left time a few days ago in a sweet frame of mind, who expressed that many times when her parents restrained her from the ways of the World, she thought them hard. but she was then fully sensible they were right & that it was their Duty so to do - Obadiah followed her in very impressive terms to a considerable length - Ruth then appeared in solemn supplication

224. Edward H. Savage's POLICE RECORDS AND RECOLLECTIONS OR BOSTON BY DAYLIGHT AND GASLIGHT FOR TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS, issued in 1873.



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& Obadiah wound up in a few words, excellently – It was a close searching time & I have no hesitation in saying that the Lords mighty power was felt among us & some minds were shaken by it. -My state was remarkably spoken & I have no doubt many others were 6th day 14th of 3rd M 1817 / This day John is five years old -he is a smart little fellow & I devoutly hope he may make a GOOD Man - I have no greater desire for him, even tho' he should be blessed with great riches without RELIGION, they are nothing. – This Afternoon Sister Ruth came down to see us & will stay all night. The first time she has been out since she broke her leg - I can but feel a degree of thanksgiving that she has thus comfortably got along. – My Spirit has been (particularly this Afternoon) feelingly touched & prayers begotten that I may increase in dedication

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March 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 3 M / Geo Engs & Wife & Edw W Lawton & wife took tea & set the evening with us

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March 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16 of 3 M / Our Morning meeting was a precious season to me, soon after I took my seat my mind became solemnized & secret aspirations arose for help which was vouchsafed - a few words were expressed by father R - I felt again a revival in the Afternoon, but not as fresh as in the morning. father again concerned in a few Words. -
We took tea at Aunt Nancys & my H & Sister R set the evening there. I walked out & called at C Almys & D Williams & there set most of the evening -*

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March 17, Monday: After five days during which mourners filed by the casket to pay their respects, “a vast multitude” followed the remains of John Cashman to the cemetery of Stepney Churchyard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 3 M / This morning Sister Ruth went home having past 3 night & 2 day [Monday]s very acceptably with us, & we are thankful she is so far restored as to be able to get about again

4th day 19th of 3rd M / My mind has of late been favord to witness the solemnizing influence of the spirit of Life flow thro' it, & desires raised that the clensing operation may be thoroughly preformed. -

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March 20, Thursday: Johann Simon Mayr was elected to the Ateneo of Bergamo.

Eliza Ann Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin. In 1844 she would get married with William W. Gage. She would relocate from Concord to Woburn MA. In about 1849 her sister Maria Melvin would come to Woburn to visit and find work, and would meet there and get married with

[THE MELVINS OF CONCORD](#)

George Kimball.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 3rd M / Our meeting was silent & if my feelings were correct there was a remarkable solemn covering over us - to me it was a good time tho' it might have been better - This evening my mind has been raised & this language has prevailed
"Evermore give me this bread"
Rec'd a letter from Jos Mitchell. -*

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March 21, Friday: Charles Henry Shattuck was born in [Concord](#), Massachusetts, 1st child of [Daniel Shattuck](#) and Betsey Miles Shattuck.

Rochesterville, New York was incorporated (including the village of Frankfort, which it annexed, its population was 700 — eventually this would all become Rochester). Francis Brown was elected the 1st mayor. A mill was being built on Water Street. This spring, floods would damage the business section. In this year Elisha Johnson and Orson Seymour would lay out a subdivision on the east bank of the Genesee River. [Austin Steward](#), a freed black man, was opening a meat market on West Main Street (local white competitors would deface his business signs with black paint, but eventually this would cease).



Edward Scramtom, a white abolitionist who had helped the freed Austin Steward with his belated education, would later comment upon this incident:

...the outrage and indignity offered you in Rochester, by white competitors on no other ground than that of color.²²⁵ I saw your bitter tears, and recollect assuring you — what afterwards proved true — that justice would overtake the offenders, and that you would live to see these enemies bite the dust!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd M 21 1817 6th day / I have been favor'd with the precious incomes of love & life this morning, much to my consolation. — How precious it is to feel the Streams to flow after a season of dearth in the mind, it excites gratitude, & oh that it may continue. —

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225. The indignity spoken of was this: Mr. Steward had established a grocery and provision store on Buffalo Street, in a part of Abner Wakelee's building, opposite the Eagle Hotel. He put up his sign, a very plain and proper one, and at night, some competitors, whom he knew, as well as he could know anything which he could not prove, smeared his sign with black paint, utterly destroying it! But the misguided men who stooped to such an act — the victims of sensuality and excess — have years ago ended their journey, and passed to the bar of a higher adjudication.



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 March 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 M 23rd / In our forenoon Our frd D Buffum was concerned in a lively & excellent testimony, beginning with the Steward & pointed out his duty particularly impressed the necessity of the improvement of the talents whether 5.2 or one after dwelling in a lively & instructive manner on the subject he made a general application to the whole Audience – Father had a short testimony & the meeting ended – In the Afternoon our friend Valentine Meader & his companion Jos Battey were with us having taken [Portsmouth](#) Meeting in the morning – Valentine was favored in testimony which seemed to me like a simple pure brooke by the way. – Our meetings today were both the best I have witnessed in some months. Soon after taking my seat in the morning I felt the pure life & solemnity to rise & spread over the meeting. – In the Afternoon I experienced rather more of a labor but was enabled to get near to good at Last – for all this I desire to be thankful. – Set the evening at home.–

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 March 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 [sic] of 3 M / My Aged friend D Buffum called to see me this forenoon (as he frequently does) The conversation turned on religious subjects & was to me an interesting opportunity. I believe that both of us felt divine good to be near. –

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 March 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 3 M / My condition was sometimes past indeed on the Barran mountains & desolate hills, but of late I have had a renew'd visitation of heavenly regard & been enabled to lift up my head a little – I have this day At Several times & particularly this evening been favor'd with Sweet feelings & oh that they may continue with me. –

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 March 27, Thursday: Chancery Court denied to [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) custody of his children by [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#), [Ianthé Shelley](#) (age 3^{1/2}) and [Charles Shelley](#) (age 2).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 3 M / Monthly Meeting in Town. – In the first meeting we had two testimonys Viz D B & C R – it was a Season of labor to me –In the last we had no buisness of much importance – No one came home to Dine with us tho' I asked an unusual number, all previously engaged

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 March 30, Sunday: [Lieutenant Francis Hall](#) sighted the welcome hills of his own country.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 3 M 1817 / Silent meetings both of them hard times to me & I believe some others - I called in the eveng at Br D Rodmans & set a little while with Sister E who is keeping House for Joanna, she being out of Town on a visit - also called at father Rs where I met Jonathon Swain from [Nantucket](#) - he has been about town several days & seems like a clearer friend

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 April 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 4th M 1817 / For some days past I have had a severe conflict with the enemy - during which the expressions of Jesus Christ to Peter was forcibly revived in my remembrance to my consolation & help - "Satan hath desired to have thee to sift thee as Wheat - but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not"- The importance of a mediator with God was never more fully in my view & the recollection tendered my heart. -

5th day 3 of 4 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended & I have no doubt was a comfortable season to some present - The forepart of it was to me, but dwindled before the close One communication which I thought sound -

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 April 6, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 4th M / Meetings were pretty well attended - in the morning a short testimony by father Rodman - in the Afternoon Silent

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 April 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 4th M / Before meeting I had an interesting visit from my frd D Buffum who related some of the exercises of his Youth - while he was here Cousin Ann Greene came in from Connanicut who has come over to attend Meeting, being seven Months since she was over & feelingly regretts being unable to get to meetings - I hope that way will open for friends to hold a meeting on that Island the ensuing summer. -
At meeting father Rodman appeared in a short but impressive testimony & to me it was a good Meeting tho' not all the time as much abstracted from the World as I could wish
Rec'd this morning a letter from mother which mentions that her health is about as usual -*

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 April 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 4 M 1817 / Called this forenoon to see the Widow Dorcas Potter as I have done Several times of late. found her very weak & feeble but sitting up an end on the bed conversed with a strong voice & wished me to point to her the passage of Scripture where Christ healed the sick woman who had been bowed down for 18 Years with infermity, & also a passage which she said Doctor Wales used often to repeat - where it was said "Simon Simon Satan hath desired to have you to sift you as wheat - but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not, neither of which passages I could readily turn to tho I had read them both within a week or two - I expressed the comfort I had felt on a late reading of the latter passage that Christ had prayed for us that our faith fail not - after conversing a little while with her I came away with an evidence of sweetness attending my mind. -

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 April 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 4 M / This morning about half after 8 O'clock the nurse sent for me to come up to the Widow Potters & when I got there found she had left time about a quarter of an hour before I got there, which surprised me much. - She had rested as well as usual last night but was more unwell this morning & left time quietly & without much apparent struggle. - As executor to her will I have been very buisy in preparing for the funreal [funeral] &c.

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 April 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 4 M / Our meetings were both Silent & very well attended. - Aftermeeting [sic] In the Afternoon with D Rodman & J Weeded went down to J Dennis & after tea we made out Answers for the next Moy [Monthly] Meeting -

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 April 14, Monday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s "Remorse" was again staged.

At the Hoftheater of Dresden, incidental music to Müllner's play König Yngard by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 4th M 1817 / With my H attended the funeral of Dorcas Potter, when I went into the room & found no friend there



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& a considerable many of other societies among whom were Wm Patten & a number of his society, I felt no small degree of weight to fall upon me, for I believed it right to give them an example of Silence - for sometime after taking my seat I felt some emotion but was favor'd to get quiet & experience a degree of favor, & the gathering was very quiet which I concluded to a good degree of Satisfaction as respected myself - -after the corpse was inter'd in the common burying ground I returned to the house & took tea after which father Rodman came in & read the Will of the deceased. -

While we were absent at the funeral Henry Ridgeway of Waterford (Ireland) called to see us & left his name with Dr Hazard. on inquiry This evening, I found he left town immediately for Providence which I regret - having had some acquaintance with him last fall & felt an esteem for him

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April 17, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 4 M / At meeting Anne Greene appeared in a Living Prayer - In the forepart of the meeting my mind was exceedingly incumbered with things of the world & while sitting & perceiving that the World was "on top" & that I was unable of my self to effect a change of mind tho' I labord for it - I felt a lamentation over my condition. The concerns of the Widow Potters Estate had so occupied my attention for several days past that they here stuck fast to me. - but tho' [through] Divine help when cousin Anne knelt in Supplication I experienced my mind raised above those cumbering things & life rose to my comfort & was favor'd with an uncommonly degree of solidity in the preparative meeting. - The queries were answered & a lamentable case of intemperate use of spirituuous liquor was adverted to but in which labor has been bestowed. -

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April 20, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 4 M 1817 / At Meeting this forenoon Our fr D Buffum was concern'd in a lively sound & pertinent testimony & I have no doubt that Some were lead to reflect on the importance of christianity, who at some time in their lives were not in the habit of it. - In the Afternoon we were Silent. -

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April 24, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 4 M / I had concluded yesterday that I could not go to Portsmouth to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held there to day in consequence of the pressure of my own buisness, which is much behind owing to the many concerns which devolved upon



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me in discharging the duties of an Executor to the widow Potter, besides which I am looking towards the Quarterly Meeting to be held at [Greenwich](#) next week which renders it necessary to attend & get things in readiness to leave behind - & even if this had not been on the Wheel I hardly think I should have attempted to have gone to [Portsmouth](#) as it is a violent South East Storm of wind & Rain. - My mind is however much with my brethren now assembled or perhaps assembling (as it is not yet eleven O'clock) at [Portsmouth](#) meeting house. - Several concerns is like to come before them in which I feel interested, particularly Jamestown meetings. I should be glad to lend my feeble aid in helping the few friends on that Island, again to sit together, in a meeting capacity, & I feel as much concern for those who are not members who would be likely to sit with them, from belief that Some among them feel the privation almost as much as friends

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 April 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 4 M 1817 / Exceedingly occupied in disposing of the household furnature of Dorca Potter at Vendue

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 April 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 4 M / Both our meetings silent & pretty well attended - John Williams son of Obadiah arrived in Town Several are very Sick at [Portsmouth](#), the throat Distemper is prevalent. Isaac Chases Daughter Mary is very low with it - Isaac Almy son of Holder is also very low with a fever. -

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 April 29, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) began to travel toward Rome (he would arrive on May 26th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 4 M / At half past 11 O'clock this mornng took passage with the friends to [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting we were six hours & three quarters on the Water but the time passed pleasantly when we got to our old friends John Caseys we found him very glad to see us & we lodged there - 4th day mornng I took Chaise & went to the fulling mill factory with Sister Mary & Susan Proud which was a pleasant little excursion for Mary as she was never from home so far before. - Called at Cousin Wanton Caseys - Dined at John Caseys. - took tea at Wanton Caseys & Mary with me where I lodged 2nd day [Monday] after breakfast called to J Casey where I saw several old friends - then at James Greenes after taking a dish of tea with him - we went to meeting - James & Peter Hoxie were several times on foot. no other preachers - In the last meeting After the Queries were Answer'd



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- Peter Hoxies concern was considered to visit some parts of New York Yearly Meeting - which after much weighty deliberation was refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting. - Thomas Anthony was Brought forward as a minister from [Greenwich](#) Monthly Meeting the case united with & forwarded to the Yearly Meeting, which was the chief buisness that concerned us. Dined at John Caseys - took tea with father Rodman & lodged at Wanton Caseys. -

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May 2, Friday: At the Scuola Musicale of Bergamo, Arianna e Bacco, a cantata for solo voices, chorus and orchestra by Johann Simon Mayr, was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day This morning after taking leave of my Aged cousin Abigail Casey, cousin Wanton & his wife & amiable children - we went to John Caseys where we pretty much all collected that were going to [Newport](#) & at half past 8 OC were all on Packet Board & had a pleasant passage (tho' a head Wind) of 4 hours & an half - I found our friends well - my H & John were glad of our return & had a comfortable dinner provided of which Abby Anthony & Benjamin Mott partook. -

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May 3, Saturday: Greatly depressed and highly agitated, Samuel Wesley went to stay with his mother. He so worried his sister Sarah that she hired a person to watch him.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 5 M 1817 / We learn this morning that Isaac Almy son of the late Holder Almy departed this life at [Portsmouth](#) about 7 OC last evening. -

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May 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 5 M / About 1 OClock this morning my dear & much loved Cousin ALICE CHASE departed this life at her residence in [Portsmouth](#) her disorder was the Throat Distemper or Canker Rash, which terminated very quick. She was taken while I was absent at Quarterly Meeting. - with the removal of her dear father the chain of happiness as respects myself was broken in that family & now another link is gone, Alass! we shall all soon be gone - I have loved her from childhood & I believe our love was reciprocal - & on my part will be remembered while I live Our morning meeting was silent & rather small Several gone to [Portsmouth](#) to attend I Almys funeral & some to Connannicut on the committee to open the Meeting.

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 May 6, Tuesday: Deluding himself into supposing that he was being chased by creditors sent by his ex-wife, Samuel Wesley seriously injured himself by leaping from an upper window of his mother's house.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 5 M 1817 / Sylvester Weeks & Benjamin Mott dined with us, they with Benja Freeborn are waiting in town as arbitrators in a difficulty between Rowland Hazard & Thos R Williams. - the evidence got over about Dinner time & they are setting on the case at the Meeting House this Afternoon. -

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 May 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 5 M / Our meeting was small & silent & our quietude somewhat disturbed in consequence of the noise of Drums &c about town - Yesterday was Election Day but the Governor was not declared till this morning a circumstance which has not occurred before in many years.

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 May 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 5 M / The Arbitrators in the case of R H & T R W this morning produced their award, the T should pay R \$300 dollars in six months - which I hope will terminate controversy between them.

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 May 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 5 M / The remains of Hannah Brayton aged 95 Years widow of Francis Brayton & Mother of Robert Brayton were carried to our forenoon Meeting & after meeting were inter'd in the Upper Burying ground in the Meadow field - She was not a member of our Society, but was carried to meeting by request of her son who with his mother were friendly people & attenders of meetings - Father Rodman & David Buffum both preached In the Afternoon we were Silent - Mother Rodman is quite Sick with the throat Distemper.

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 May 12, Monday: [William John Broderip](#) joined the bar at Lincoln's Inn. His practice would be on the western circuit. Soon he and Peregrine Bingham would begin reporting in the court of common pleas. (These reports would appear in three volumes from 1820 to 1822.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 12 of 5 M / Mother Rodman is Better today her disorder assumes a favorable appearance & we hope her confinement will not be very long. - Went this evening with my H to see her. - her throat has been considerable sore & some fever hanging about her system. -

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 May 15, Thursday: The 1st private mental hospital in the United States, the Asylum for the Relief of Persons Deprived of the Use of Their Reason, began to admit patients in Philadelphia. During this initial year 19 persons would be admitted. Isaac Bonsall was the hospital's 1st superintendent. The facility's name has since become "Friends Hospital."²²⁶

PSYCHOLOGY

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 5 M 1817 / A few words were spoken at Meeting wich I thought rather smaller than usual. There is considerable sickness about which prevents some. - Mother Rodman is better but Sister Eliza & Mary are confind with the throat Distemper - Several Sent for the Doctor from Middletown this Morning. -Br. Isaac daughter Susan is very ill of a fever & her case doubtful.

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 May 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 5 M / D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony in the forenoon meeting in the Afternoon silent. -

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 May 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 5 M / Our friends David Buffum & Jonathon Dennis sailed this morning for New York to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting. -

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 May 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 5 M / Our meeting was well attended & I believe a comfortable time. - my mind was tossd about but an evidence of good felt. - No buisness on importance in the Preparative except to reappoint David Buffum Jr as Clerk for the Year ensuing -

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 May 23, Friday: Having been stabilized after his delusional leap, Samuel Wesley was taken from his mother's house to a temporary abode in Chapel Street, London to continue his therapy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 5 M / My dear & Affectionate mother arrived this Morning about 10 O'clock from New York after an absence from home of Seven Months & 23 day [Tuesday]s - & Aunt Stanton came with her. -

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 May 25, Sunday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 14th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 5 M / At 8 O'clock this morning went to the ferry with Richard Mitchell to go to Connannicut to attend the Meeting there before we set off we discovered a rope in the rigging was Stranded which occasioned some detention to splice it which was a favorable circumstance as before we got ready to set off Abigail Robinson came down to go over not knowing of our going - At Meeting Anne Greene & Abigail were concerned in lively testimonies, returned & Dined at Greenes, & came over the ferry again in good Season to attend our Afternoon Meeting which was silent
Sister Eliza took tea with us & set the evening. -*

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 May 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 5 M 1817 / Rode with Dr. Hazard to Cousin Chases this forenoon, got there as they were eating dinner, found cousin Elizabeth quite poorly & her mother feeble but about the house & pretty comfortable, Henry Chase & Lydia Cory rather poorly with the remains of the throat distemper - Alass how lonesome & changed did all things there appear to me. Since I was last there Cousin Alice removed to her long home, who was then in good health & bid fair for long life & almost the only prop to her aged mother. - I spent a little while in sympathy with these beloved cousins & then with the Doctor returned home & on our way called to see Rhoda Anthony who is quite poorly & probably in a declining state of health. -

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May 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 5 M / Our first meeting was silent the buisness of the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) was pretty well conducted, a trying occurrence was expected but was averted - the overseers of [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting were again proposed & reappointed by the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - Uncle Saml Thurston & wife. Eliza Freeborn Ann[?] Anthony Aunt Sarah Almy & Go Dennis Dined with us. -

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June 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 6 M 1817 / Our morning meeting was Silent & pretty well attended. In the Afternoon Betsy Purinton & her companion were at meeting having attended [Portsmouth](#) in the morning, Rebecca appeared in a few words - Betsy in testimony & supplication. - They went to father Rodmans to tea & to lodge & in the evening called with my H & John to set a little while with them -

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June 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 6th M / This afternoon we took tea with our neighbour & friend Thos Hornsbey, in company with our old neighbours Saml Towle & his wife - This was a pleasant interview & one which I suppose will be long remembered. -

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June 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 6th M 1817 / When I went out to open my shop this morning I saw our friend David Buffum coming up town having just landed from the Packet from New York - I was glad to see him & told him that as soon as I awoke & pretty much all the times I was dressing I was thinking of him. J Dennis had gone along before him to send in his Chaises for him & he came in & gave me a little account of the Yearly Meeting & of friends in the City of NewYork.

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June 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 6 M / Went this morning to Connannicut with Jethro Mitchell to attend the Meeting there, he & myself being added



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to the committee for that purpose at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The gathering was small, & I thought the promise was experienced by us there "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of you". - to me it was a comfortable season - After meeting we came immediately across the ferry & I got home just as my H was rising from the dinner table & found she had Kindly Saved a piece of Mackerell for me. - Our Afternoon meeting at home, was silent & to me a good one. Aunt Stanton took tea with us & Mother Rodman added to the company in the evening

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 June 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 6 M / Benjamin Anthony an aged man & cripple was at meeting & preached a little - he is here from Cornwall state of N York on a visit to his relation he walks with 2 Crotches & is so lame that a chair was set in the Alley for him, his limbs are much drawn with The rheumatism - when he preached he Spoke sitting, & such was his helpless appearance as a man & Such the love & tenderness of expression that he excited sympathy by his appearance & raised life in my mind by his communication - it was to me a good meeting throughout. -

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 June 13, Friday: Timothy Leonard, the [hermit](#) of Hermit Pond in New Marlborough, Massachusetts, died alone in about his 70th year (New Marlborough is about 20 miles from Lenox).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th 13th of 6th M 1817 / This may be considered the beginning of Yearly Meeting. - A number of Friends have come - this Afternoon Jesse Kersey & several others came with a letter from OBrown to me requesting my attention to them - by previous arrangement I conducted Jessey & his companion to David Buffums & a young man from Philada to D Williams. - We have heard much tell of Jessey Kersey as a great preacher & good man. & I ma acknowledge that his looks are prepossessing -

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 June 14, Saturday: [John Foster Williams Lane](#), who would be one of [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s classmates at [Harvard College](#), was born in Boston, the son of Frederick and Eliza (Bonner) Lane (the parents named their infant in honor of Revolutionary hero Captain John Foster Williams of Boston).

[Cécile-Jules-Basile Gérard](#) was born at Pignans, inland from the Mediterranean coast between Nice and Marseilles. The Hotel de Ville (town hall) there, dating to 1682, was the residence of the family, and their child would become the inspiration for the Alphonse Daudet character "Tartarin de Tarascon."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 6th M / Friends have come in but rather thinly our



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only lodgers to night are Luke & David Aldrich

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June 15, Sunday: President James Monroe would be outraged during his visit to the West Point Military Academy over the following several days, when he would discover through interviews with its faculty that its acting superintendent, [Captain Alden Partridge](#) of the Corps of Engineers, had been arbitrarily graduating the cadets without any examinations and without reference either to academic standing or to military ability. The President would replace the acting superintendent with Sylvanus Thayer and arrange a court martial, after which Captain Partridge would be resigning his commission.²²⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our Meeting this forenoon owing to the very hevy rain that was falling & high wind blowing was not as large as common Jas Green delivered a sound zealous testimony & Jesse Kersey a very sound & very uncommonly highly finished testimony on the efficacy of divine light on the mind. - We forget from time to time but I believe I must pronounce it as the one of the most clear communications I ever heard Mary Nafftal concluded in supplication In the Afternoon Hannah Evans a woman from Philadelphia appeared in testimony then Jas Greene Jesse again on the subject of educating children &c. Our meetings were good ones. the Afternoon a little more unsettled than the morning. -

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June 16, Monday: [Edward Jesse](#) was promoted from 3d-ranking commissioner of hackney coaches at Windsor Palace, to 2d.²²⁸

MANFRED by [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was published in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day In the forenoon the usual buisness was enterd upon. Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings were rec'd & read & in the Acct from Falmouth Quarter was observed a proposal to remove the Yearly Meeting - & a very good testimony from Westport Moy [Monthly] Meeting was read concerning our aged & truly honorable friend Jeremiah Austin - Many testimonies were delivered by our foreign brethren, particularly S Grellet I Thornm Jr Jesse Kersey &c &c In the Afternoon The answers to the Queries were attended to, under a solemn covering, which with the other subjects drew many observations from several friends from other Yearly Meetings. - The state of the African race & a right education of children were the principal subjects tho many of minor importance were touched upon & I was gratified to observe the life which rose & shone in our Aged brother [Moses Brown](#) as well Wm Rotch Jr Wm

227. Partridge would never get over this. He would author, among other diatribes, pseudonomously in 1830 in Washington DC, a 28-page pamphlet entitled THE MILITARY ACADEMY, AT WEST POINT, UNMASKED: OR, CORRUPTION AND MILITARY DESPOTISM EXPOSED. BY AMERICANUS.

228. This office had been created in 1694 and would be abolished on January 5, 1832.



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Almy Obadiah Davis & others of this Yearly Meeting. – We have had much company today & have been favor'd to get along with rather more satisfaction at the close of the Day than common. – Isaac Thorn & Ruben House are our lodgers with several others in addition to last night. –

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June 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day But one sitting today & that this Afternoon A testimony concerning Elisha Thornton rec'd was read from [Smithfield](#) Mo Meeting. The subject of education & the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were brought up & engaged the attention of the Meeting. – Many excellent testimonies were excited & divine good felt to be near. – The subject of removing The Yearly Meeting being called up a committee was appointed to consider of the subject & report to a future sitting. – a committee was also appointed to promote Subscriptions for the School. – We had about 25 at tea – & Mary Allen & Lydia Hadwin came in & had an opportunity of silence in which she preached sweetly

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June 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Many communications were made this morning by our foreign friends, but the meeting was chiefly occupied on the subject of a proposition from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to appoint delegates from all the Yearly Meetings to report a uniform discipline. This was more a subject of debate than any that has occur'd in the course of the Meeting & my opinion, the debate was not unprofitable. – The subject of the removal of the Yearly Meeting was reverted & the committee appointed was continued & others added to report their judgement next Yearly Meeting. –

In The Afternoon Epistles were presented to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond & passed without much amendment – & the committee to raise Money for the Yearly Meeting reported that they had rec'd subscriptions for 3700 Dollars which with 3500 Dollars that was conditionally subscribed by two friends made 7200 Dollars the sum proposed to be raised by the meeting for Sufferings. – after the concluding minute was read – at the request of Mary Nafftal the shutters were raised & She had a solid testimony to bear. – Jesse Kersey Prayed & Mary took her leave of us. –

At tea we had Hannah Fisher & her children Wm Wharton & wife – Isaac Thorn & others to the number of about 30.– In the evening we had a setting Micajah Collins & Thomas Anthony – Isaac Thorn



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prayed fervently for us all. -

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June 19, Thursday: In Bergamo, Concertino in G for english horn and orchestra by Gaetano Donizetti was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day Our Meeting today was large, attended by many of the great folks of the town, Mary Nafftal & Hannah Evans preached & Jesse Kersey was favor'd in testimony, much to the satisfaction of many if not all present - The gathering was very large. -Mary Evans concluded in supplication -
Mary Nafftal, Mary Lewis & Stephen Grellet, with Isaac Thorn & Ruben House Set the latter part of the Afternoon & took tea with us - M Nafftal seems to be a goodly old Woman, & Stephen a deeply concerned friend & related many interesting Anecdotes of his own travels in France Hayti, & Canada, with several of other peoples exercises which rendered this little visit useful to us as well as very gratifying to have their company. -
After dinner & in the course of the forenoon all our family left us us except Isaac & Ruben, we have had the company of interesting company - some in one way & some in another, & to me Luke Aldridge & his sister Sarah were not a little so. they both came in by convincement. -*

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June 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day Isaac Thorn & R. House left us for [Tiverton](#) where they expect to be at meeting this day -I went down to the Packet at Banisters Wharf with Jesse Kersey & Ritchard Hartshorn where they found the Packet about going off, they took passage & saild about 9 O'clock. -
In concluding this little (for it is but a little) account of the occurences of the Yearly Meeting - I feel thankful in acknowledging, that not withstanding we have had much company & our appartments small to accomadate them in, yet my mind has in the midst of all been refreshed with fresh manifestations that good was near-. no grateing occurence has taken place & we moved on in our family with order, my dear H being well quallified to take the lead. & our Help viz. Mary Macomber & Martha Aleman were also of the best Kind, capable of getting the Meals in season & in the best manner this was a favor to my H as She was not confind so as to make her late at meeting or obliged to work so as to be fatigued when there.
My Mother Aunt Stanton & Cousin Martha Hazard set the Afternoon & took tea with us. -*

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 June 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st [sic] of 6th M 1817 / Hannah Evans & Hannah Shinn were at Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today. -

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 June 23, Monday: In Brazil João Paulo Bezerra replaced António de Araújo de Azevedo, conde da Barca as Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day of 6 M / The above mentioned friends are at Connanicut Meeting today & expect tomorrow to be at S Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -

Our meeting in town was large & D Buffum was favor'd in a short but appropriate testimony - Afternoon Silent & pretty well attended

After tea took a walk with John up to David Williamss

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 June 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 6 M / Watched last night with ZMy old neighbor & friend Wm Langley, which has occasioned a havy day but more comfortable than common after a sleepless night

JOSEPH SISSON & his wife called thia Afternoon to set a little while with us, he is now in the 89 Year of his Age & she in the 83 Year of her Age. They are yet smart intelligent old folks, he has had three wives & lived with the present one 64 Years, & their decendants, children, grandchildren, & great grand children amount to upwards of 90. They lived many Years on this Island but of latter time reside about 8 Miles from [Providence](#). -They were intimate acquaintances of my Grandfather Stephen Wanton, & well remembere my prediccursors on both side several generations back.

News was rec'd this Afternoon of the decease of Freelove Green an old neighbor who removed some years ago into the Back part of Pennsylvania with her Brother in law Nicholas P Tillinghast - so generations passawy & soon the present will be all gone, a few may remain who are now Young to tell some anecdotes of us like Jos Sisson & his wife & may they be instructive to future generations

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 June 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 6the M 1817 / Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) - my mind was exercised in the morning about going & seem'd to



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turn on going tho' much doubt remaining, yet made arrangements to go, but on going up stairs to put on some cloaths - My H mentioned that she was quite unwell, which determind me not to go - seldom has my feelings been more between the two drifts of going & not going - I knew that ELder Griffin was to be there & Hannah G Fields -yet I could find no particular concern that was to come before the meeting that clamed[sic] my Thought particularly - & as that was the case & feeling in no small matter to leave home when my buisness was behind hand, & pay \$1.50 cents for chaise hire when I was in possession of so little money, were circumstances that weighed heavily against it. - Yet to leave a meeting meerly under such circumstances was trying. After my H said she was unwell the point turned & I felt easy to stay at home, for I remembered the Moy [Monthly] Meeting of the 8th M 1810 when I went & when I returned found our son Caleb had died in my Absence - perhaps this & some other circumstances when I have left home & I returned & not found thigs as I felt them operated rather too much - but I have not felt any uneasiness at giving up the inclination I felt to go. -

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June 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 27 of 6th M / The President of the United States was expected in Town this day & the people have experienced much disappointment - having made much parade without answering their end. -
Sister Mary spent the day with us. -*

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June 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28th of 6th M 1817 / The approach of the President was announced at about 25 Minutes before 12 OClock by the ringing of Bells & beating of Drums & as much running of Men women & children as on any Public Day - At 3 OC he landed & after going to his lodgings - was soon out again to visit the forts as he walked up to go to Fort Green I had a tolerable good view of him. - Toward night he went out to Tammany Hill & to Marlbones Garden - was introduced to David Buffum who walked in the Garden with him - The President is a pretty good looking Man & I hoped is as good as he looks. -

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June 29, Sunday: New President James Monroe, on a northern tour during the summer, was the lion of the day at [Newport, Rhode Island](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 6th M / The President went to the Episcopal



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*Church in the forenoon & to Pattens meeting in the Afternoon. –
Our forenoon meeting was Silent but I thought solid &
comfortable.–
Sister Eliza took tea & set the evening.*

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 June 30, Monday: New President James Monroe, on a northern tour during the summer, went from [Newport](#) to Fall River. From there he would go to [Bristol, Rhode Island](#), and board the steamboat *Fire Fly* (the 1st steamboat to run a regular commercial service on [Narragansett Bay](#)) for the trip to [Providence](#), arriving there late in the evening.

1817. President Monroe visited the town, June 30. His arrival had been anticipated, and the citizens had appointed a Committee to receive and welcome him, which Committee consisted of the Town Council and ten other gentlemen. He was received amidst the ringing of bells, the discharge of cannon, and other demonstrations of joy, and was escorted from his place of landing from the steam-boat, by a civic and military procession, to the Golden Ball Inn (now Mansion House) where the Committee made him a very respectful address, to which he made a suitable response. On the following day he passed through the principal streets, on horseback, and at 11 o'clock left the town, under escort of the Light Dragoons.

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 6M / This morning Went with Rowland Hazard to visit the President - We were introduced by OH Perry - He received us very civilly. - my inducement for going was to shew a Simple testimony of respect & from a thought that it might be of use in some future day to be known to the president. we know not in what situation Our society may be placed, & a little knowledge of some of us may have some useful tendency in some way that we cannot now foresee. – While at the House I was also introduced to the Governor of the State (N R Knight) & to General Swift On turning to come away I forcibly felt the expression to arise "Better O Lord is an hour in thy Presence than a thousand elsewhere." –

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 July 1, Tuesday: New President James Monroe, after visiting points of interest in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), and touring the “original cotton mill” at [Pawtucket](#), proceeded toward [Boston](#).



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July 2, Wednesday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#) stood for three hours with other members of the graduating class of the Boston Public Latin School on the Boston Common, dressed in white breeches and blue coats with red-and-blue artificial roses in their left lapels, waiting for the new President of the United States of America – “J. Munroe” in a letter Emerson wrote at that time– to arrive from [Rhode Island](#), bow, and receive Massachusetts’s 18-gun salute.

BOSTON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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4th day 2nd of 7th M 1817 / My Mother & Aunt Stanton spent this Afternoon at the Widow Champlins - went with my H & joined them in the evening - found her still very affable tho' very thick of hearing. - This Afternoon attended the funeral of Widow Sarah Easton -She was interd in the family burying place near the beach, & being one of the bearers felt much fatigued after the Walk.



July 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 7 M / Our meeting rather Small & silent but to me a comfortable time excepting at the close as overseer had to stop with a poor brother who has been delinquent in paying his debts. this occasioned some close remarks which I conceived was my duty to make. This evening my old friend & neighbour WILLIAM LANGLEY departed this life - he has now passed thro' what he has lived in dread off [sic] for tho' he was a good moral man & in the latter part of his life was religiously disposed. yet he often spoke of the fear of death. - he was taken in a fit about two weeks ago & has most of that time lain in a Stupor, he has however had - a few lucid intervals in which he manifested a sense of his situation & a calmness of mind that was hopeful & comfortable

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 Our national birthday, Friday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 13th birthday.

The state of New York began to compete with the Cumberland Road by starting work at Rome NY upon a massive engineering project, a canal toward Lake Erie. It was on this day full of national symbolism that Governor DeWitt Clinton removed the first symbolic shovelful of dirt, at Rome, from the ditch that was to connect the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean by a route through the rivers of the United States, to be termed "the [Erie Canal](#)." Benjamin Wright would be chief engineer of the Middle Section. This project to dig a long canal 40 feet wide and 4 feet deep was projected to cost the nation M\$5, would actually cost the nation M\$7 (in money that would now be the equivalent of M\$700), and would be for a great stretch of our national existence our nation's single largest project — until, that is, we outdid ourselves by embarking on a scheme to construct an "[atomic](#)" bomb.²²⁹

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

CANALS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 7 M / This day has been, ever since my remembrance a noisy one & of great anxiety to parents & those who have the care of children. I feel it more & more so, tho' we have but one to care for, yet with his advance in life we feel care to increase on his account - It has passed away without accident for which I desire to thankful. -

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 July 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 7th M 1817 / Our Meetings were both silent. -At the close of the Afternoon Meeting was the funeral of WILLIAM LANGLEY which I attended tho' it had begun to move before our meeting closed - There was an abundance of people attended it, the procession was nearly from the parade to Liberty Tree. many was anxious to testify their respect for so worthy & useful man in the Town - In addition to his own family it is probable there are many poor widows & helpless familys that will feel the Loss of him the ensuing Winter. - Thus we have repeated demonstration of the change that all things here are subject to. The Ancient standards are often removed, & soon very soon those who are rising in Life will follow after them on seeing my Aged friend placed in his grave this afternoon, the reflections solely arises that I myself am hastening to the Same condition, as are the numerous by standers of every age, & How great indeed is the necessity for a preparation

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 July 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 7 M / The day has now closed & it is nearly time to retire to bed. - I feel my Mind drawn seriously to reflect

229. The [Erie Canal](#) was a very good bargain despite its cost, and would already have returned its investment, by fees obtained while being only partially open, even before its official completion. The project can be said to be coextensive with Thoreau's life, in that it started in 1817 and came to its far end in 1862.



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on the swift & Silent wing with which time is Passing. – every day brings me nearer the solemn close – & I know not how soon it may come. Oh that I may be prepared to render my account

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 July 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 7 M / Rowland Greene & Anne Almy are visiting family at [Portsmouth](#). They came to town & were at meeting with us today - Anne preached sweetly – After meeting had a conference with Uncle Wm Mitchell on the subject of his letters to me, not to satisfaction, this is matter of deep regret to my feelings- D Buffum & R Mitchell were present & I have the satisfaction of their Approbation. –

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 July 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 7th M 1817 / In our forenoon Meeting (which I thought rather more thinly attended than usual) D Buffum was concerned in a very lively & pertinent testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness – In the Afternoon we were Silent - An unpleasant subject exercised my mind in both Meetings. – After tea took a pleasant walk with John round the Hill to Clifton Burying ground - & stoped at severl places on my way home. –

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 July 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 7 M / We had quite a sicial agreeable company to set the Afternoon & take tea with us Vizt Aunt Martha Gould Cousin Abigail Casey, My Mother Aunt Stanton, Father & Mother Rodman & Br Isaac & wife. – This opportunity was interesting on acct of the Ages of some of them. Aunt Martha is over 80 Years & cousin Casey wants but a few weeks of 80 -. & it is probably the last time she will ever be in [Newport](#) – She is own cousin to my Mother & great love subsists in the family.

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 July 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th 7 m / Cousin Casey, My Mother & Aunt Stanton, Hannah & myself took tea this Afternoon at father Rodmans.

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 July 17, Thursday: Negotiations for a French Constitution.

[James Duncan Graham](#) graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was promoted to 3d Lieutenant in the Corps of Artillery.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 7 M / Our meeting was rather small – A Short testimony from father R. – a season of some instruction to me.

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 July 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 7 M / In the forenoon D Buffum was concer'd in a lively testimony & a pretty good meeting – In the Afternoon father Rodman delivered a short but savory testimony to my feelings. – In the evening called so see my old friend Mary Tillinghast –

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 July 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 7 M / Walked this Afternoon to Middletown to attend the funeral Mary Weeden Gould daughter of my cousin Gorge Gould – I was glad I was there for the sitting the silent proved to me a Season of favor. Life & Love being sweetly renewed in my mind. I was carried back to reflect on many sweet seasons I had experienced in the room where we sat when several were tenants of it, whose spirits have now doubtless found a more permanent & happy abode in heaven with the Spirits of the just, & desires were raised that we who remain a little longer in this mutable state may so employ the remnant of our time, as in the end to furnish survivors with a hope similar to that which we now have of those who have gone years before us. – Things in this life is certainly very changeable & our minds are more or less involuntarily affected by outward things – mine was peculiarly so the Afternoon, on looking round the house of my cousin & observing, the decay & removal of several things – particularly an ancient mulberry tree that is now nearly lifeless, but in my childhood was flourishing, & afforded a delicious repast to my palate, after a warm but not unpleasant walk to visit my cousins. – recollection, "busy meddling memory" will often retrace these scenes, but it is quite beyond my powers of description to write or in any way convey what I now feel, & I am thankful, that I still retain a disposition & a qualification to enjoy not only the recollection, but the passing events of life. – as yet I have had but few bitter cups to what many have & I earnestly hope that what ever may be my lot all may result for my good & the Glory of my Father who Seeth in Secret – I drank tea with my cousin Elijah Anthony – Walking home picked some Elderflowers, & fell in with Caty Weaver & her Sister who had also walked out to the funeral & bore them company home –



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5th day 24th of 7 M 1817 / Our meeting was small & silent it was a season of labor to me & experienced some difficulty to get settled but was in good degree favored. – In the Preparative The Clerk forgot to bring the queries & there was no Answers made out. I had to set to the table to make essays of Answers & were dependant on The Women for a book of discipline. – **[Was Stephen Recording Clerk?]**

My mother & Aunt Stanton took tea with Aunt Nancy Carpenter & Hannah & I with them - After tea I took a ride to Middletown with Doctr. Hazard to see Rhode Anthony. She was so low that I did not get into her room. –

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July 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 7 M / Took tea this Afternoon at Cousin Nancy Goulds with My H., my Mother Aunt Stanton, & Br Isaac & Sr Sally. – While sitting with them I said in my Heart "How good & How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Love" & I should have expressed it had it not have been for certain circumstances that have passed & gone. –

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July 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 7 M / In the forenoon Meeting our fr D Buffum was engaged in a lively wise & well adapted Testimony on the subject of Brotherly love on which subjects he labored much & I hope to good effects. – father R also had a few words to communicate. – In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Mary Perry - at the head of the town D Rodman & I took a Chaise & proceeded to [Portsmouth](#) as bearers where the corpse was interred on the farm late the Property of Aaron Chase Dscs. after the funeral David & I returned home by the way of Sesauwest Beach which made a pleasant Ride.

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July 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 7 M 1817 / Our first Meeting was to me a season of but little life in my own mind but I have no doubt but others were favor'd – Hannah Dennis, Anne Greene & D Buffum were all engaged in lively testimonies & David particularly was very fresh on the subject of love.

In the last we had but little buisness & what we had not very important. A certificate in favor of Humphrey Willcox was rec'd from Dartmouth Moy [Monthly] Meeting, which as we have not been in the habit of adding much to our numbers of late, was a pleasant circumstance & will be rendered much more so should he prove a useful member. – Uncle Peter Pawton & G Anthony Dined with us. – 6thday 1st of 8 M 1817 / This day about 1 / 2 past 12 O'clock at noon Our much valued friend Sarah Robinson departed



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this life in The 85th Year of her Age – It may be Said in Truth that this day has fallen "A great Woman & a princess" few that has been raised in this town or indeed any other that has left a brighter character few possessed so great an assemblage of useful quallifications. - in Society she has spent a long life of activity for the promotion of its various concerns & has always been remarkable for her Wisdom & discession in every department of life.

This Afternoon about sunset Aunt Stanton Sailed for New York in Sloop Express. -

This Afternoon A long interview with Uncle Wm Mitchell & things seem to be settled in a tolerably good footing & I hope well continue so. -

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 August 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 8 M 1817 / Our forenoon Meeting was silent & the Afternoon nearly so, & to me both pretty good times

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 August 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 8 M / Attended the funeral of my relation & beloved friend SARAH ROBINSON. it was large, many of the people of rank in Town were present. the gathering was quiet & solemn. David Buffum was concerned in a lively & pertinent testimony which I doubt was not as extensive as it might have been had the meeting been held at the meeting house, but as it was I believe it will not be extravagant to say the Lords power & presence was felt to cover the minds of many present. The lower part of the house was so crowded that I went into the Chamber. The solemnity I believe filled the houses for admitting the countenances of the people to be an index of their minds all appeared to be under the impression of the solemnity of the occasion "That this day had fallen a princes[s] & a great woman in Israel" When the funeral was put in motions I went down & looked at The corpse with which I was much struck for tho' it had been kept beyond the common time at this season of the Year, it retained its natural appearance in a remarkable manner, was very pleasant & the countenance expressive & looked axactly as I have often observed her when gathering up her mind to speak in conversation on some interesting subject. The solemnity continued in the procession to the grave, most of us walking without breaking silence. – when arrived at the grave, the coffin was placed over it while her aged husband & afflicted daughter Abigail got out of the carriage & walked up to it whre we continued the solemn stillness something short of a quarter of an hour, when the precious remains was decently committed to the dust from whence they were taken, & the grave closed during the whole time her husband whose Aged 87 Years, whose tottering limbs is but just



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able to support him on ordinary occasions, Stood supported by christian philosophy & saw the whole. - She has been a woman who had long been an ornament in our Society & tho' her gifts were not in the Ministry, Yet they were such as render'd her truly conspicuous in the church as an active disciplinarian, & in all the social walks of life, but few have possessed the general influence in the World which she has, for wherever her name was known, it shone with brightness - but she has gone, & we have none left equal to her. -

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August 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 8 M 1817 / This Afternoon Benj, Doyen a young man about 25 years of age came to my shop & stated himself to be from Temple in the District of Mane 7 a member of our society, on his way to Philadelphia, now in distressed circumstances having left home with sufficient money in his porcket to bear his expenses, but was taken sick in Boston where his money was expended. after examining him as cloely as I was capapble of I refer'd him to David Buffum where he went & friend Obadiah Brown who lent him five Dollars & David gave him one [?] - This with what little else he will get will help him along - he states himself to have belonged to society but about three Months, that he was formerly freewill [Baptist](#), but became convinced of friends principles about three years ago, & tho' he has no certificate mentions a number of friends whom we know, & has pretty good marks of being a true man. - [S G has drawn a pointing finger: This man since preoves a gross imposter]

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August 7, Thursday: The Lyceum, or English Opera House, for the 1st time illuminated its stage by gas light.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 8th M 1817 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H & John to attend the Quarterly Meeting - stoped at Saml Thurstons. At meeting Thos Antony opened the service in a livey & Very impressive testimony & from the near love I have long borne for my dear friend & brother Thos I felt a degree of humble rejoicing on his account - Isaac Thorn was then concerned in a lively long & pertinent testimony after which the meeting ended. In the last considerable time was occupied in the various concerns that were before us. - Peter Hoxie was liberated to pay a religious visit to friends in some parts of N York State. - S Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting recommend Henry Knowles as a minister which was refered to next Quarterly Meeting. - We dined at Anne Anthonys. & rode home. - This morning John Gould Lawton son of Isaac Lawton departed this life at [Portsmouth](#) in the 16th Year of his Age -

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 August 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 8 M / Isaac Thorn came to town this morning – After dinner, I went to [Portsmouth](#) with him to attend the funeral of my cousin John Gould Lawton, son of Isaac Lawton, where Isaac had much to communicate to the people in a very lively & satisfactory manner. – after the funeral was over, we rode to David Buffums & took tea, left the horses, walked home & found Sister Ruth & Mary. –Job Sherman came in, we soon fell into silence & Isaac addressed Job in a feeling & discerning manner, which proved an affecting Season to Job & some others present. – Isaac Lodged with us, & we felt glad to have his company

3rd day 8 M 19 1817 [garbled date of posting of letter?] / This afternoon rec'd a letter from Ann Yarnell of Philadelphia respecting Benjn Doyen by which I entertain some suspicions of his being a true man, it appears that he has given her a different account from that which he gave us - but a little time [? must] elapse before a correct judgement can be formed.

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 August 9, Saturday: Leopold IV replaced Leopold III as Duke of Anhalt-Dessau.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 8th M / Isaac Thorn went to Connannicut & had a Meeting there, father Rodman went with him. he took tea with father, set the eveng & lodged with us. –

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 August 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 8th M / At meeting this forenoon I Thorn was largely concerned in testimony to good satisfaction. – he dined with aunt Nancy & had a setting in the family Father Rodman Sister Ruth with Hannah & myself were present. The opportunity will doubtless be memoreble to Several of us who he has particularly addressed –After which he set out for [Warren](#) accompanied by Benjm Hadwen on his way to Bolton Quarterly Meeting. – Our Afternoon Meeting was nearly silent.

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 August 12, Tuesday, 13, Wednesday, and 14, Thursday: Solomon Allen III observed, about 150 yards away, “a strange marine animal, that I believe to be a serpent, in the harbor in ... Gloucester. I should judge him to be between eighty and ninety feet in length, and about the size of a half barrel.... His head formed something like the head of a rattlesnake, but nearly as large as the head of a horse. When he moved on the surface of the water, his motion was slow, at times playing about in circles, and sometimes moving nearly straight forward. When he disappeared, he sunk apparently down.”

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 8 M / Silent Meeting, to me a hard time & if all faired as I did there was indeed neither dew rain or fields of offering. – I labor'd but was unable to get to the Source from whence much help is to be derived –But After I came out, life revived, & I was not without hope that tho' barraness was my portion, Yet the labor that I experienced was not without its use. –

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 August 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15th of 8 M / Thos Casey lodged with us last night & took breakfast with us this morning. – Thos left town this Afternoon with his sister Vioza

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 8mth 16, Saturday: From [Westport, Paul Cuffe](#) wrote of failing health to his “Estem'd friend Stephen Gould”:

I am in a low State of health, as thou Proposed of a physician from theare I think now to except of thy offer If thee can make it Conveanant to Come with him thy Company would be very agreable. For further information inquire of Captain Philipps. I am thy ashured friend. Paul Cuffe.

The letter would be sent by way of one of his coastwise vessels to the Gould watch-repair shop near Long Wharf in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) and presumably would be delivered by a member of the all-black crew. Captain Phillipps was Cuffe's son-in-law. When this letter would arrive, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would make a record that:

The foregoing rec'd from my friend Paul Cuffe was probably the last time he ever set pen to Paper. I went to Westport to see him and carried Doctor Hazard with me, but medical aids was in vain. He died in about two Weeks Afterwards.

Stephen, 36 years of age, would hasten to Westport, a day's journey by horseback away, taking with him a Dr. Hazard of Newport, and would spend a night there in Westport while these two [Quakers](#), white and non-white, had comforting discussions. The sick man would die two weeks later at the age of 59.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th 8m 1817 / This Afternoon took Chaise & with My H & John rode to [Portsmouth](#), lodged with my aged Cousin Elizabeth



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Chase whom I love & feel a tender concern for – FIRST DAY morning are breakfast these & before meeting stoped at Uncle Peter Lawtons - At Meeting David Buffum preached in a very lively manner. He is on his way to Salem Quarterly Meeting We dined at Uncle Peters & spent the Afternoon & Set out to come home but it began to rain & thunder before we got far, which induced us to turn back so we lodged there, & early this Morning (2nd Day) we rode home. - This has been a pleasant visit to us all. - my mind has however been much affected with divers considerations -particularly with the necessity of our living in love & becomeing wean'd from the World, & the love & cares of it, as we advance in life. Some instances that I am acquainted with has much affected my mind of those who are, as with one foot in the grave & the other on its Brink, being too too much fastened to earth & its perplexing cares, where there is no necessity for it. This excites in my mind a lively concern, yea an anxous desire that as I grow older, I may be more & more concern'd to live in the life of Religion. -

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 August 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 M 21 / Our meeting was silent but I doubt whether it ought to have been - Things are very low among us & our numbers few, & tho' there may a querie arise "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" yet I believe there are those among us who if they are faithful to the Word nigh in the heart, will, in time, find that it will be put into their mouth, & they will be brought forward to the honor of the Church & the Glory of the Lords name, this however is all on the ground of obedience. -

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 8mth 23, Saturday: William Kingston met for 5 hours with his friend Samuel Wesley at Blacklands House, the lunatic asylum in Blacklands Terrace, Chelsea. Wesley indicated that he did not consider that his delusional leap of earlier this year warranted his being treated as a lunatic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), 36 years of age, had hastened from [Newport, Rhode Island](#) to [Westport, Massachusetts](#), a day's journey by horseback, taking with him a Dr. Hazard, and would spend the night there while the two [Quakers](#), Stephen and Paul, white and non-white, would have comforting discussions. The sick man would die two weeks later at the age of 59.

7th day 23rd of 8 M / In consequence of a letter which I rec'd from my friend [Paul Cuffee](#) dated 16th inst - I set out early this morning with Doctor Hazard for Westport. we stoped at Thos Barkers to see Stephen Huntington who is very weak & low, after eating some breakfast with them we persued our journey & stoped at the four corners to sate our horse, then went on & reached Pauls house about 3 O'clock where we found him very low & so much weakened by his complaint that articulation had become difficult - when I went into the room, I told him I had come to see him, & by his request brought Dr Hazard with me he replied "It is too late" but after a little conversation he agreed to take some



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medicine which appeared to set well on his stomach - Dr Handy the attending Physician soon came & after they had consulted together a course of medicine was agreed on. The family gave us some dinner & some tea & being Full of lodgers we went to a neighbors of theirs (Daniel Tripp) to sleep where we found comfortable accommodations - we rose early in the Morning & went to Pauls to breakfast & found him no worse & on the whole some favorable symptoms I found in the course of the forenoon that he was a little revived in strength & could communicate a little more freely but much speaking in his situation was improper I therefore requested him to spare conversation on my account but told him if there was any special business that he wanted me to do for him that I would write to any of his friends respecting it - he told me there was & gave me to understand what it was of which I made a minute to communicate to Wm Rotch Jr -He told me he had made a Will to his mind & that those had agreed to execute it in whom he had confidence. - While sitting by him I observed to him that We both knew that consolation was not to be derived from many words, but if favor'd with a degree of that feeling which has no fellow it was sufficient & that I trusted while sitting by his bed side I had been thus favor'd & was thankful in the evidence that things were well with him, let the event of the present illness turn as it Might, either to live or die. I observed that I had seldom set by any one in Similar circumstances, where there seemed to be more peace, but on account of his low condition of body I had not expressed it before, & that I was particularly comforted in observing the very affectionate attention of his family & solicitude to do everything that could be done for his comfort, & to prolong his days, particularly his neice & two daughters who were very affectionate & assiduous in their attentions - he replied "It is very sweet."- before I left him I told him that if nothing happened to me & he continued in his present state I thought I should come to see him again before long - he replied "How glad I shall be to see thee if I am living" After dinner we took an affectionate leave of him & his family & set off for home we stoped at Thos Barkers again & ate some supper & the Dr went into the room to Stephen who is very low & apparantly near the final change - we then Set out for home & reached it about 10 O'clock in the evening. our journey was protracted in consequence of the horse's being nearly worn down. - I should have been glad to have gone to Westport Meeting, but could not, as we were anxious to get home. - I am glad I went & have no doubt the visit will be memorable as long as I live, as well as to Paul & his family - if nothing more it has been a fresh evidence to my mind that the colour of the skin does not effect a man in the kingdom of heaven

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August 27, Wednesday: In [Westport](#), [Paul Cuffe](#) was so obviously failing, that his family and friends were summoned for a group farewell.

Early in 1817, Cuffe's health began to fail. By July, it became



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obvious to himself and to his family that he was dying. Late in August, Cuffe called his family and "shaking hands with all, showing fellowship and friendship, bid us farewell." Paul Cuffe died at the age of 58 in the early morning hours of September 7, 1817,²³⁰ "sensible to the last moments," saying to his nurse: "let me pass quietly away."

 August 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8 M 28 1817 / It is 5th day & our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) My mind is humbled this morning under the consideration that I am not going - My H is quite unwell & hardly fit to leave alone And besides I have been So much absent from my buisness of late that it seems hardly prudent on that account - Feel thankful this morning under a fresh evidence of divine regard - from a renewal of life in my heart & breathings of spirit raised for help - The same was extended Yesterday Afternoon, when I had to take a view of my own condition & that of Society alas for the low state of both - I say again "by whom shall Jacob arise for he is small."

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 August 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 M 31st 1817 / Being unwell & under the operation of Physic I was unable to attend meeting this forenoon & occupied the time in Answering a letter from my frd John Heald of Ohio - In the Afternoon went to meeting & had a pretty good time tho' life was low - Father Rodman concerned in a short testimony

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 September 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 M 1817 / Took tea this Afternoon with my H & John, at the house of my cousins Anne & Mary Gould - This was a pleasant visit, a revival of old times when I used so frequently to visit them at their Mansion in Middletown - - found Cousin Bathsheba much as she always has been, except older, she has now attained the age of 80 Years, seems very loving & affectionate & yet loves to speak of our Aged & Honorable Grand father Danl Gould from whom we all originated, & relates anecdotes of him which are interesting to her & me In giving her an invitation to come & see us I told her that I might for once to have it in my Power to insert in my journal that she had been to see us once, but from her age she thought she could not give me my incouragement.

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230. Some sources say he died on August 27th, some on September 7th, some on September 9th, and some on September 17th. -But then, my paper edition of the Britannica isn't even aware he existed.



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 September 3, Wednesday: In Westborough, Massachusetts, Lowell Mason got married with Abigail Gregory, daughter of an innkeeper.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 9 M / This morning at breakfast table experienced the arisings of life sweetly to refresh my mind.

5th day 4th of 9 M / A favord meeting & indeed a favord Day to me. –

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 September 6, Saturday: The Drury Lane Theater in London opened, with its stage illuminated by gas light.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 9 M / Uncle David Lawton of Nine Partners & Uncle Stephen Lawton from Hudson took tea & set the evening with us - Uncle David is a man I love & esteem for his noble disposition Called this Afternoon to see Benjn Barker who has been confined some weeks & is apparantly drawing to a close - found him very tender, he expressed his entire resignation to what ever might be the issue of his Illness & observed he had many precious meetings since he had been Sick

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 September 7, Sunday: In [Westport](#), [Paul Cuffe](#) died.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 9th M 1817 / Our Meeting this forenoon was large & to me a good one - Our frd David Buffum was very lively in testimony on the subject of FAITH & father Rodman was short to the same effect

*Silent in the Afternoon & to me a Season of favor
Sister Ruth took tea with us –*

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 September 8, Monday: The Covent Garden Theater in London opened, with its stage illuminated by gas light.

At the [Westport](#) meetinghouse of the Religious Society of Friends, a silent worship funeral service was held for [Paul Cuffe](#) after the manner of Friends. (His and his wife's graves at the meetinghouse he had helped to construct are a hundred feet from the graves of the white Quakers of the Friends Cemetery, near the gray stone wall that borders the corner of the churchyard, entirely isolated. Later on, Friends' histories would prevaricate. Does any of this surprise you?)²³¹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 8 of 9 M / Heard this morning of the Decease of PAUL CUFFEE he left time Yesterday Morning & is to be interr'd this afternoon, to meet at 2 OC at Westport Meeting house this news has affected my mind, for tho' his complexion was darker than mine, I can emphatically say "I loved him" & his loss is great to our Society & the community at large - had time permitted I should have tryed to have got to his funeral, but it was rather to short for me to get there with convenience & I regret it, as in the event of his decease, I have, for several weeks felt an inclination to be at the performance of the last solemn duties, but alass, it is otherwise & disappointments is the lot of Mortals & to which we must submit. -



September 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 9 M / I have yesterday & today spent considerable time in reading Rhode Island Monthly Meetings Records from 1707/8 to 1739²³² - in which my mind has been led to reflect much on the Ancient Standard bearers, to behold their Godly care & jealousy in the honor of Truth & the promotion of its cause in this part of the VineYard has affected my mind at Several different times almost to tears - & deeply humbling it was to see the departure of some, with whom they had to bestow "labor reiterated labor" - & now & then to find an ancient Standard in the church leaving time & bequeathing a few Pounds in their Wills to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting as a testimony of their love for friends Truth. - Alass but few in This day are concerned in that Way. -



September 10, Wednesday: [Paul Cuffe](#)'s brother John Cuffe wrote to his sister Freelove Cuffe in New-York:

Here is some accounts of the dueings of our dear and much beloved brother Captain Paul Cuffe the 27th of the 8th month of 1817. Between the hours of 8 and 9 in the morning then he took a fond leave of his family wife and children grandchildren Brothers and sisters and others, shaking hands with all in fellowship and friendship bid all farewell. It was as broken a time as was not even known amongst us and he seamed to long to go with angels and with the souls of just men and women in the heavens above to receive the reward of the Righteous [A friend came and evidently asked him about Heaven. Paul replied saying] that my works are gone to judgement afore hand that I due know when he said [the friend] not many days hence you shall see the glory of god. 6 oclock in the evening he said feed my lambs. He said much more but being week and spoke so low I could not understand

231. I don't presently know of any case anywhere in America, in which a Friends meeting actually had accepted into membership any person who had the slightest taint of non-white ancestry — even if as in this case the petitioner were an adult male. Such requests seem to have been **always everywhere** stonewalled. The best we were capable of was this sort of "just-as-if-they-were-like-us" treatment. (This sheds an interesting light upon the limitations of a descriptor such as "not racist.") Five years later, for instance, when another New Bedford man of color, Nathan Johnson, would apply for membership in this very [Quaker](#) monthly meeting, he also would be stonewalled. This raises the interesting question of whether even a **well-to-do** person of color will **ever** be more than merely tolerated by the "real," that is, the white, American Quakers.

232. Records for 1676-1707 in Box 10 at Cornell Library Special Collections: [Quaker](#) meeting records from [Rhode Island](#), copied by Stephen Wanton Gould from old meeting records.



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so as to take the tru meaning and he also asked us all not to hang on unto him but to give up and let him go. I [John Cuffe] had layen very close with many prayers to go and his christ that he might be brought to health again [They all pray together with Paul] the will of the lord be done. He still kept failing from day to day some days took no nourishment at al in nor medesian Except cold water until first morning at 2 oclock in the morning the 7 day of this 9th month 1817 then Brother Cuffe departed this life. This is news that will not soon be forgotten with Soarrow not from the teeth outward but from the heart. I may say that I wept much. He died in the 59th year of his age after three months of sickness. He bore his illness with patience and through the whole and was awake to the last moments. [...] and as he close drew near and said to the nuse that he was But little more than a dade man Let me go Quietly away ofering his hand to his atendance that would have to tend him. So he fell asleep in death and is gone home to glory. He was a loving husband and a tender father and a cind neighbor and a faithful friend. The time appointed and all met together under a great on the second say of the week the second hour in the afternoon and after waiting in great silence testimonies then being born by friends he was borne to the grave and decently buried. A large crowd of people of all societeyes. I do not remember as I have been before at so large a gathering of people at anny funeral before. He was buried at friends burying ground at the fourth meeting house where we meet together. At his death he was 57 and months and 21 days old.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 9 M 1817 / Set an hour this evening at Thos Robinsons the old man is feeble & takes but little part in conversation. - the visit however was very interesting being favor'd with precious feelings in conversations with Abigail, & Mary Morton, on various subjects which all of us seemed alive to. I went over to wait on Sister Ruth home, who had set the evening with them. - The little time I passed with them was so pleasant that I regreted that I did not go over early. -

The historian Rosalind Cobb Wiggins struggled with the fact that, once the body of his friend [Paul Cuffe](#) had been interred (near, but not in, the local burial ground for white Quakers), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) seemed to fall away from his previous concern for the welfare of American people of color, and the fact that this personal failure on the part of Friend Stephen has been typical of a falling away by white American [Quakers](#) in general. She asked Quakers now, to act to forever cleanse “this stain of evasion” from their otherwise splendid human rights record:



Following Cuffe's death Stephen seems to only have occasionally spoken out in Meeting about slavery or the slave trade. Only two or three times did he cordially greet black men and women who had known of Paul and his vision. His concerns gradually changed as his responsibilities within his Meeting and the Yearly Meeting expanded.... Ten years before his own death it was suggested that he and Hannah become Assistant Caretakers, or



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house parents, at the Yearly Meeting Boarding School (now known as [Moses Brown School](#)) in [Providence](#). They accepted and lived in an apartment in the school building for the next six years before returning to Newport to take charge of family property. The years in Providence involved him even more in Yearly Meeting affairs, and of course with the students at the school, which he enjoyed. Yet, it is surprising that his focus uncoupled so abruptly from the plight of men and women such as Paul Cuffe and turned to the spiritual health of the Society of Friends. An excerpt from the 1830s illustrates his growing conservatism: "3rd day 8th of 6th M, 1830: Today Stephen Wilson & Hannah his wife from Goose Creek in Virginia called at the Institution [the school] – they are Hixites [[Hicksites](#)] & Hannah as a Preacher has come here to impose [her views] on Friends. She was formerly ... an old acquaintance of ours.... We treated her civilly but cool & felt grieved that one who had once been esteemed & no doubt in good measure religious should be attached to wrong principles." Three months later he wrote: "In the Street [in Providence] I met Wm Rotch & noded to him, & he to me – but he did not look nor feel to me as Wm Rotch once looked & felt – I deplore his departure from Society but nothing can be done – he must remain as he is." William Rotch Jr. had been a faithful Nantucket Quaker and staunch supporter of Paul Cuffe's.... What made him stand back from those very few Friends who were publicly protesting Slavery, such as Elias Hicks and later the Grimké sisters [Friend [Sarah Moore Grimké](#) and [Angelina Emily Grimké](#)]? There were many Quakers like him who were distraught by slavery and its trade yet they weren't heard in the public arena. ...after Cuffe's death Stephen scarcely mentioned slavery or the Trade, although it was covertly growing. He did note that he approved a letter protesting slavery to Congress by the Providence Abolition Society. Yet in 1838 he also approved a motion by the Yearly Meeting barring abolition societys' use of Friends Meeting houses for their gatherings.... Stephen's was a confined life and once Paul's strong, supportive presence was gone there was little to keep the fires of outrage alive. His life was well insulated even from such occurrences as the Snowtown and Hardscrabble race riots in Providence that erupted in 1826 and 1830 not far from the School. In January 1838 he went to Salem for a Quarterly Meeting and noted with dismay the anti-slavery discussions: "Their heated zeal injuring a good and right cause ... reminded me of the Spirit which I saw among the Hixites [followers of Friend Elias Hicks] in New York in 1827." His social and business contacts were confined to the area within "the walls of Zion," the all-white Quaker Close.... To answer the first question: Why didn't the unusual friendship and Paul's project have more lasting effect among Friends? It seems that Cuffe's untimely death cut off Stephen's emotional support and the visible presence that he needed in order to speak out. The ongoing rigid class differentiation that the two had ignored together closed in on Stephen following Paul's death. He became increasingly preoccupied with Quaker affairs. Concerns for African Americans are scarcely mentioned after Cuffe's death. The reason Cuffe's works have been so little known until



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now, even among Friends, is that his papers were not kept in the New England Yearly Meeting Archives. However, there were a number of biographers who had found them in the archives of the New Bedford Free Public Library and the Dartmouth Whaling Museum Library. The authors were not Quakers. Those books were published beginning in the 1970s but even these were not included in the Library of the New England Yearly Meeting Archives. His papers were not fully transcribed and published until 1996; these reveal to Friends who are so familiar with Quaker concepts how Paul led his life in accordance with the precepts of non-violence and seeking "that of God" in all those with whom he came in contact, even in the world of successful merchantmen. Now that the papers are available it is hoped Paul will become known as "a pattern and an example." In this country Friends Meetings remain almost entirely white perhaps because of the lack of historical understanding of the works of such men as Cuffe and because of class divisions that have been bonded to race as though with superglue. Is the only solution in individual self revelation, in individual efforts to reach into all communities, black and white? There is a crying need to remove this stain of evasion from Quakers' splendid human rights record.



September 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th 9 M / To me a precious silent meeting. -

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September 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 9th M / In the forenoon meeting which was large & solid Father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony by way of encouragement to the mourners of Zion - Then Mary Morton in a lively sweet testimony endeavoured to encourage those that were still favord with renew'd visitations from on high to close in with them while they lasted, & observed if some were faithful who were present & past the meridian of life, they might yet experience their sun to go down with brightness & as rejoicing on the banks of deliverance. — at this an aged man (not a member) who sat by my side was much affected. -- In the Afternoon Father Rodman was concerned with in a Short testimony which I believe was attended with life. - I know it was to my feelings. - Went out & set the evening with our frd D Buffum who is in poor health & been confin'd at home for a week - his company was as it always is, very interesting

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 September 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 9th M / We took tea with brother J Rodman & wife - Br David & wife was also there which made an agreeable & "social" circle - Ah - tis very pleasant for brethren to dwell together in Unity. -

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 September 18, Thursday: In the Dresden Hoftheater, Incidental music by Carl Maria von Weber for Die Ahnfrau, a play by Grillparzer, was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 9th M 1817 / Our meeting was small particularly on the womens side of the House, - to me it was a favor'd season tho' not quite as much abstracted from the World as sometimes Father Rodman delivered a short & to my feelings sweet testimony In the last (Preparative) the overseers had the painful duty to report David Bowen as in the practice of drinking Spiritous Liquor, to his own hurt & the reproach of society - which information was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting -

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 September 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 9 M / Our meeting this forenoon was large - tho' the high seat was thin no one being on the upper one but David Buffum - Mary Morton delivered a sweet & very precious testimony - to me it was a very favor'd Meeting - I was occupied with the subject of the Multitude's being fed with a few Barley loaves & a few Fishes - & it weightily ocured that there was no necessity for that outward miracle to be performed in this day to Substantiate the reality of christianity, but that every one might experience it within themselves, by faithful obedience to the manifestations of truth when in times of poverty & even distress, our minds may be quickened by a small appearance of light & life & in keeping to it will increase in ourselves & flow Sweetly from vessel to vessel untill all may acknowledge they are filled & satisfied - This I feel thankful in being made in good measure in experimental witness of this day - In the Afternoon Silent. The upper high Seat vacant & nobody but James Fay on the lower, who with myself broke the meeting-this occasioned no small exercise in my mind - however it was a good meeting to me - between meeting rec'd a letter from Aunt Stanton - In the evening with my H & Sister Mary walked out to David Buffums -

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 September 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 9th M 1817 / Our meeting was pretty well attended



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this first was silent - In the last Monthly we had considerable buisnesss to me it was a low depressed Season & tho' I was a little active, there was not much Spirit in me -Uncle P Lawton & Uncle B Freeborn & daughter dined with us

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September 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th 9 M / My H & John spent the day at Jonathon Dennis's
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September 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 9 M / Our meetings were both silent & both to me rather dull seasons, excepting a little while in the forenoon meeting life rose in my mind - David Buffum & father Rodman both unwell & absent which makes our high seats thin & wanting in weight to what they would be were they there. - Ellenor Lawton & sister Eliza took tea & set the evening with us -

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September 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 9 M / This forenoon dear Mary Morton called to see us - after a little free & friendly conversation we dropped for a moment into Silence when she observed that soon after she took her seat in the room, the case of Obedidam [Obed-Edom in whose house David deposited the Ark after the death of Uzzah, where it stayed for three months, bringing a blessing by its presence] occured to her mind & she believed it safest for her to express it, that the Ark of the testimony was deposited in his house & that he believed we were called to Stand among them in the place who were to bear the Ark of the testimony & encouraged us to hold fast & she believed that we like him should be blessed - This was Somewhat encouraging & did a little revive my drooping propsect with respect to the low state of things in this Town & Moy [Monthly] Meeting - many times when I have survey'd the poverty which awaits us both in purse & spirit, it has seemed as if I could say with the Queen of Sheba, tho' in a reversed occasion "There is no more spirit in me", yet hope again revives & we are encouraged to look for better times -

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October 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 10th M 1817 / Meeting reather small & to me a lean time but not quite so hard as at some times - Silence prevailed -
D Buffum Jr & wife & Sister Mary took tea with us & in the evening*



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were joined by Sister Ruth. -

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 October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 10th M / Have just returned from the Jail where I went to see Adam Anthony who was committed yesterday for refusing to pay a Military fine, he is not a Member of our society but it appears that he is so far convinced of Peace Principles as to refuse to bear Arms - he told me that he had no bed to lay on last night, but made no complaint of his situation. My mind was led into Sympathy with him & desires raised that he may keep on christian ground while standing & conversing with him, I remembered with feeling the sufferings & imprisonments of our Dear Ancient brethren on account of divers testimonies given them to bear. -

Adam Anthony the Young man above mentioned was let out of Jail in the course of the day by his Brother who came to town & paid his fine - Adams conduct was such as gave satisfaction & evinced the consistent man - Tho' a number of us offered to be bound for his liberty of the house & yard & saw no impropriety in his having it, yet he declined the offer & seemd desirous of experiencing the ground fully for himself before he did any thing about it, & while the subject was deliberating upon - his Br came in & discharged him-

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 October 5, Sunday: In Charlottesville, President James Monroe laid the cornerstone of the University of Virginia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 10 M / Our forenoon Meeting was large & attended by a number such as perhaps are called "Gentry" in Ancient friends journals -David Buffum was large for him on the subject of the operation of the Spirit - Father Rodman a few words & Mary Morton set her seal to the whole very sweetly.-

In the Afternoon took Sister Ruth to [Portsmouth](#) in Chaise my H being almost sick with a old, & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of our goodly Ancient friend Isaac Sherman, where we found a very great assemblage of People, who conducted in a very solid manner. -

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 October 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 10 M 1817 / Being unwell with a pain in my side & shoulder thro' my stomach, I was not at Meeting, but I almost doubt whether this was a sufficient excuse, being better than I



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was a few days past but I was affraid of taking cold

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October 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 10 M / Soon after taking my seat I felt life to arise & circulate among us, & my spirit was comforted with the prospect. – Lydia Almy for the first time in several years appeared in testimony, I thought very sweetly – & Abigail Robinson for a great rarity appeared in a testimony of some length – The meeting was large & attended by a considerable number of other societies, as they have been in the forenoon, for some time – In the Afternoon the meeting was again pretty well attended but silent & to me rather a poor time, but not accompanied by that distressing hardness as at sometimes. –After tea took a little walk round the hill with my H set the evening with my Mother. –

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October 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 10 M / This Morning Dear Mary Morton called to see & take leave of us as she went down to the Packet to leave [Newport](#) for Philadelphia. She took a very affectionate farewell of us & expressed her desire for our well fare & said she felt for us & friends of our standing & situation in this Monthly Meeting, & in this Town particular beyond what she had any powers to express. her husband also came up to the door & bid us an hearty farewell, which I have no doubt was deeply felt by them, as it was by us. – John is now about 78 Years of age & tho' he looks as fresh & healthy as he did 10 years ago, his limbs begin to fail & it is very doubtful whether he will ever come here again, so that as respects him I consider it as more than probably it was a final leave. – Sister Joanne & her sister Anne took tea with us & Anne set the evening. –

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October 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 10th M 1817 / Silent meeting but a pretty good one to me. –

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October 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 10 M / Our meetings both silent & both rather dull times to me.– In the evening call to see several friends

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 October 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 10 M / Silent Meeting & to me a good one - Our Old decriped [sic] friend Benjamin Anthony from New Cornwall in N York state was at meeting with us - his body & limbs are much drawn with the Rheumatism & he is unable to sit on seats & brings a chair with him & has it placed in the Alley - he frequently preaches & speaks sitting. -
This evening rec'd a very acceptable letter from my friend John Heald dated the 6th inst. (Fairfield Ohio) -*

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 October 26, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner got married with Emilie von Cerva, daughter of a businessman and city council member, in Pressburg (Bratislava).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 10 M / Our Meetings were both Silent & Small the weather being wet & several friends confind with colds, our high seats were quite thin - The forenoon meeting was to me pretty well favor'd & a measure of it experienced in the Afternoon but a roving time at best -

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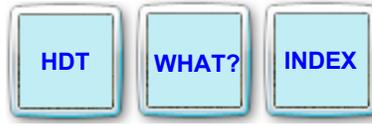
 October 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 10 M / My H not being well - took Sister Ruth & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, on the way stoped & warmed ourselves at Uncle Thurstons - At the first meeting it was a poor time to me, tho' I believe others were favord with bread Jonathon Dennis delivered a short testimony which was followed by another from his wife - then David Buffum, not lengthy but very lively & impressive & it appeared to me that the condition of the meeting was betterd after it -
In the last meeting was had considerable buisness with which we got along with harmony & I trust love. - Tho' under an humbling sense of my own deficiencis, yet it seemed right to me to engage a little in the concerns that came before us, which has not occasioned uneasiness but rather afforded the reflection of having endeavord to be doing a "little of that my hands find to do, in my day in society. -
Dined at Uncle Thurstons & rode home -*

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 November 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 11th M 1817 / In the forenoon a Silent meeting & to me a good time - In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short encouraging testimony - both meetings were Small in



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consequence of Rain & stormy weather.

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November 6, Thursday: Milosh Obrenovic became Prince of Serbia, replacing George Petrovic who had died on July 25th.

[Princess Charlotte Augusta Hanover of Wales](#), the daughter of [Prince Regent George](#) who had been destined since her birth to become eventually the Queen of Great Britain, instead died at the age of 21 at Claremont House, Esher, in Surrey, of post-partum hemorrhage and shock early in the morning, after having been delivered the previous day of a stillborn male infant. This funeral would of course be promoted as a national tragedy or media event — even the undertakers would get drunk. The mother [Caroline](#) was not duly informed of her daughter's death, nor invited to the funeral. When she would find out about it courtesy of a traveler, she would faint. The proto-queen's body would be interred in St. George's Chapel of Windsor with her stillborn male infant at her feet. [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) immediately began "Address to the People on the Death of the Princess Charlotte" somewhat in the manner in which Elton John would in this century celebrate the untimely death of the Princess Diana in a Paris auto accident, adding of course a few rough touches in the mode of Diana's brother's funeral declarations about the social context of her demise:

We cannot truly grieve for every one who dies beyond the circle of those especially dear to us; yet in the extinction of the objects of public love and admiration, and gratitude, there is something, if we enjoy a liberal mind, which has departed from within that circle.... But this appeal to the feelings of men should not be made lightly, or in a any manner that tends to waste, on inadequate objects, those fertilizing streams of sympathy, which a public mourning should be the occasion of pouring forth. This solemnity should be used only to express a wide and intelligible calamity, and one which is felt to be such by those who feel for their country and for mankind; its character ought to be universal, not particular.



Shelley would compare and contrast this express "private grief" to the lack of affect being displayed by the public and by the press in regard to the [hangings](#), drawings, and quarterings being carried out at virtually the same time of three laborers, Jeremiah Brandreth, Isaac Ludlam, and William Turner, who had been detected

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in Luddite activities (that is, had been incited to lead the Pentrich Rising):

Let us follow the corpse of British Liberty slowly and reverently to its tomb: and if some glorious Phantom should appear, and make its throne of broken swords and sceptres and royal crowns trampled in the dust, let us say that the Spirit of Liberty has arisen from its grave and left all that was dross and mortal there, and kneel down and worship it as our Queen.

The Princess Charlotte's obstetrician, Sir Richard Croft, who had correctly diagnosed a transverse lie of the baby during labour but had somehow failed to resort to forceps as would have been the standard procedure during that era, would three months later commit suicide. For the details as to Princess Charlotte Augusta in the early 19th Century, refer to Stephen C. Behrendt's *ROYAL MOURNING AND REGENCY CULTURE*, Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, 1997. Public exercises in mourning were great and widespread, a huge number of poems, sermons, and other literary and quasi-literary texts appeared almost immediately, commemorative ceramic objects, textiles, coins, sculptures, and music followed. That princess had been widely regarded as an attractive domestic alternative to the Prince Regent, her widely unpopular father, as well as to his largely disgraced estranged wife Caroline of Brunswick, and this untimely death was therefore a most grievous blow to those who had invested this princess with the symbolic significance of "England's Hope." Much as Elton John has reinvented Diana as "England's Rose," Charlotte would be apostrophized in that period as "Albion's Rose." Anna Laetitia Barbauld's *COLLECTED WORKS* published in 1825 would have a poem for Princess Charlotte which is very much in the mode of sensibility and emphasizes the universal mourning the death occasioned except in the case of the mad George III who no longer has the capacity for grief. Charlotte's funeral resembled Diana's laying in state in Westminster Abbey. The parallels are rich because Charlotte was fashioned in the



public mind as a sort of precursor to the "domestic virtues" we later associate with the Victorian era — and indeed, it was her death, at the stillbirth of her only child, that would ensure that, 20 years later, a princess named Victoria would ascend the throne of England.

**ON THE
DEATH OF THE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.**



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Yes, Britain mourns, as with electric touch,
For youth, for love, for happiness destroyed,
Her universal population melts
In grief spontaneous, and hard hearts are moved,
And rough unpolished natures learn to feel
For those they envied, leveled in the dust
By Fate's impartial stroke ; and pulpits sound
With vanity and woe to earthly goods,
And urge and dry the tear. — Yet one there is
Who midst this general burst of grief remains
In strange tranquillity ; whom not the stir
And long-drawn murmurs of the gathering crowd,
That by his very windows trail the pomp
Of hearse, and blazoned arms, and long array
Of sad funereal rites, nor the loud groans
And deep-felt anguish of a husband's heart,
Can move to mingle with this flood one tear :
In careless apathy, perhaps in mirth,
He wears the day. Yet is he near in blood,
The very stem on which this blossom grew,
And at his knees she fondled in the charm
And grace spontaneous which along belongs
To untaught infancy : — Yet O forbear !
Nor deem him hard of heart ; for awful, struck
By Heaven's severest visitation, sad,
Like a scathed oak amidst the forest trees,
Lonely he stands ; — leaves bud, and shoot, and fall ;
He holds no sympathy with living nature
Or time's incessant change. Then in this hour,
While pensive thought is busy with the woes
And restless change of poor humanity,
Think then, O think of him, and breathe one prayer,
Form the full tide of sorrow spare one tear,
For him who does not weep !

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 11 M / Silent Meeting. —

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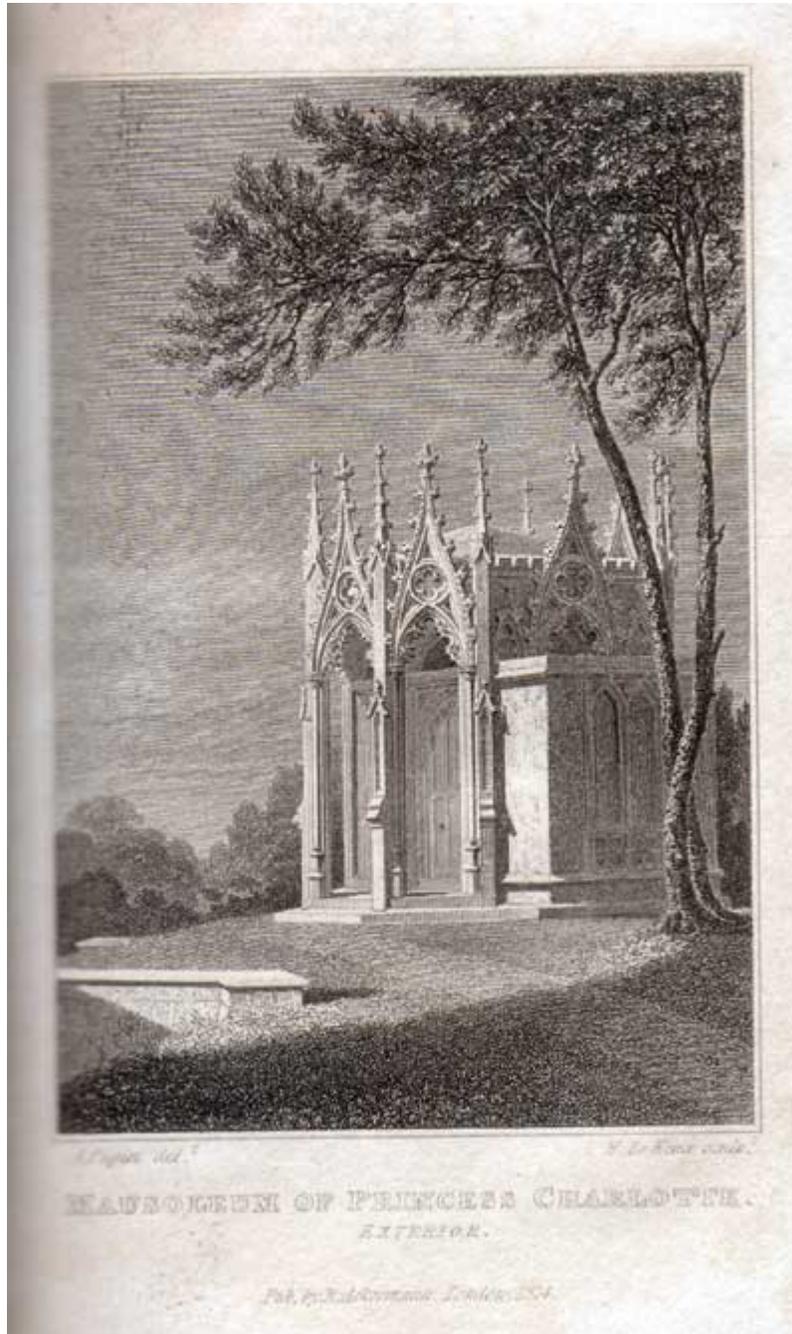


November 8, Saturday: French Guiana, occupied by Portugal since 1809, was returned to France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 11 M This day was inter'd the remains of Benjamin Barker (shoemaker) he has been thro' life a Man innocent in life & conversation & in his last illness which has been for several Months, he enjoyed a Sweet tender frame of Spirit, patient & resigned to the change, he expressed when one day I called in to set with him a little while that he had enjoyed many blessed Meetings since his sickness & was endeavoring to wait patiently the time of his departure - his funeral was attended by a large number of friends & others

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November 9, Sunday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) in [The Examiner](#):

On the 7th November, Brandreth, Turner and Ludlam ascended the scaffold. We feel for Brandreth the less, because it seems he killed a man. But recollect who instigated him to the proceedings which led to murder. On the word of a dying man, Brandreth tells us, that "Oliver brought him to this" - that, "but for Oliver, he would not have been there." See, too, Ludlam and Turner, with their sons and brothers, and sisters, how they kneel together in this dreadful agony of prayer. With that dreadful penalty before their eyes - with that tremendous sanction for the truth of all he spoke, Turner exclaimed loudly and distinctly, while the executioner was putting the rope round his neck, "This is all Oliver and the government." What more he might have said we know not, because the chaplain prevented any further observations. Troops of horse, with keen and glittering swords, hemmed in the multitudes collected to witness this abominable exhibition. "When the stroke of the axe was heard, there was a burst of horror from the crowd. The instant the head was exhibited, there was a tremendous shriek set up, and the multitude ran violently in all directions, as if under the impulse of sudden frenzy. Those who resumed their stations, groaned and hooted."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 11 M / Our meeting was pretty full & tho' to me it was a season of much dryness Yet I trust there were those present who were more favor'd - Father Rodman concerned in a short testimony - Sister Eliza dined with us & has just come in & wanted to know if I was writing in my journal & wished to see it but I declined as there is nothing here worth seeing. She concluded she should see it when I am gone, but as I chiefly write for my own satisfaction it is probable that should she survive me but a small portion of what I have written will be found but that is a subject I leave as we know what may happen - This Afternoon Meeting was Silent

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November 12, Wednesday: Baha'Ullah (Mirza Husayn Ali), who would found the *Baha'i* faith, was born.

Within a month of his arrival in Lexington, Kentucky, Anton Philipp Heinrich directed a concert of music by notable composers including [Mozart](#), Haydn, and [Ludwig van Beethoven](#). Heinrich also performed solo music for violin.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), a [Quaker](#) died who had in 1756 at the age of 26 been half owner of a [negrero](#) (the sloop *Dolphin*) that was trading [slaves](#) to Barbados. A considerable number of the town's black citizens attended this funeral to make manifest their respect for this man –Thomas Robinson– who had for so many years been attempting to atone for this error of his youth. Here is the record made by Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#):

4th day 12th of 11th M 1817 / This Afternoon attended the funeral Of our Ancient friend Thomas Robinson he Died about 3 OC on 2nd day [Monday] morning the 10th inst In the 87 Year of his Age He has long been a very useful man to the community at large & also in our society - His venreable appearance in his walks in life inspired respect from those who were his enemies, & of those he had many particularly from the zealous & active part which he took in the Abolition of the slave trade & against men concerned in the Slave trade he took a decided & active part so far as they were concerned in that trade, by doing all in his power to relive [relieve] the Suffering of the African race, he was for many Years the strong friend of the Negro a considerable number of whom manifested their respect by attending his funeral He was also a useful & active member of our society as the minutes of the Monthly Meeting for a long number of Years will testify his natural talents were such as renderd his services peculiarly necessary in difficult & intricate cases -

I remember once while I was an apprentice, being at his house on an errand, he particularly noticed me & addressed me in a feeling manner with much good & pertinent advice, which I have many times recur'd to & have no doubt it has been a means of preservation - he was a man of midling height with a quick & penetrating eye, his habit very thin being often reduced with the Ashma [asthma] - I have his appearance as he walked the Street full in my minds eye tho' for a number of Years he has been confind to home by age & infirmity, he wore a old brown Wig, walked slow, & with a measured Step with a cane in his hand. - his house was for Years the principle lodging of most of the Public friends who happened here & at the Yearly Meeting no friend in town entertained more than he did, & tho' he has been out of circulation for some years past he continued to do acts of Benevolence as long as he lived both in a pecuniary way & by skilfull advice to such as were in difficult circumstances - I have often seen his venerable countenance Strike an Awe on such as were [pert?] & irreverant both in private companies & some



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 November 13, Thursday: Henry Pool of Gloucester, 20-year-old son of John Pool & Anna Davis Pool, was drowned off Thatcher's Island.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 11 M 1817 / Silent meeting& to me a rather dull season. This Afternoon favord with a little life

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 November 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 11 M / Both meetings silent – Took tea with D Buffum Jr & After tea Henry Gould came out & we walked over to see John Weeden who has been some weeks confin'd with a fever, where we Set a little while & then came home. –

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 November 20, Thursday: The 1st US war against the Black Seminoles living in the swamps of the Gulf coast officially commenced with an attack upon Fowl Town, the home of Headman *Neamathla*.



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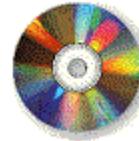
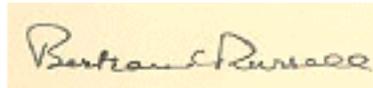
"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

– [Declaration of Independence](#)



"...The conflicts of Europeans with American-Indians, Maoris and other aborigines in temperate regions ... if we judge by the results we cannot regret that such wars have taken place ... the process by which the American continent has been acquired for European civilization [was entirely justified because] there is a very great and undeniable difference between the civilization of the colonizers and that of the dispossessed natives...."

– [Bertrand Russell](#),
THE ETHICS OF WAR, January 1915



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 11 M / A pretty good meeting & I believe nearly all them members present - Father Rodman appeared in a Short but to me very satisfactory testimony. -

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November 22, Saturday: The Duchy of Lucca was created, under Duchess Maria Luisa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 11 M / Went this Afternoon to Connanicut. After Attending to a little buisness which I had with Several persons -went to Cousin Joseph Greens & drank tea & lodged - 1st day [Sunday] Attended Meeting on Connanicut it fell to my lot to sit at The head of the Meeting & to break it. - certainly I have been in meetings where I felt better Authority to give the concluding sign & token of Unity for me it was a season of some dearth & poverty - There are between 20 & 30 persons who usually attend that meeting & some of them pretty solid - but there are so few members, say two Men & two Women & they (except Job Weeden) on the Wane of life & many time unable to get out that I hardly see how they can have the meeting continued thro' the



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*Winter & it is tedious & expensive for a committee to attend it.
– I dined at J Greenes & came home in season to be at the
Afternoon Meeting.*

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November 27, Thursday: Governor Stephen Decatur Miller informed the South Carolina legislature that “[Slavery](#) is not a national evil; on the contrary, it is a national benefit.”

Nagpuri forces were defeated by the British at Sitabalsi.

The British Prince-Regent edicted that no British subject was to participate in any war between Spain and its American colonies (this edict would be widely ignored).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 11th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was well attended. The first was larger than common as a number came in who were not members being what is denominated Thanksgiving Day Anne Almy & Ruth Davis were present in addition to our other ministers, but all were silent – In the last meeting we had considerable buisness & all concluded pretty well tho’ there was some pretty trying occurences, yet I believe love prevailed. – Uncle Thurston only dined with us. Sister Eliza set the evening with us.

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November 30, Sunday: Native Americans attacked a boat on the Appalachicola River that was carrying supplies to Fort Scott on the Flint River, a boat containing about 40 men and a number of women and children, and killed all except six men and a woman. They were retaliating for an attack that had been made by General Gaines upon the Indian village of Fowltown, a few miles below Fort Scott, in order to force the natives to surrender some murderers who had found refuge with them. When this frontier news would arrive, Andrew Jackson would be sent to take command in person, and given authority to call on the militia from Tennessee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his diary:

1st day 30th of 11th M 1817 / At Meeting this forenoon we had the company of Obadiah Davis & Ruth his wife, who were both acceptably engaged in testimony & endeavord to awaken our minds to a sense of duty They went out of town After meeting – In the Afternoon we had a silent meeting & to me it was a season of activity as respects the creature; I wrestled a little, but allas could not boast of much overcoming. – Set the evening with my H at the late residence of our friend Thos Robinson - I missed the dear old folks from their corners by the sides of the fireplace & their very interesting conversation with which I have been many times entertained, instructed & edified, but Allas they are Gone to their rest, after long lives of usefulness in the World, & may we who remain endeavor to fill their stations with equal propriety in our several sphears, then when the Awful separation which they have



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recently passed thro', of Soul & body, comes to us, survivors may trust with equal confidence that our heads are laid in rest & our spirits joined with those that are blessed. -

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 December 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 12th M 1817 / We had this Afternoon to take a dish of tea with us & set a social evening with us Geo Engs & Wife, ? W Lawton & Wife, Sarah Earl & Mary Burling, Sister Ruth & Betsy Slocum, & Benjm Hadwen joined us in the evening it is pleasant to have our friends with us. -

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 December 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 12th M 1817 / Silent Meeting, & but little life to me -- A number of the pillars absent at the Quarterly Meeting at [New Bedford](#). -

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 December 7, Sunday: William Bligh, captain of *HMS Bounty*, died.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 12 M / Our forenoon meeting was as large as usual Lydia Almy appeard in a short but lively testimony exhorting us to faithfulness, laboring to rebuild the Walls of Jerusalem working with one hand, holding the sword in the other against the enemy of Peace
In the Afternoon well attended & - father Rodman concerned in a short but lively testimony. -*

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 December 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 11th of 12th M / Our dear loving friend Daniel Howland of [East Greenwich](#) attended Meeting & was sweetly & largely engaged in testimony & concluded in fervant supplication. To me it was a precious meeting tho' my mind was under the presure of some temporal concerns, yet life arose. -

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December 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 12 M / Our Meetings were both Small & silent, in inclement Weather friends like other people do not turn out & "Wisdom dwells with prudence" for I believe it is not necessary (very often for women especially) to run risques of their health, tho' a becoming zeal to keep up our meetings well forever be evinced

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December 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 12 M / Yesterday had a very disagreeable & exercising concern in the overseers department - I endeavored to labor faithfully & tho' I was compelled to say close things, yet was able to settle the storm at least for the present. - Our meeting was attended as well as usual & to me a pretty good season being favord to feel a degree of sweetness for Yesterdays labor - In the last, (Preparative) we had no buisness. -

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December 21, Sunday: British forces defeated the Marathas at Mahidpur, sealing the fate of the Maratha Confederacy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 12 M / It was a severe Snow Storm, both Meeting were small & silent four women turned out in the Morning & five in the Afternoon. -

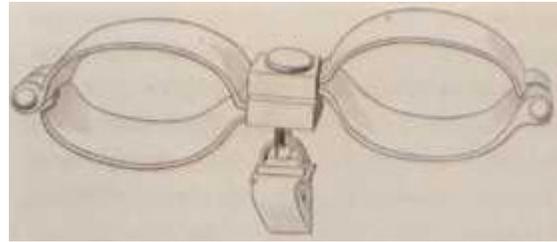
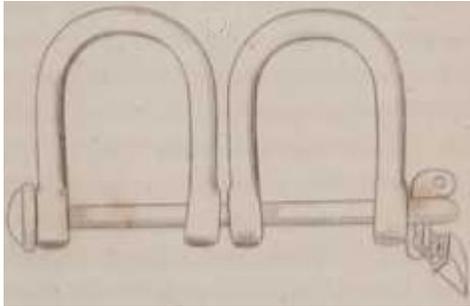
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 **Christmas Day:** On the previous evening two officers at Fort Independence on Castle Island had been playing cards, and one had accused the other of cheating. On this day the two officers fought a [duel](#) and one of them, Lieutenant Robert Massie, was killed — whereupon that lieutenant's friends are said to have taken the survivor down into the bowels of the fortification and shackled him to the floor of a tiny chamber which they then walled up.²³³



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 12 M 1817 / My H being unwell with a pain in her side & distress on her lungs - I rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Ruth & Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first - A Sherman H Dennis & D Buffum appear'd in testimony - In the last we had but little buisness. - We dined at R Mitchell & rode home - & a very muddy ride it was

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233. "[Edgar A. Perry](#)" would, as an 18-year old enlistee, serve in Battery H of the 1st Artillery on this island and, in later life as [Edgar Allan Poe](#), although making the setting of his famous short story "The Cask of Amontillado" the catacombs of a European nobleman, may well have been basing the story on this grisly American incident of retribution. The incident seems to be factual, or at any rate, in 1905 when some workmen were renovating the fort they are said to have knocked down a wall and to have discovered behind it a skeleton in the remnants of an archaic military uniform.



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December 28, Sunday: [William Wordsworth](#) and [John Keats](#) met for the first time, at the home of [Benjamin Robert Haydon](#) in St. John's Wood near London.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 12 M / Since Moy [Monthly] Meeting I have had the Ague in my face & teeth & tho' relieved by the operation of a dose of Jalap & Calomel last night - am unfit to attend meeting today. -

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December 30, Tuesday: The 1st [coffee](#) trees were planted in the Sandwich Islands, on the Kona coast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 12 M / This is a day which I commemorate annually with this day my 36th Year is completed & tho' compared with many I am young in life, yet know not how soon the thread may be cut, & I numbered with the dead I have felt the subject as Awful & weighty, & crys have been raised to the father of Mercies in secret while my body has been otherwise engaged, that he would not leave nor forsake me, but mercifully help & preserve me to the end, be the days of my years to come, few or many Our neighbor Michael Eddy called in & took a dish of tea with us & set the evening very sociably with us. Tho' he is a minister of another persuasion from myself, yet we converse pleasantly on religious subjects & I rejoice, in observing distinctions as to religious names to be much doing away, & in the belief that the time is coming when christians shall see eye to eye & the



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knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the Waters Do the Sea

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➡ THE RHODE-ISLAND ALMANACK FOR 1818. By Isaac Bickerstaff. Providence, Rhode Island: Hugh H. Brown.

➡ In Rhode Island during this year, Friend Moses Brown was instrumental in the formation of a Peace Society.

William E. Richmond’s “Mount Hope, a Poem.” In this poem, the three names “Mount Hope,” “Monte Haup,” and “Mon Top” are used interchangeably.

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➡ We know from Stanley Lebergott’s MANPOWER IN ECONOMIC GROWTH (NY: McGraw-Hill, 1964) what monthly farm wages typically amounted to in Massachusetts during this period, over and above of course one’s room and board:

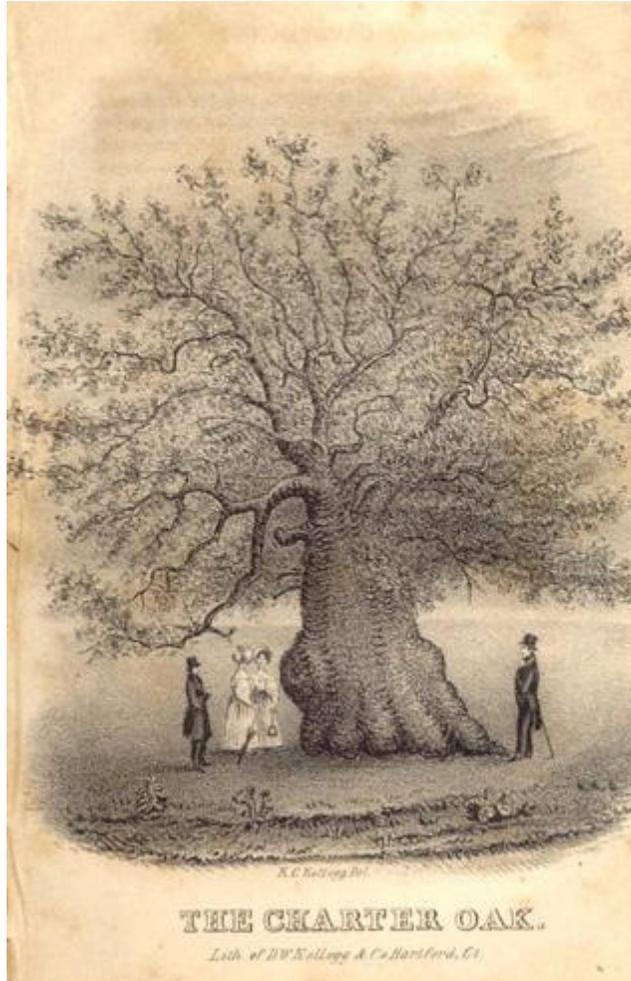
1818	\$13. ⁵⁰
1826	\$13. ⁵⁰
1830	\$12. ⁰⁰
1850	\$13. ⁵⁵
1860	\$15. ³⁴

Incidentally, such wages were ordinarily significantly higher in Massachusetts than elsewhere, except for a brief period for which the wage was higher in Minnesota, and a brief period for which it was higher in Rhode Island.

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 Connecticut abandoned the idea of governing itself any longer by the royal charter which had been granted to it by King Charles II in 1662, which in 1687 had been safeguarded from confiscation by Sir Edmund Andros by its being hid inside the hollow Charter Oak of Hartford. Here is a depiction of that tree in its most magnificent idealization:



And here, by way of radical contrast, is a depiction of the reality of that ancient oak, as it would appear to John



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Warner Barber in 1836 twenty years before it would blow down in a storm:



One of the things that this political decision meant was that free black citizens would no longer be allowed to cast ballots in the state. (In 1822 [Rhode Island](#) would follow Connecticut in this.)



[Alvan Fisher](#) painted a view of [Providence](#) from Great Point, for the benefit of the Reverend T.D. Carlisle. (This painting would later be purchased by Charles H. Russell as an adornment for the passenger cabin of the *Providence*, his steamboat that plied the sound between Providence and New-York, and then later, his *Commodore*.)

[Loring Dudley Chapin](#) established the 1st music store in [Providence](#).²³⁴

Elisha Olney transferred ownership of his share of the works in [Saylesville](#), works that included a machine shop, a sawmill, and a sawmill house, to his son Granville Olney. The sawmill seems to have been separate from the machine shop, and there are ruins on the river a few yards southeast of the machine shop that may be the remains of the sawmill. We presume that George Olney retained the other share in the property, since he needed a machine shop for what would become the Moffett Mill. At the Rhode Island Historical Society, the Olney family records confirm that work was done at this location for their thread mill, that there was a relationship with the adjacent grist mill and sawmill, and that work was done also for the Butterfly Factory at Old Ashton of Stephen Smith and Captain Wilbur Kelly.

The surgeon Henry Bradshaw Fearon visited [Rhode Island](#) while scouting out the New World for the best position to which to bring an immigrant group.

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234. "L.D. Chapin imports and has constantly at hand at the Providence Music Saloon, No. 60, Westminster Street, musical instruments of all kinds, wholesale and retail, of the best workmanship and tone, and at the lowest prices."



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January 1, Thursday: Forces of the Peshwa were defeated by British at Koregaon.

The Black Ball Lines began regular packet service between Britain and the United States as the *Courier* departed from Liverpool for New-York.

The town of Ipswich dealt with the need of its paupers for an alms-house: “Voted that the Town Treasurer hire 10,500 dollars to purchase a farm for the paupers.”

The visitors to the President’s home in Washington DC, which had recently been refurbished and painted a glowing white after being burned by the British army in 1814, were referring to it as Washington’s “white house” (since back on the plantation in Virginia, where the President resided for the remainder of the year with his slaves, the main plantation house was also known as the White House).

Charles Wilkes received an appointment as a midshipman in the US Navy.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Warton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 1st M 1818 / I have been thankful in beginning the New Year under a precious sense of favor, but have to regret the loss of Meeting. I was in expectation of going but had a little buisness to attend to which I could not avoid & it took about 20 minutes more than the time & being unwilling to go in late & set the example concluded it was best not to go - My H attended & said Hannah Dennis preached - Our cousins George Gould & Lydia his wife set the Afternoon with us & took tea. - This was a pleasant visit, there is something pleasant & comfortable in brethren’s dwelling in harmony



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*Rec'd a Letter from Uncle Stanton*²³⁵



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 January 2, Friday: In [Venice](#), [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) completed “Childe Harold’s Pilgrimage” (4th canto).

To
John Hobhouse, Esq. A.M., F.R.S.
etc. etc. etc.
My Dear Hobhouse,
After an interval of eight years between the composition of the first and last cantos of Childe Harold, the conclusion of the poem is about to be submitted to the public. In parting with so old a friend it is not extraordinary that I should recur to one still older and better, - to one who has beheld the birth and death of the other, and to whom I am far more indebted for the social advantages of an enlightened friendship, than - though not ungrateful - I can, or could be, to Childe Harold, for any public favour reflected through the poem on the poet, - to one, whom I have known long, and accompanied far, whom I have found wakeful over my sickness and kind in my sorrow, glad in my prosperity and firm in my adversity, true in counsel and trusty in peril - to a friend often tried and never found wanting; - to yourself. In so doing, I recur from fiction to truth, and in dedicating to you in its complete, or at least concluded state, a poetical work which is the longest, the most thoughtful and comprehensive of my compositions, I wish to do honour to myself by the record of many years intimacy with a man of learning, of talent, of steadiness, and of honour. It is not for minds like ours to give or to receive flattery; yet the praises of sincerity have ever been permitted to the voice of friendship; and it is not for you, nor even for others, but to relieve a heart which has not elsewhere, or lately, been so much accustomed to the encounter

235. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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of good-will as to withstand the shock firmly, that I thus attempt to commemorate your good qualities, or rather the advantages which I have derived from their exertion. Even the recurrence of the date of this letter, the anniversary of the most unfortunate day of my past existence, but which cannot poison my future while I retain the resource of your friendship, and of my own faculties, will henceforth have a more agreeable recollection for both, inasmuch as it will remind us of this my attempt to thank you for an indefatigable regard, such as few men have experienced, and no one could experience without thinking better of his species and of himself.

It has been our fortune to traverse together, at various periods, the countries of chivalry, history, and fable – Spain, Greece, Asia Minor, and Italy; and what Athens and Constantinople were to us a few years ago, Venice and Rome have been more recently. The poem also, or the pilgrim, or both, have accompanied me from first to last; and perhaps it may be a pardonable vanity which induces me to reflect with complacency on a composition which in some degree connects me with the spot where it was produced, and the objects it would fain describe; and however unworthy it may be deemed of those magical and memorable abodes, however short it may fall of our distant conceptions and immediate impressions, yet as a mark of respect for what is venerable, and of feeling for what is glorious, it has been to me a source of pleasure in the production, and I part with it with a kind of regret, which I hardly suspected that events could have left me for imaginary objects.

With regard to the conduct of the last canto, there will be found less of the pilgrim than in any of the preceding, and that little slightly, if at all, separated from the author speaking in his own person. The fact is, that I had become weary of drawing a line which every one seemed determined not to perceive: like the Chinese in Goldsmith's "Citizen of the World", whom nobody would believe to be a Chinese, it was in vain that I asserted, and imagined, that I had drawn a distinction between the author and the pilgrim; and the very anxiety to preserve this difference, and disappointment at finding it unavailing, so far crushed my efforts in the composition, that I determined to abandon it altogether – and have done so. The opinions which have been, or may be, formed on that subject, are now a matter of indifference; the work is to depend on itself, and not on the writer; and the author, who has no resources in his own mind beyond the reputation, transient or permanent, which is to arise from his literary efforts, deserves the fate of authors.

In the course of the following Canto it was my intention, either in the text or in the notes, to have touched upon the present state of Italian literature, and perhaps of manners. But the text, within the limits I proposed, I soon found hardly sufficient for the labyrinth of external objects and the consequent reflections; and for the whole of the notes, excepting a few of the shortest, I am indebted to yourself, and these were necessarily limited to the elucidation of the text. It is also a delicate, and no very grateful task, to dissert upon the literature and manners of a nation so dissimilar; and



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requires an attention and impartiality which would induce us, – though perhaps no inattentive observers, nor ignorant of the language or customs of the people amongst whom we have recently abode, – to distrust, or at least defer our judgment, and more narrowly examine our information. The state of literary party runs as high or higher than even on the question of Romantic or Classical as they call it, so that for a stranger to steer impartially between them is next to impossible. It may be enough then, at least for my purpose, to quote from their own beautiful language – “Mi pare che in un paese tutto poetico, che vanta la lingua la più nobile ed insieme la più dolce, tutte le vie diverse si possono tentare, e che sinche la patria di Alfieri e di Monti non ha perduto l’antico valore, in tutte essa dovrebbe essere la prima.” Italy has great names still – Canova, Monti, Ugo Foscolo, Pindemonti, Visconti, Morelli, Cicognara, Albrizzi, Mezzophanti, Mai, Mustoxidi, Aglietti, and Vacca, will secure to the present generation an honourable place in most of the departments of Art, Science, and Belles Lettres; and in some the very highest – Europe – the World – has but one Canova. It has been somewhere said by Alfieri, that “La pianta uomo nasce più robusta in Italia che in qualunque altra terra – e che gli stessi atroci delitti che vi si commettono ne sono una prova.” Without subscribing to the latter part of his proposition, a dangerous doctrine, the truth of which may be disputed on better grounds, namely, that the Italians are in no respect more ferocious than their neighbours, that man must be wilfully blind, or ignorantly heedless, who is not struck with the extraordinary capacity of this people, or, if such a word be admissible, their capabilities, the facility of their acquisitions, the rapidity of their conceptions, the fire of their genius, their sense of beauty, and amidst all the disadvantages of repeated revolutions, the desolation of battles and the despair of ages, their still unquenched “longing after immortality”, – the immortality of independence. And when we ourselves, in riding round the walls of Rome, heard the simple lament of the labourers’ chorus, “Roma! Roma! Roma! Roma non è più come era prima”, it was difficult not to contrast this melancholy dirge with the bacchanal roar of the songs of exultation still yelled from the London taverns, over the carnage of Mont St Jean, and the betrayal of Genoa, of Italy, of France, and of the world, by men whose conduct you yourself have exposed in a work worthy of the better days of our history. For me,

Non movero mai corda
Ove la turba di sue ciance assorda.

What Italy has gained by the late transfer of nations, it were useless for Englishmen to enquire, till it becomes ascertained that England has acquired something more than a permanent army and a suspended Habeas Corpus: it is enough for them to look at home. For what they have done abroad, and especially in the South, “Verily they will have their reward”, and at no very distant period.

Wishing you, my dear Hobhouse, a safe and agreeable return to that country whose real welfare can be dearer to none than to



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*yourself, I dedicate to you this poem in its completed state;
and repeat once more how truly I am ever*

*Your obliged
And affectionate friend,
Byron.*

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 2 of 1st M / Aunt Molly Gould Set the Afternoon with us,
also Martha Aleman. -*

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January 4, Sunday: [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#)'s poem "[To Horace Smith, Esq.](#)" appeared in the newspaper he and his brothers John and Robert facilitated, [The Examiner](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

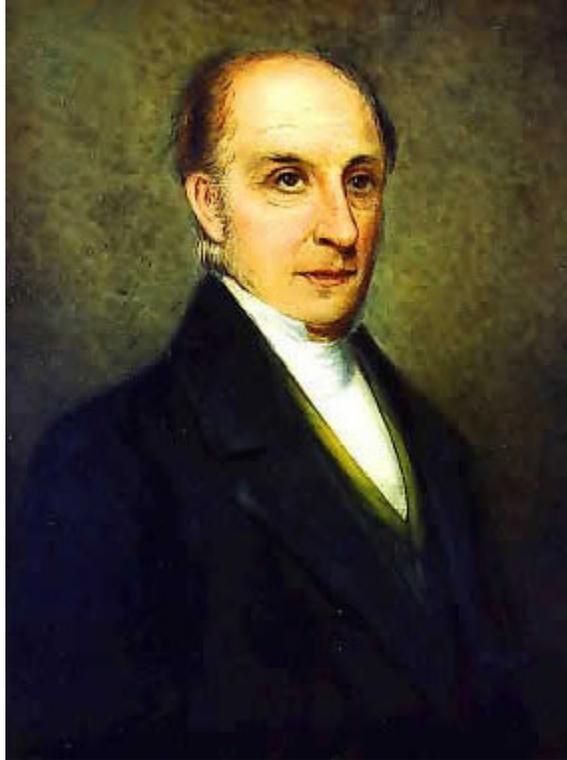
*7th day 4th of 1st M / In the Morning Meeting Lydia Almy appeared
in a short lively & impressive testimony - In the afternoon we
were silent - In the evening with my H set with Br David Rodman
& wife -*

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➡ January 8, Thursday: The architect Charles Bulfinch, who had designed Harvard College's University Hall and the Massachusetts Statehouse, was appointed by President James Monroe and the Commissioner of Public Buildings of Washington DC to replace [Benjamin Henry Latrobe](#) (who had resigned) and continue the restoration of the two wings of the Capitol building damaged by fires set by the British in 1814 — which would be reopened in 1819.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 1st M / Meeting was silent & tho' I went to it
in a very empty frame of mind yet Thro' divine condescension it
was a season of favor for which I desire to be thankful.*

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➡ January 11, Sunday: Publication, in The Examiner, of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s "Ozymandias":

I met a Traveler from an antique land,
Who said, "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read,
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is OZYMANDIAS, King of Kings."
Look on my works ye Mighty, and despair!
No thing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that Colossal Wreck, boundless and bare,



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The lone and level sands stretch far away.

(This had been inspired by Book I, Chapter 47 of [Diodorus Siculus Διόδωρος Σικελιώτης](#)'s [BIBLIOTHECA HISTORICA](#), dealing with the history and culture of ancient Egypt. He and his friend Horace Smith, who was helping him manage his finances, had agreed to stage a friendly poetry competition, and Smith's submission, decidedly reminiscent of the final scene in the movie "Planet of the Apes," would appear in a subsequent edition of the magazine.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 1 M / Our forenoon Meeting was Silent - In the Afternoon father Rodman delivered a short sympathetic testimony with a tried state which he apprehended present - Set the evening at home chiefly -

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January 15, Thursday: John Collier of Frocester in Gloucestershire obtained a patent for improvements on a machine for purpose of cropping or shearing woollen cloths of every description.

John Lewis, Clothier, William Lewis, Dyer, and William Davies, Engineer, all of Brimscomb in Gloucestershire, obtained a patent for improvements on shearing machines for shearing or cropping woollen and other cloths, that may require such process, the same being further improvements on a patent obtained by John Lewis, for an improved shearing machine, dated the 27th July, 1815.

Philip Taylor, operative chemist of Bromley in Middlesex, obtained a patent for a method of applying heat in certain processes to which the same method had not hitherto been applied: likewise for improvements in refrigerators.

William Mault of Bedford Square in Middlesex obtained a patent for improvements in steam engines.

John Holworthy Palmer of Regent Street, St. John's, Westminster, Gentleman, obtained a patent for a mode of purifying certain descriptions of gasses.

John Theodore Koster, a merchant of Lancaster, obtained a patent for a method of building or constructing wheel carriages, and also for making wheels for carriages.

James Fraser, Engineer and Coppersmith of Long Acre, St. Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, obtained a patent for a cooking machine, for more simple and effectual decomposition of salt water, and to render the said salt water more useful to the general purposes of ships' crews, &c. at sea, without any extra apparatus, except the said cooking machine; or, in other words, its structure will answer the end of worm or condenser, and worm tub, &c. &c.

Charles Brightly, Printer of Bungay in Suffolk, and Bryan Donkin, Engineer of Grange Road, Bermondsey in Surrey, obtained a patent for a machine or printing press, for printing from types, plates, or blocks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 1st M 1818 / Our Meeting was silent & to me a pretty good time. The World obtruded a little, but was favord



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to contest the ground. -

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January 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 1 M / My H set the eveng at Aunt Earls I joined her about & spent an hour very pleasantly

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Friend [Morris Birkbeck](#) (1764-1825), who had been the first farmer in England to raise merino sheep, wrote back to England from the prairie south of Olney, [Illinois](#) (the town in which if you run over a squirrel you now need to pay a fine of \$500, but only if the squirrel was white):

*MY DEAR SIR,
Jan. 17, 1818.*

I WROTE to you early in September, since which I hope you have received a copy of my journal. Thus having made you of our party on the journey, and introduced you to some acquaintance with our Princeton affairs, I am now going to take you to the prairies, to shew you the very beginning of our settlement. Having fixed on the north-western portion of our prairie for our future residence and farm, the first act was building a cabin, about two hundred yards from the spot where the house is to stand. This cabin is built of round straight logs, about a foot in diameter, lying upon each other, and notched in at the corners, forming a room eighteen feet long by sixteen; the intervals between the logs "chuncked," that is, filled in with slips of wood; and "mudded," that is, daubed with a plaister of mud: a spacious chimney, built also of logs, stands like a bastion at one end: the roof is well covered with four hundred "clap boards" of cleft oak, very much like the pales used in England for fencing parks. A hole is cut through the side, called, very properly, the "door, (the through,)" for which there is a "shutter," made also of cleft oak, and hung on wooden hinges. All this has been executed by contract, and well executed, for twenty dollars. I have since added ten dollars to the cost, for the luxury of a floor and ceiling of sawn boards, and it is now a comfortable habitation.

To this cabin you must accompany me, a young English friend, and my boy Gillard, whom you may recollect at Wanborough. We arrived in the evening, our horses heavily laden with our guns, and provisions, and cooking utensils, and blankets, not forgetting the all-important axe. This was immediately put in requisition, and we soon kindled a famous fire, before which we spread our pallets, and, after a hearty supper, soon forgot that besides ourselves, our horses and our dogs, the wild animals of the forest were the only inhabitants of our wide domain. Our cabin stands at the edge of the prairie, just within the wood, so as to be concealed from the view until you are at the very door. Thirty paces to the east the prospect opens from a commanding eminence over the prairie, which extends four miles to the south and south-east, and over the woods beyond to a great distance; whilst the high timber behind, and on each side, to the west, north, and east, forms a sheltered cove about five hundred yards



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in width. It is about the middle of this cove, two hundred and fifty yards from the wood each way, but open to the south, that we propose building our house.

Well, having thus established myself as a resident proprietor, in the morning my boy and I (our friend having left us) sallied forth in quest of neighbours, having heard of two new settlements at no great distance. Our first visit was to Mr. Emberson, who had just established himself in a cabin similar to our own, at the edge of a small prairie two miles north-west of us. We found him a respectable young man, more farmer than hunter, surrounded by a numerous family, and making the most of a rainy day by mending the shoes of his household. We then proceeded to Mr. Woodland's, about the same distance southwest: he is an inhabitant of longer standing, for he arrived in April, Mr. E. in August. He has since built for us a second cabin, connected with the first by a covered roof or porch, which is very convenient, forming together a commodious dwelling.

In our walk we saw no game but partridges, and a squirrel. We found plenty of grapes, which I thought delicious. The soil seemed to improve in fertility on closer inspection, and the country appeared more pleasant: in fact, my mind was at ease, and this spreads a charm over external objects. Our township is a square of six miles each side, or thirty-six square miles; and what may properly be called our neighbourhood, extends about six miles round this township in every direction. Six miles to the north is the boundary of surveyed lands. Six miles to the east is the Bonpas, a stream which joins the Big Wabash about six miles south of us, where the latter river makes a bold bend to the west, approaching within six miles of the Little Wabash: this river forms our western boundary, at about the same distance up to the northern line of survey above-mentioned. The centre of this tract is our prairie, containing about 4,000 acres.

There are many other prairies, or natural meadows, of various dimensions and qualities, scattered over this surface, which consists of about two hundred square miles, containing perhaps twelve human habitations, all erected, I believe, within one year of our first visit -- most of them within three months. At or near the mouth of the Bonpas, where it falls into the Big Wabash, we project a shipping port: a ridge of high land, without any intervening creek, will afford an easy communication with the river at that place.

The Wabash, as you know, is a noble stream, navigable several hundred miles from its junction with the Ohio, and receiving other navigable rivers in its course: White River in particular, opening a communication with the most fertile region of Indiana, will at a future day hold a distinguished rank among rivers. The country above, both on the Wabash and White River, is peopling rapidly; and there is, through the Ohio, a great natural channel of intercourse between this vast country and the ocean. Steamboats already navigate the Wabash: a vessel of that description has this winter made its way up from New Orleans to within a few miles of our settlement. They are about building one at Harmony, twenty miles below, as a regular trader, to carry off the surplus



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produce, and bring back coffee, sugar, and other groceries, as well as European manufactures.

There are no very good mill-seats on the streams in our neighbourhood, but our prairie affords a most eligible site for a windmill; we are therefore going to erect one immediately: the materials are in great forwardness, and we hope to have it in order to grind the fruits of the ensuing harvest.

Two brothers, and the wife of one of them, started from the village of Puttenham, close to our old Wanborough, and have made their way out to us: they are carpenters, and are now very usefully employed in preparing the scantlings for the mill, and other purposes. You may suppose how cordially we received these good people. They landed at Philadelphia, not knowing where on this vast continent they should find us: from thence they were directed to Pittsburg, a wearisome journey over the mountains of more than 300 miles; at Pittsburgh they bought a little boat for six or seven dollars, and came gently down the Ohio, 1,200 miles, to Shawnee-town; from thence they proceeded on foot till they found us. On their way they had many flattering offers; but true to their purpose, though uninvited and unlooked for, they held out to the end, and I believe they are well satisfied with their reception and prospects.

By the first of March I hope to have two ploughs at work, and may possibly put in 100 acres of corn this spring. Early in May, I think, we shall be all settled in a convenient temporary dwelling, formed of a range of cabins of ten rooms, until we can accomplish our purpose of building a more substantial house. My young folks desire to be most kindly remembered to you: they are full of life and spirits; not one of them, I believe, having felt a symptom of repentance from the commencement of our undertaking.

*I remain, dear Sir,
ever yours.²³⁶*



January 18, Sunday: Since the admission of the Vermont/Kentucky pair of states in 1794 the US national flag had sported 15 pairs of white and red stripes. With at this point the number of states in the union having risen to 20, the federal Congress voted that the national flag “should contain 13 alternate red and white stripes representing the original 13 states.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 1 M / In the forenoon a Silent Meeting in the Afternoon father R delivered a short testimony

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January 22, Thursday: *Leise weht es*, a romanze for voice and guitar by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, as part of *Das Nachtlager von Granada*, a play by Kind, in the Dresden Hoftheater.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

236. NOTES ON A JOURNEY IN AMERICA, FROM THE COAST OF VIRGINIA TO THE TERRITORY OF ILLINOIS [IN 1817] (London: Severn & Co., 1818). This region of Illinois now boasts more pig farms per square mile than anywhere else in the United States of America.



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*5th day 22 of 1 M / At Meeting father R was concerned in testimony In the last (Preparative) the overseers of the Poor for the past Year was proposed to fill the station for the Year ensuing.
In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Henry Vinson.*

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January 25, Sunday: Birth of [Benjamin Morgan Palmer](#), who would come to be considered the pastor of the Confederate States of America. The whiteness of his righteousness would overcome all fear.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 1st M / Our Aged sister in the Church Dorcas Easton Died the 22nd inst & this Morning her remains were taken to the Meeting house & after Meeting were decently inter'd in the Upper burying ground in the Meadow field - [The handwriting changes in character at this point, from slanting to upright] Our friend D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony at two Different standings - father Rodman & Hannah Dennis was also engaged in lively testimonies - & I thought truth was in dominion among us which was cause of a degree of rejoicing to some present - Dorcas was a woman of a remarkably meek & quiet disposition & speaking in the language of Ancient friends "was a lover of Truth & Friends" remarkably careful thro' life that no part of her conduct should bring reproach on the profession which she made -She died in the 74 Year of her Age & was the last remaining branch of an Ancient & very respectable family in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Our Afternoon Meeting was silent & smaller than usual owing to there being much Snow on the ground -

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January 29, Thursday: [His Royal Highness William Henry, Duke of Gloucester & Edinburgh](#), who was President of England's [African Institution](#) and was also known as "Cheese" and as "Silly Billy," wrote to [Bushrod Washington](#), who was President of the [American Colonization Society](#) and who owned and sold black slaves. (If you are sufficiently interested, which I doubt, this letter may be inspected in the 2D ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR COLONIZING THE FREE PEOPLE OF COLOUR OF THE UNITED STATES, issued in Washington DC by the American Colonization Society in 1819.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 1st M 1818 / Our first Meeting was silent. - In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) we had considerable buisness, & some of it of a trying nature, it seemd to be my lot to take part in the concerns before us - & was deputed to attend the insuing Quarterly Meeting at [Providence](#) Darius Lawton only dined with us - - -

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January 30, Friday: [John Keats](#) wrote to his friend [John Hamilton Reynolds](#), including with his letter a new sonnet:

When I have fears that I may cease to be
Before my pen has glean'd my teeming brain,
Before high-piled books, in charactery,
Hold like rich garners the full ripen'd grain;
When I behold, upon the night's starr'd face,
Huge cloudy symbols of a high romance,
And think that I may never live to trace
Their shadows, with the magic hand of chance;
And when I feel, fair creature of an hour,
That I shall never look upon thee more,
Never have relish in the faery power
Of unreflecting love;— then on the shore
Of the wide world I stand alone, and think
Till love and fame to nothingness do sink.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30 of 1 M / Yesterday Afternoon SUSANNA DAVENPORT
departed this life aged about 79 years. She has long been a fast
& long proven friend in our family*

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February 1, Sunday: Horace Smith, a friend of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), was helping him manage his finances. The two had decided to stage a friendly poetry competition, to appear in the pages of [The Examiner](#). Their competing sonnets were stipulated to be based somehow upon a reading of Book I, Chapter 47, of [Diodorus Siculus Διόδωρος Σικελιώτης](#)'s [BIBLIOTHECA HISTORICA](#), dealing with the history and culture of ancient Egypt. Shelly's "Ozymandias" had already been printed. On this day Smith's submission was printed (later it would feature in his volume *AMARYNTHUS* under the title "On A Stupendous Leg of Granite, Discovered Standing by Itself in the Deserts of Egypt, with the Inscription Inserted Below").

In Egypt's sandy silence, all alone,
Stands a gigantic Leg, which far off throws
The only shadow that the Desart knows:—
"I am great OZYMANDIAS," saith the stone,
"The King of Kings; this mighty City shows
"The wonders of my hand."— The City's gone,—
Nought but the Leg remaining to disclose
The site of this forgotten Babylon.

We wonder, —and some Hunter may express
Wonder like ours, when thro' the wilderness
Where London stood, holding the Wolf in chace,
He meets some fragment huge, and stops to guess
What powerful but unrecorded race
Once dwelt in that annihilated place.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 2 M 1818 / Our Meetings were both silent, & to



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me Seasons of barraness as I have no doubt they were to most present. –

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February 3, Tuesday: Very early on this day, the lower Ohio Valley experienced the harshest winter storm since white settlement had begun in 1788. Dr. Sam Hildreth of Marietta reported a blanket of snow fully 26 inches in depth, undrifted. Severe cold was to follow throughout eastern Ohio, with the Fahrenheit thermometer displaying 20 degrees below 0.

[John Keats](#) wondered, in regard to the work product of [William Wordsworth](#) (whom he had recently met), whether we should allow ourselves to be “bullied into a certain philosophy engendered in the whims of an egotist”?

It may be said that we ought to read our Contemporaries, that Wordsworth &c should have their due from us. but for the sake of a few fine imaginative or domestic passages, are we to be bullied into a certain Philosophy engendered in the whims of an Egotist— Every man has his speculations, but every man does not brood and peacock over them till he makes a false coinage and deceives himself – Many a man can travel to the very bourne of Heaven, and yet want confidence to put down his half seeing.... Poetry should be great & unobtrusive, a thing which enters into one's soul, and does not startle it or amaze it with itself but with its subject. – How beautiful are the retired flowers! how would they lose their beauty were they to throng into the highway crying out, admire me I am a violet! dote upon me I am a primrose! Modern poets differ from the Elizabethans in this.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 2nd M 1818 / Set out this morning in a Sleigh in company with Isaac Mitchell Richard Mitchell & their sister Anne & Sister Eliza Rodman for [Providence](#) Quarterly Meeting - We reached [Warren](#) by dinner time, & dined at Cobs Tavern while there it began to Snow, & we rode in an increasing Storm of Wind Rain & Snow - sister E & myself Stopped at O Browns where were were soon joined by our dear Acquaintance from Lynn vizt Daniel Johnson Ezra Collins Isaac Bassett & wife & Mary Newhall & Saml Rodman from [New Bedford](#) & several others from this Q[arterly] Meeting we passed a very pleasant evening after a pretty suffering ride & lodged

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February 4, Wednesday: Message of President James Monroe about the condition of amendments to [the Constitution](#).

[Augustus Goddard Peabody](#) was born in Boston, the initial child of Augustus Peabody and Miranda Goddard Peabody. The father was a member of the Suffolk bar. The son would be fitted for college at the Public Latin School in Boston, and matriculate at Harvard College in 1833 (Class of 1837, same as Henry Thoreau).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day / After attending to a little buisness which I had with several people in [Providence](#), I took a horse & sleigh & rode out to Daniel Lymans to visit an old relation vizt Mary Wanton widow of John Wanton late of this Town who now wants but a Month or two of being 90 Years of Age - I spent a little time very agreeably she retains her powers of mind, but is now so lame as to be unable to Walk - She recollects all the Ancients of this Town particularly Gov[ernor] John Wanton who died in this place in the Year 1740. I inquired about him, of whom & several others she related several Anecdotes- I staid & dined with them who seemed to welcome me as a relation in a respectable branch of the Wanton family. After gowing [sic] to Lymans factory & examining the curious machinery there rode to [Providence](#) again & took tea with Joseph Anthony whose wife was a Gould & a relation of Mine & there I lodged, but in the evening set a little while at O Browns, where was Avis Keene & Betsy Purinton with her companion R Dean having just returned from a religious visit to the Westward Job Hanes of Jersey accompanied them thus far homeward

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February 5, Thursday: King Carl XIII of Sweden died, succeeded by his adopted son Jean Baptiste Sebastien Bernadotte who would rule as Carl XIV, founder of the Bernadotte dynasty.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / The Meeting was large & before the silence was broke it felt to me a good degree of that solemnity was felt among us which was experenced by the four & twenty elders which we heard of & I was remarakbly struck with this thought - Daniel Howland first appeared in a lively & solemn testimony -Then James Keene & I believe was scarcely exceeded by the Apostle Paul for life & Power, then Peter Hoxie appeared in a short but lively & pertinent testimony then Mary Newhall in a lively & well connected communication - Daniel Howland concluded in Solemn supplication. -

In the last meeting we had much buisness & all went on well - Ann Anthony wife of Thos was appointed an elder - Henry Knowles was recommended as a Minister & Daniel Howland liberated to attend the approaching Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & N York & pay a religious visit to some meetings there abouts. - I dined with Jos Anthony - & had the company of several of my friends and old acquaintances particularly Thos Anthony - James Greene & Daniel Howland - Set most of the evening at O Browns with a pleasant & instructing circle - lodged at J Anthonys

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February 6, Friday: Milton K. Barlow was born in Kentucky. In 1844 he would sell a planetarium mechanism created in his silversmith shop to the Girard College observatory, presumably for \$2,000. In 1851 he would exhibit such a mechanism at the New York World's Fair.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / left the company I went with to return tomorrow & set out for home with David Buffum Jr. found the sleighing poor, but we got to [Bristol](#) with tolerable convenience & from thence I took the Stage to Town. - found my H & John well & I have thankfully to acknowledge it has been a season of favor to me for which I desire to be thankful -

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February 8, Sunday: A sermon was delivered at Woodstock, Vermont by the Reverend Leland Howard, pastor of the 1st Baptist Society in Windsor, Vermont, prior to the [hanging](#) on February 13th of Samuel E. Godfrey (1782-1818) of Chatham on Cape Cod for the grudge murder in 1814 of Thomas Hewlet (as keeper of the Vermont State Prison where Godfrey was serving a prison sentence, Hewlet had punished him for a rule infraction; there had been in this case three successive trials and three successive orders of execution over a period of four years).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 2nd M 1818 / Our morning Meeting was an uncommonly favored season, early in the sitting a good degree of solemnity was felt to arise & D Buffum was soon engaged in a lively testimony attended with life & Power - then father Rodman, then Lydia Almy, then Hannah Dennis who rose a second time & with much feeling addressed the Youth.- In the Afternoon we were silent but a solid covering was witnessed -

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February 12, Thursday: On the 1st anniversary of the Battle of Chacabuco, Chile formally proclaimed its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony Set the evening with Father R at my cousins Anne & Mary Goulds conversed on some temporal concerns which concerned them. -

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February 15, Sunday: The Reverend Joshua Bates, A.M. delivered a discourse on the text "Finally, brethren, farewell" (2 Corinthians 13:11) on the Sabbath preceding the dissolution of his 15-year pastoral relation with the First Church in Dedham, Massachusetts. He had been separated, to labor in other regions, and become a witness of the truth to other people. His happiness in departing would have been increased, if he could have seen all the members of his flock walking in the truth, and rejoicing in the Lord. This discourse would in the course of the year be printed as a pamphlet at the Dedham firm of Abel D. Alleyne.



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To those, who have neglected, or abused the means of grace, with which they have been indulged, and continued in impenitence and unbelief – to those who have disregarded both the warnings and exhortations, which have been given from this desk – to those, who have braved the terrors of the Lord, and turned a deaf ear to the invitations of the gospel, – to you, who are yet in your sins, I can only add another solemn admonition. – Remember that except ye repent, ye must perish.²³⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 2 M / In our mornng meeting which was well attended Our Fr D Buffum was very lively in testimony & to my mind a favorable season, before any thing was said I felt life to spring up in my mind very sweetly. – At two OClock Attended the funeral of Alice Wyatt an aged friend in the 89 Year of her Age – The funeral went to meeting which was larger than in the morning & D Buffum was again very lively in testimony also father Rodman. – The Corpse were deposited after Meeting in the upper burying ground In the evening several friends called & set with us

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February 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 2 M / Our first meeting was a dull season to me – Hannah Dennis was very sweetly engaged in testimony I have no doubt that to many minds it was a favor'd season. The meeting was well attended – In the last (Preparative) we had no buisness – Stopt after meeting with the committee to confer in Jnt Weavers case & concluded to recommend to the meeting to forward a course of communication to Troy Meeting respecting him.–

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John Keats had an idea:

I have an idea that a Man might pass a very pleasant life in this manner – let him on any certain day read a certain Page of full Poesy or distilled Prose and let him wander with it, and muse upon it, and reflect from it, and bring home to it, and prophesy upon it, and dream upon it – untill it becomes stale – but when will it do so? Never – When Man has arrived at a certain ripeness in intellect any one grand and spiritual passage serves him as a starting post towards all "the two-and thirty Pallaces" How happy is such a "voyage of conception," what delicious diligent Indolence! A doze upon a Sofa does not hinder it, and a nap upon Clover engenders the ethereal fingerpointings – the prattle of a child gives it wings, and the converse of middle

237. The Reverend Bates would pass on to become the 3d president of Middlebury College in Vermont, becoming a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1834, until 1839 when he would be appointed as Chaplain of the US House of Representatives for the 26th Congress. With the close of this session of the federal legislature, he would remove to Dudley, Massachusetts and become a pastor there, until his death at the age of 77. In 1848 he, Edward Everett, and Josiah Quincy, would convince the General Court of Massachusetts to establish the first free public library in America, the Boston Public Library.



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age a strength to beat them – a strain of musick conducts to "an odd angler of the Isle" and when the leaves whisper it puts a "girdle round the earth." Nor will this sparing touch of noble Books be any irreverence to their Writers – for perhaps the honors paid by Man to Man are trifles in comparison to the Benefit done by great Works to the "Spirit and pulse of good" by their mere passive existence. Memory should not be called knowledge – Many have original Minds who do not think it – they are led away by Custom – Now it appears to me that almost any Man may like the Spider spin from his own inwards his own airy Citadel – the points of leaves and twigs on which the Spider begins her work are few and she fills the Air with a beautiful circuiting: man should be content with as few points to tip with the fine Webb of his Soul and weave a tapestry empyrean – full of Symbols for his spiritual eye, of softness for his spiritual touch, of space for his wandering of distinctness for his Luxury – But the Minds of Mortals are so different and bent on such diverse Journeys that it may at first appear impossible for any common taste and fellowship to exist between two or three under these suppositions – It is however quite the contrary – Minds would leave each other in contrary directions, traverse each other in Numberless points, and [at] last greet each other at the Journeys end – A old Man and a child would talk together and the old Man be led on his Path, and the child left thinking – Man should not dispute or assert but whisper results to his neighbour, and thus by every germ of Spirit sucking the Sap from mould ethereal every human might become great, and Humanity instead of being a wide heath of Furse and Briars with here and there a remote Oak or Pine, would become a grand democracy of Forest Trees. It has been an old Comparison for our urging on – the Bee hive – however it seems to me that we should rather be the flower than the Bee – for it is a false notion that more is gained by receiving than giving – no the receiver and the giver are equal in their benefits – The f[l]ower I doubt not receives a fair guerdon from the Bee – its leaves blush deeper in the next spring – and who shall say between Man and Woman which is the most delighted? Now it is more noble to sit like Jove [than] to fly like Mercury – let us not therefore go hurrying about and collecting honey-bee like, buzzing here and there impatiently from a knowledge of what is to be arrived at: but let us open our leaves like a flower and be passive and receptive – budding patiently under the eye of Apollo and taking hints from every noble insect that favors us with a visit – sap will be given us for Meat and dew for drink – I was led into these thoughts, my dear Reynolds, by the beauty of the morning operating on a sense of Idleness – I have no read any Books – the Morning said I was right – I had no Idea but of the Morning and the Thrush said I was right – seeming to say–

"O thou whose face hath felt the Winter's wind;
Whose eye has seen the Snow clouds hung in Mist
And the black-elm tops 'mong the freezing Stars
To thee the Spring will be a harvest-time–
O thou whose only book has been the light



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*Of supreme darkness which thou feddest on
Night after night, when Phoebus was away
To thee the Spring shall be a tripple morn—
O fret not after knowledge – I have none
And yet my song comes native with the warmth
O fret not after knowledge – I have none
And yet the Evening listens – He who saddens
At thought of Idleness cannot be idle,
And he's awake who thinks himself asleep.”*

Now I am sensible all this is a mere sophistication, however it may neighbour to any truths, to excuse my indolence – so I will not deceive myself that Man should be equal with jove – but think himself very well off as a sort of scullion-Mercury or even a humble Bee – It is [no] matter whether I am right or wrong either one way or another, if there is sufficient to lift a little time from your Shoulders.



February 20, Friday: Forces of the Peshwa were defeated by the British at Ashti.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 2nd M 1818 / My mind has been under good feeling much of the time thro' the course of the day - & this afternoon engaged in a religious communicatin with my neighbour Geo Engs which resulted satisfactorily & I dont know but somewhat profitably -

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February 22, Sunday: Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine published an letter from the [James Hogg the "Ettrick Shepherd"](#) recounting an extraordinary feat by Sirrah, his mostly black sheepdog.

*I was a shepherd for ten years on the same farm, where I had always about 700 lambs put under my charge every year at weaning-time. As they were of the ... blackfaced breed, the breaking of them was a very ticklish and difficult task. I was obliged to watch them night and day for the first four days, during which I had always a person to assist me. It happened one year, that just about midnight the lambs broke and came up the moor upon us, making a noise with their running louder than thunder. We got up and waved our plaids, and shouted, in hopes to turn them, but we only made matters worse ... and by our exertions we cut them into three divisions.
I called out "Sirrah, my man, they're away" ... but owing to the darkness of the night, and the blackness of the moor, I never saw him at all.... I ran here and there, not knowing what to do, but always at intervals, gave a loud whistle to Sirrah, to let him know that I was depending on him.... [T]he lad who was assisting me ... likewise had lost all traces of the lambs.... We both concluded, that whatever way the lambs ran at first, they would finally land at the fold where they left their mothers, and without delay we bent our course towards that; but when we came there, we found nothing of them.*



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My companion then bent his course towards the farm of Glen on the north, and I ran away westward for several miles, along the wild track where the lambs had grazed while following their dams. We met after it was day, far up a place called the Black Cleuch, but neither of us had been able to discover our lambs, nor any traces of them.... We had nothing for it but to return to our master, and inform him that we had lost his whole flock of lambs.

On our way home, however, we discovered a body of lambs at the bottom of a deep ravine, called the Flesh Sleuch, and the indefatigable Sirrah standing in front of them, looking all around for some relief, but still standing true to his charge. The sun was then up; and when we first came in view of them, we concluded that it was one of the divisions of the lambs.... But what was our astonishment, when we discovered that not one lamb of the whole flock was wanting! How had he got all the divisions collected in the dark is beyond my comprehension. The charge was left entirely to himself from midnight until the rising of the sun; and if all the shepherds in the Forest had been there to have assisted him, they could not have effected it with greater propriety.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 2nd M / Our Meetings were both silent & to me pretty good ones - Set the evening at home -

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February 26, Thursday: This was Queen Charlotte's 74th birthday and, as she was in poor health, it was expected correctly to be her last. A drawing room event was arranged at her Majesty's Palace, and the event would be duly reported by The Times on the following day (copied here). Proper cushions were provided, on which her Majesty could stand or lean to enable her to go through the fatigue of a crowded court. At one o'clock there was a salute of artillery in the Park and the Tower; and that no inappropriate sight might interfere with the rejoicings usual to a birthday fete, all those persons who were in family mourning, put it off for that day and glittered in colors more suitable for the occasion. The guards, on horse and foot, under the superintendence of the police, were distributed through all the usual stations, and maintained the most perfect order. An immense multitude of spectators were collected together in spite of the rain and cold. The court visitors were also very numerous; they began to arrive at one o'clock, and continued setting down till past three. At half past three the Prince Regent arrived with his usual suite of attendants and was followed by the usual train of life-guards. His Royal Highness was, of course, received with all the ceremonies due to the Sovereign. The Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the Princess Sophia of Gloucester went in State, escorted by parties of life-guards. The Duke of Sussex went in private. The Prince of Hesse-Homberg went in one of the Regent's carriages, was escorted by Life Guards, and was received with the same military honours as the Royal Family. The Speaker of the House of Commons, the Master of the Rolls and the Vice-Chancellor, went in state and were presented on their late appointments. The Austrian

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Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador, accompanied by his lady, and the American Plenipotentiary with his lady, severally went in state. Mrs. Rush, the wife of the American Minister, was presented to the Queen by Lady Castlereagh. Mr. Smith and Mr. Taylor, attached to the embassy were presented by his Excellency. The Prince of Hesse-Homberg was presented to the Queen by Lord Stewart, our Ambassador to Vienna, but who is now at home on leave. There were present, the Lord Chancellor and the Regent's cabinet ministers, the Great Officers of State, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Mr. Sheriff Desagne, Mr. Sheriff Alderson, the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Dean of Windsor, the Dean of Westminster, the Provost of Eton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Lord Primate of Ireland, &c.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 2nd M / It is Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#), taking every thing into consideration I concluded to stay at Home but I do not know that it was a right conclusion. Yet on feeling over the subject this evening do not see or find condemnation

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March 1, Sunday: The 1st public performance of Franz Schubert's Overture in the Italian Style takes place in the Gasthof "zum römischen Kaiser" of Vienna. It was the 1st instrumental work by Schubert to be presented in public.

[Sam Houston](#) resigned his commission in the US Army over false accusations concerning involvement in slave trading.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 3 M / Daniel Quinby from Purchase N York state is with us & attended Meetings today - In the forenoon he preached very largely to good satisfaction in the Afternoon silent - he appears to be a bold espouser of the Gospel & his communications are attended with life & Power & I hope his labors may be blessed among us - he commences families this evening

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March 2, Monday: [George Long](#) of Lancashire was admitted sizar at St. John's in Cambridge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 2 of 3 M / D Quinby is still engaged in town & it fell to my lot to give information to the families that he has visited yesterday as well as today. several times in passing about my mind was led to look back & reflect how much shorter time it now takes to visit the families in this place than it did say 60 years ago & even less time, this was the great seat of friends in New England, & in passing round I could see houses, several together, where were families of repute of weight, but now either deserted or inhabited by others, not a vestage of Ancient greatness remaining, but the bare House itself. - Well tho' that generation has passed away I trust there is yet Salt remaining, & that if the present generation walk faithfully in the paths made known to us by the influence of the holy spirit, we shall yet Know an increase in good & that we shall dignify our profession as did those of ancient days. -

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March 5, Thursday: Franz Schubert applied for membership as an accompanist in the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde. He would be rejected because he was not an amateur.

Mosè in Egitto, an azione tragico-sacra by Gioachino Rossini to words of Tottola after Ringhieri, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, Naples. It was an immediate success.

[Julia Thuillier Savage Landor](#) gave birth to an infant that would be christened [Arnold Savage Landor](#) in honor of one of the earliest speakers in the House of Commons, [Sir Arnold Savage](#) (actually, they had no idea whether this famous personage had or had not been one of their family's ancestors).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 3rd M / Our friend Daniel Quinby was at Meeting & appeared in a short but sound & powerful testimony - his opening was from Nehemiah 2 Chapt 17 verse "ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, & the gates thereof are burned with fire: come let us build up the Walls of Jerusalem that we be no more a reproach" he very forcibly impressed the necessity of our living up to our profession & rebuilding the walls & waste places of Zion, & that we steadily persue the purpose, notwithstanding the Sanballats & Tobiahs that might arise & dispise the work as a vain thing & too much to be attempted - he labord to streangthen the feeble laborers & to warn the rebellious among us & concluded in a living powerful Prayer which reached the hearts of some present. -



March 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 3rd M / Our Morning meeting was remarkably full the London Epistle for last Year was read - In the Afternoon we were silent - to me they were both poor Seasons. - the fault my own - Set the evening at home & read Barclays Apology

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March 12, Thursday: Overture in the Italian Style for two pianos, eight hands by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Gasthof “zum römischen Kaiser” of Vienna.

After having spent some time in London, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) departed for the Continent accompanied by Claire Clairmont, three children, and two servants — Amelia (Milly) Shields and Louise (Elise) Duvillard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th of 3rd M 1818 / Our meeting was small & silent & to me a very comfortable Season - a considerable many of our members were absent to attend the funeral of our friend Ruth Sherman which was at 2 OClock at the Meeting house, which I understood was a favord time Ruth Davis appeared in supplication & H Dennis & Obadiah Davis in Testimony & Obadiah was also engaged in a few words at the grave
She is the last of the old Standards that used to set on the high Seat when I was a boy She died last second day evening at her house in [Portsmouth](#) Aged about 77 Years. -*

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March 19, Thursday: Royalist forces routed Chilean revolutionaries at Cancha Rayada, northeast of Talca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19 of 3 M / Our meeting was silent, in the last (Preparative) we had no buisness. -
The subject of being appointed an Elder has of late been proposed to me, & has claimed my very serious consideration. I have endeavoured to weigh it in all its bearings, which has produced much humbling exercise, & tho' my own infermities & many discouraging prospects await me, yet I see no way to feel satisfied but to submit to the disposal of my friends. Time is short, & I sensibly feel that I am advancing fast & shall soon be on the down hill, & what I do must be done quickly*

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March 21, Saturday: The Middlesex [County Gazette](#) reported that a bill had been taken up again “and discussed with much earnestness,” without it having been possible to reach agreement. What this discussion had been in regard to was, the law which permitted slavemasters to “reclaim” those “[slaves](#)” who were “fugitive” from them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd M 21st 7th day 1818 / Aunt Molly Wanton who has been about nine Years in a derainged State of Mind, has for some weeks been declining in health & come out in great sores on various parts of her body & has appear'd within a few days to be fast declining. -This morning she seems to be more feeble that I ever saw her & from present appearances will not continue but a short



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March 22, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 3rd M / Yesterday Afternoon the minds of friends generally were affected with the news of the decease of JOSEPH BARKER of [Tiverton](#), he died about 1 / 2 past nine OC in the morning he had not been sick long & but the day before sent for Dr Hazard but he had expired before the Doctor reached him His loss is great to the meeting & neighborhood where he lived & to his family in particular. -

Our meeting this forenoon was in good measure favord & father Rodman was concerned in a short & feeling testamony. -

In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis preached & Lydia Almy prayed & before I left it I was sensible that divine favor was extended to us. About a quarter of an hour after we were settled Abraham Thurston came & called out John Slocum, & about a quarter afterwards he came in & called me out this excited some feeling in the meeting - after we were out Abraham informed me that a Challenge had been sent from Capt Heath to Comodore Perry to fight a DUEL & that the barer of it was in town & he & some others wanted some of the society of friends to enter a complaint against the cond[?] he wished us to interfere as friends of Peace & men of influence. This streightened me very much & I told him that I would return to meeting & after it concluded consult some of my friends on the subject but he said it must be done immedeatly & if I would not go with him he would go in & call out some other man & rather than have the meeting further disturbed, I concluded to go & see what was wanting to be done & how far I could consistently act in it, on the So side of Washington Square I found a number of the inhabitants assembled with anxous countenences - we went to Thos Townsend Junr where further consultation was had & I became convinced that something ought to be promptly done to prevent if possible so desolating a stroke to the family of Com. Perry & the community in general & if the Devil could not be stoped to wipe as far as Possible the stain from the State by using all the means & all the vigor of our laws against it - still my mind was embarrassed & much exercised as to moving in it myself not seeing exactly to the end of it - John Slocum consented to sign a complaint & by this time meeting was broke & I sent for Benj Hadwen, who I took out of the room & explained to him my reasons for an unwillingness to engage in the affair, & he readily consented, being used to the law & understood it much better than myself - A court was soon convened & a warrant made out & the man in question apprehended & soon committed to Prison for further examination & messengers were also sent to [Providence](#) to Apprehend Capt Heath. & I greatly desire a stop may be put to so abhorant an affair

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March 26, Thursday: The [1st savings bank to operate in New-York](#) opened in a basement room — eventually it would erect a magnificent building at the corner of 4th Avenue and 22d Street which in the 1980s would be repurposed as a grocery store (lo how the mighty have fallen).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 3rd M 1818 / In the first Meeting (Monthly— Ruth Davis appeared in supplication —
In the last I experienced a Memorable exercise in which my mind was humbled - My name was proposed & the Meeting Appointed me to the important & responsible station of an Elder, since the subject was proposed my mind has been under the weight to submit my neck to the Yoak, great as the work is, I see no other way than to enter into it according to my capacity, & have been favor'd with a renew'd evidence that divine help is still near, & will thro' faithful obedience to the Word of life; qualify for all that is required at my hand, but Alass my frailty is such as causes trembling, lest I fall by the way - I see the necessity the great necessity of constant Watchfulness to prayer lest I yeald to temptations & bring reproach on the Truth, but may I be favor'd & know & increase in Spirituality & continue firm to the end.
Uncle R Mitchel dined with us & while we were at Meeting Aunt Stanton arrived after a Short passage from N York. her coming will be a comfort & help to Mother in Aunt Molly's present situation. [Did Aunt Molly have Alzheimer's?]*

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March 29, Sunday: [Alexandre Sabès “Papa Bon-Cœur” Pétion](#), President for Life of the Republic of Haiti, died of yellow fever and was succeeded by [Jean-Pierre Boyer](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29 of 3 M / Anne Greene was concern'd in testimony in our morning meeting - in the Afternoon Silent - rather low times to me - In the forepart of the evening went up to see my Aged cousin Bathsheba Gould. I had written a will for her which she executed & had a sweet visit found her very lively in spirit & tho' she has attained the eightieth Year of her Age enjoys good health - She presented me with a truly Apostolick Epistle from Saml Fothergil to friends in Tortola transcribed in her own hand writing which I shall lay by as a memento of her
Set the remainder evening with my H at my Mothers in company with Aunt Stanton -*

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 April 2, Thursday: In the will of Elizabeth Galbraith Kelso of Pennsylvania, made on this date, we find that she gave and bequeathed to “*the colored girl ‘Hannah,’ who served her time and now lives with me all my common wearing apparel, the small bed made of feathers and flocks with the bedding, thereto, and Fifty Dollars in cash to be paid by said executors.*”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 4th M 1818 / A rather small meeting father Rodman concerned in a few words, & to some a pretty good time –

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 April 5, Sunday: South American forces under José de San Martín defeated Spanish and Loyalist troops on the Plain of Maipú, just south of Santiago, Chile within earshot of the capital. The victory ensured Chilean independence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 4 M / Very rainy & a small meeting - father R short & lively - Obadiah Brown & his wife from [Providence](#) were down & at Meeting –
In the Afternoon Silent & the meeting small in consequence of the weather –
In the evening set agreeably at Dorcas Earls in company with O Brown & wife –*

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 April 9, Thursday: On Grand Isle, Vermont, a site adjacent to the [Quaker](#) burying ground was sold by Warren Corbin and Seth Griffith to Silas Macomber for \$10, for the purpose of erecting a Friends meetinghouse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th 9 of 4th M / Weather wet, our meeting was Small - Lydia Almy was concerned in Testimony also father Rodman. -
In the Afternoon met with a committee to consider the present debt of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, & the most eligible mode of paying it. many remarks were made & the subject generally opened, but all of the committee not being present nothing was resulted. –*

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 April 12, Sunday: In an attack on the camp of the Red Stick leader Peter McQuee, the forces of General Andrew Jackson and their allies succeeded in killing many native Americans.



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"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

— Declaration of Independence



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 4th M / Our Meeting this forenoon was quite full - D Buffum engaged in a lively testimony & Jonathon Dennis, Spoke a little in a religious way with his hat on towards the close. - In the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in a short but lively testimony

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April 16, Thursday: The Rush/Bagot treaty between the United States of America and Britain demilitarizing the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain was formally ratified by the Senate.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 4 M / Very rainy Day & a very small meeting to me it was a season of but little life. -

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April 18, Saturday: It was established that the US flag was to acquire a star for each state added to its Union. (This convention of course would create a curious form of symbolic confusion during the our civil war.)

Jever was ceded to Oldenburg.

Friend [William Bartram](#) made an entry in his garden diary, about his beloved nephew James: "NB. died this morning [Dr. James Bartram](#) of Kingsess, grandson of the celebrated [John Bartram](#) the Botanist & naturalist." (No other human death had ever been or would ever be recorded by [William](#) among his garden notes.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 4 M / This Afternoon my beloved friend Thos Anthony came down from [Greenwich](#) to attend our Meeting tomorrow we were very glad of his company & He took tea & Lodged with us. -

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 April 19, Sunday: Antonio Salieri's chorus Do re mi fa was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Publication of the Adagio, Variations and Rondo on "Schöne Minka" op.78 for piano by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 4th M 1818 / Our Morning meeting was large & our beloved Brother Thos Anthony was concerned in a very lively testimony & it proved a season of uncommon favor – In the Afternoon Thos was again engaged in testimony - & solemn supplication much to our edification & comfort & some of our hearts were rejoiced on his account & desires raised that he may stand firm in the Truth to the end for at present he appears to have a good gift in the ministry & exercises it with Skill & power. – I went in the evening with him to See Abigail Robinson After setting awhile with her very agreeably we returned & he again lodged with us. –

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 April 20, Monday: The US federal Congress enacted sharply increased protectionist tariffs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 4 M / Thos Anthony returned about noon in the [Greenwich](#) Packet. I have no doubt with the precious reward of Peace. –

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United States Statute: "An Act in addition to 'An act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight,' and to repeal certain parts of the same."

STATUTES AT LARGE, III.450. For proceedings in Congress, see SENATE JOURNAL, 15th Congress, 1st session, pages 243, 304, 315, 333, 338, 340, 348, 377, 386, 388, 391, 403, 406; HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress, 1st session, pages 450, 452, 456, 468, 479, 484, 492, 505.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: To remedy the obvious defects of the Act of 1807 two courses were possible: one, to minimize the crime of transportation, and, by encouraging informers, to concentrate efforts against the buying of smuggled slaves; the other, to make the crime of transportation so great that no slaves would be imported. The Act of 1818 tried the first method; that of 1819, the second.²³⁸ The latter was obviously the more upright and logical, and the only method deserving thought even in 1807;

238. The first method, represented by the Act of 1818, was favored by the South, the Senate, and the Democrats; the second method, represented by the Act of 1819, by the North, the House, and by the as yet undeveloped but growing Whig party.



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but the Act of 1818 was the natural descendant of that series of compromises which began in the Constitutional Convention, and which, instead of postponing the settlement of critical questions to more favorable times, rather aggravated and complicated them.

The immediate cause of the Act of 1818 was the Amelia Island scandal.²³⁹ Committees in both Houses reported bills, but that of the Senate finally passed. There does not appear to have been very much debate.²⁴⁰ The sale of Africans for the benefit of the informer and of the United States was strongly urged "as the only means of executing the laws against the slave trade as experience had fully demonstrated since the origin of the prohibition."²⁴¹ This proposition was naturally opposed as "inconsistent with the principles of our Government, and calculated to throw as wide open the door to the importation of slaves as it was before the existing prohibition."²⁴² The act, which became a law April 20, 1818,²⁴³ was a poorly constructed compromise, which virtually acknowledged the failure of efforts to control the trade, and sought to remedy defects by pitting cupidity against cupidity, informer against thief. One-half of all forfeitures and fines were to go to the informer, and penalties for violation were changed as follows: –

For equipping a slaver, instead of a fine of \$20,000, a fine of \$1000 to \$5000 and imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.

For transporting Negroes, instead of a fine of \$5000 and forfeiture of ship and Negroes, a fine of \$1000 to \$5000 and imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.

For actual importation, instead of a fine of \$1000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment from 5 to 10 years, a fine of \$1000 to \$10,000, and imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.

For knowingly buying illegally imported Negroes, instead of a fine of \$800 for each Negro and forfeiture, a fine of \$1000 for each Negro.

The burden of proof was laid on the defendant, to the extent that he must prove that the slave in question had been imported at least five years before the prosecution. The slaves were still left to the disposal of the States.

This statute was, of course, a failure from the start,²⁴⁴ and at the very next session Congress took steps to revise it. A bill

239. Committees on the slave-trade were appointed by the House in 1810 and 1813; the committee of 1813 recommended a revision of the laws, but nothing was done: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 11 Congress 3 session, page 387; 12th Congress 2d session, pages 1074, 1090. The presidential message of 1816 led to committees on the trade in both Houses. The committee of the House of Representatives reported a joint resolution on abolishing the traffic and colonizing the Negroes, also looking toward international action. This never came to a vote: SENATE JOURNAL, 14th Congress 2d session, pages 46, 179, 180; HOUSE JOURNAL, 14th Congress 2d session, pages 25, 27, 380; HOUSE DOCUMENT, 14th Congress 2d session, II. No. 77. Finally, the presidential message of 1817 (HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 1st session, page 11), announcing the issuance of orders to suppress the Amelia Island establishment, led to two other committees in both Houses. The House committee under Middleton made a report with a bill (AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, MISCELLANEOUS, II. No. 441), and the Senate committee also reported a bill.

240. The Senate debates were entirely unreported, and the report of the House debates is very meagre. For the proceedings, see SENATE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 1st session, pages 243, 304, 315, 333, 338, 340, 348, 377, 386, 388, 391, 403, 406; HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 1st session, pages 19, 20, 29, 51, 92, 131, 362, 410, 450, 452, 456, 468, 479, 484, 492, 505.

241. Simkins of South Carolina, Edwards of North Carolina, and Pindall: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 1st session, page 1740.

242. Hugh Nelson of Virginia: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 1st session, page 1740.

243. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 450. By this act the first six sections of the Act of 1807 were repealed.

244. Or, more accurately speaking, every one realized, in view of the increased activity of the trade, that it would be a failure.



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was reported in the House, January 13, 1819, but it was not discussed till March.²⁴⁵ It finally passed, after "much debate."²⁴⁶ The Senate dropped its own bill, and, after striking out the provision for the death penalty, passed the bill as it came from the House.²⁴⁷ The House acquiesced, and the bill became a law, March 3, 1819,²⁴⁸ in the midst of the Missouri trouble. This act directed the President to use armed cruisers on the coasts of the United States and Africa to suppress the slave-trade; one-half the proceeds of the condemned ship were to go to the captors as bounty, provided the Africans were safely lodged with a United States marshal and the crew with the civil authorities. These provisions were seriously marred by a proviso which Butler of Louisiana, had inserted, with a "due regard for the interests of the State which he represented," viz., that a captured slaver must always be returned to the port whence she sailed.²⁴⁹ This, of course, secured decided advantages to Southern slave-traders. The most radical provision of the act was that which directed the President to "make such regulations and arrangements as he may deem expedient for the safe keeping, support, and removal beyond the limits of the United States, of all such negroes, mulattoes, or persons of colour, as may be so delivered and brought within their jurisdiction;" and to appoint an agent in Africa to receive such Negroes.²⁵⁰ Finally, an appropriation of \$100,000 was made to enforce the act.²⁵¹ This act was in some measure due to the new colonization movement; and the return of Africans recaptured was a distinct recognition of its efforts, and the real foundation of Liberia. To render this straightforward act effective, it was necessary to add but one measure, and that was a penalty commensurate with the crime of slave stealing. This was accomplished by the Act of May 15, 1820,²⁵² a law which may be regarded as the last of the Missouri Compromise measures. The act originated from the various bills on piracy which were introduced early in the sixteenth Congress. The House bill, in spite of opposition, was

245. Nov. 18, 1818, the part of the presidential message referring to the slave-trade was given to a committee of the House, and this committee also took in hand the House bill of the previous session which the Senate bill had replaced: HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 2d session, pages 9-19, 42, 150, 179, 330, 334, 341, 343, 352.

246. Of which little was reported: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 2d session, pages 1430-31. Strother opposed, "for various reasons of expediency," the bounties for captors. Nelson of Virginia advocated the death penalty, and, aided by Pindall, had it inserted. The vote on the bill was 57 to 45.

247. The Senate had also had a committee at work on a bill which was reported Feb. 8, and finally postponed: SENATE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 2d session, pages 234, 244, 311-2, 347. The House bill was taken up March 2: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 2d session, page 280.

248. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 532.

249. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 2d session, page 1430. This insured the trial of slave-traders in a sympathetic slave State, and resulted in the "disappearance" of many captured Negroes.

250. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 533.

251. The first of a long series of appropriations extending to 1869, of which a list is given on the next page. The totals are only approximately correct. Some statutes may have escaped me, and in the reports of moneys the surpluses of previous years are not always clearly distinguishable.

252. In the first session of the sixteenth Congress, two bills on piracy were introduced into the Senate, one of which passed, April 26. In the House there was a bill on piracy, and a slave-trade committee reported recommending that the slave-trade be piracy. The Senate bill and this bill were considered in Committee of the Whole, May 11, and a bill was finally passed declaring, among other things, the traffic piracy. In the Senate there was "some discussion, rather on the form than the substance of these amendments," and "they were agreed to without a division": SENATE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 238, 241, 268, 287, 314, 331, 346, 350, 409, 412, 417, 420, 422, 424, 425; HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 113, 280, 453, 454, 494, 518, 520, 522, 537; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 693-4, 2231, 2236-7, etc. The debates were not reported.



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amended so as to include slave-trading under piracy, and passed. The Senate agreed without a division. This law provided that direct participation in the slave-trade should be piracy, punishable with death.²⁵³

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VOLUME	PAGE	DATE	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
III.	533-4	March 3, 1819	\$100,000
III.	764	March 3, 1823	50,000
IIV.	141	March 14, 1826	32,000
IIV.	208	March 2, 1827	36,710 20,000
IIV.	302	May 24, 1828	30,000
IIV.	354	March 2, 1829	16,000
IIV.	462	March 2, 1831	16,000
IIV.	615	February 20, 1833	5,000
IIV.	67	January 24, 1834	5,000
IV.	157-8	March 3, 1837	11,413 .57
IV.	501	August 4, 1842	10,543 .42
IV.	615	March 3, 1843	5,000
IIX.	96	August 10, 1846	25,000
IXI.	90	August 18, 1856	8,000
IXI.	227	March 3, 1857	8,000
IXI.	404	March 3, 1859	75,000
IXII.	21	May 26, 1860	40,000
IXII.	132	February 19, 1861	900,000
IXII.	219	March 2, 1861	900,000
IXII.	639	February 4, 1863	17,000
IXIII.	424	January 24, 1865	17,000
IXIV.	226	July 25, 1866	17,000
IXIV.	415	February 28, 1867	17,000
IXV.	58	March 30, 1868	12,500
IXV.	321	March 3, 1869	12,500

Total, 50 years

\$ 2,386,666.99

253. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 600-1. This act was in reality a continuation of the piracy Act of 1819, and was only temporary. The provision was, however, continued by several acts, and finally made perpetual by the Act of Jan. 30, 1823: STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 510-4, 721. On March 3, 1823, it was slightly amended so as to give district courts jurisdiction.



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Minus surpluses re-appropriated (approximate)	48,666.99?
	<u>\$ 2,338,000.00</u>
Cost of squadron, 1843-58, @ \$384,500 per year (HOUSE EXECUTIVE DOCUMENT, 31st Cong., 1st sess., IX. No. 73)	5,767,500
Returning slaves on "Wildfire" (STATUTES AT LARGE, XII. 41)	250,000
Approximate cost of squadron, 1858-66, probably not less than \$500,000 per year	(?)4,000,000
Approximate money cost of suppressing the slave-trade	(?)\$ 12,355,500

Cf. Kendall's Report: SENATE DOCUMENT, 21st Congress 2d session, I. No. 1, pages 211-8; AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, NAVAL, III. No. 429 E.; also Reports of the Secretaries of the Navy from 1819 to 1860.



April 21, Tuesday: [Franz Seraphicus Grillparzer](#)'s "Sappho" premiered in Vienna.

[Henry Wheeler Shaw](#) ("Josh Billings") was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 4 M / This forenoon took Chaise with Aunt Stanton & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to look at a small place which she has had some thoughts of Purchasing - We dined with cousin Isaac Chase - where I felt thankful my lot was cast when I arrived there I was informed of a disagreeable circumstance between one of his sons & a woman who lives in the family. - After dinner my mind was impressed with the necessity of taking a solid opportunity with him on the subject which tho' much in the cross I submitted to & laid before him the consequences of such a connection with the ability then afforded. he received my communication very kindly & if it does not tend to break it up I have the satisfaction of doing what [I] could in season, & feel the reward of peace for this little dedication in the cause of Truth & to support The testimonies of Society - We then rode to Abner Cundels saw his farm & returned home. -

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April 22, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) wrote again to [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), urging in the strongest possible moral terms that he involve himself again with the mother, Claire Clairmont, of his illegitimate daughter. Taking Allegra away from her mother was simply wrong, wicked, evil. Byron remained entirely unmoved: he wanted his daughter but would have nothing further to do with its mother. She'd been an OK fuck, and that was about it.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22nd of 4 M 1818 / This morning Aunt Stanton sailed for N York - Yesterday we had the news of the sudden departure from time of our cousin Dorcas Gardiner & this morning soon after



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*Aunt Stanton left us - Word was brought over from Narragansett that Peleg Gardiner father of Dorcas Died twelve hours after her -this is an afflicting stroke to the family, to have two corpses laying in one house at one time is no common circumstance. & from the near friendship which existed between My mother & cousin Peleg I see nothing but that I must go over to Narragansett to the funeral, tho' much against my interest, being behind hand in my buisness already
On mature consideration this Afternoon of Aunt Molly Wantons situation &c I concluded not to go to Narragansett*

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April 23, Thursday: James Anthony Froude was born at Dartington in Devon, the last of 8 children of Archdeacon R.H. Froude.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 4 M / At Meeting Abigail Sherman delivered a short testimony - also Father Rodman. - to me it was a Dull time. - we had a considerable buisness in the preparative Meeting which held till 1 / 2 past One OClock -
Aunt Mary Wanton today is exceedingly feeble & it would not be surprising Should she depart this life in a very short time.*

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On the obverse of this carte de visite of James Anthony Froude is penned the remark "Emerson said he had the happy facility of seeing wholes and seeing particulars."



April 24, Friday: The vessel *Caroline* departed from Philadelphia under master James Serrill for New Orleans, transporting a [slave](#) cargo of 2 women, 3 boys, a girl and a female infant:

Milly	Female	45 years	5'2"	Crogham, owner — Louisiana
Rhodea	Female	32 years	5'3"	Washington Jackson, owner — Philadelphia
Humphrey	Male	14 years	5'2"	Crogham, owner — Louisiana
Dillie	Female	12 years	4'6"	
William	Boy	5 years		
James	Boy	4 years		
Lucy	Female	1 year		

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 4th M / Aunt M Wanton remains much as Yesterday - a poor suffering mortal both in body & mind. - & how long she will remain is uncertain tho' from all human probability it



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cannot be long ere the Scene of life must close

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 April 26, Sunday: Major General Andrew Jackson issued a written general order at his headquarters in Fort St. Marks, Florida directing “a special court martial, to meet at 12 o’clock, A.M., for the purpose of investigating charges exhibited against A. Arbuthnot, R.C. Ambrister, and such others, who are similarly situated, as may be brought before it.” (This order is of special interest in our current national situation under the Homeland Defense Act, because the Obama Administration has been arguing that whether or not General Jackson’s actions were hasty, poorly considered, immoral, and/or indecent, nevertheless they do constitute one of the valid legal precedents for the Bush Administration’s still-open prison at Guantánamo and for our current actions against persons whom the current administration chooses to characterize as “extremists,” and as such may be fairly offered in argument in court. Nevertheless, the Pentagon’s top lawyer, Jeh Johnson, has sent to the Seminole Tribe of Florida what amounts to an apology for having likened al Qaida as of 2012 to their tribe as of 1818!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th 4 M 1818 / The forenoon meeting was silent in the Afternoon Lydia Almy & Abigail Sherman was concerned in short testimonys. – to me they were remarkably dull meetings. --After tea took a walk with father Rodman to see Isaac Mitchell & wife & spent a little time very pleasantly with them –

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 April 27, Monday: Irish and British mercenaries in two ships supporting Chilean independence defeated two Spanish warships that had been blocking the harbor of Valparaiso.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 4 M / Aunt Mary Wanton is very low today, it seems as if a period is fast approaching to her sufferings, & tho’ her life for a long time past has neither been comfortable to herself or friends, yet we who remember her in better days, can but feel the cords of affection nearly & closely touched at the prospect of a separation. – I set with her for some time towards night & endeavoured to center my mind in the quiet & was favor’d with the precious evidence of divine favor, which I believe was felt by her, for several times she spoke affectionately, & put our her hand which on my taking it She Squeesed it several times. –

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 April 30, Thursday: Chauncey R. Watson secured US Patent #203,226 for an improvement in the doors of grain cars (it would later be determined by the US Supreme Court that this patent should not have been issued, and was null and void, because although Watson’s improvement may well have been novel and may well have proven useful, it had not arisen from “the exercise of the inventive faculty” — you can get off the train now, Chauncey).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 4 M / Finding Aunt M Wanton to lay about as she



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has done for several days past - Took Sister Ruth in a Chaise (my H being quite unwell) & went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - the forepart of the first meeting was to me a season of favor & I thought of general solemnity - H Dennis & A Sherman offered short testimonys - In the last we had considerable buisness. - which succeeded considering all things as well as could be expected - Ebenezer Metcalf & Phebe Almy published their intentions of marriage - We dined at Richard Mitchells - then rode home found Aunt M Wanton much as we left her surprising instance of suffering humanity -

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May 4, Monday: For purposes of suppression of the [international slave trade](#), the Netherlands granted to the warships of Great Britain permission to board and inspect its commercial shipping on the high seas, and of course vice versa (BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1817-18, pages 125-43).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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2nd day 4rd of 5th M 1818 / My dear Aunt MARY WANTON quietly drew he last breath this fornoon at 30 minutes past 11 OClock, she was evidently changeing for some hours & about two hours before she left us was very desirous to be got in her easy chair which was done & she seemed easier & drew her breath shorter & shorter till she died & left us without any struggle which we esteem a favor, she appeared to know all around her till she sunk below observation. - For nine years or there about she has suffered mental derangement & for about three Months her bodily health has been sinking. - She has many times within a few weeks expressed her willingness to depart & been favor'd with reason at intervals.



May 5, Tuesday: Karl Heinrich Marx was born in Trier, Prussia, to Heinrich Marx, a lawyer descended from a line of Sephardic Jewish rabbis. The family would convert to Protestantism. Karl would be given a classical education, and would study jurisprudence at Bonn and later in Berlin — where, however, his preoccupation with philosophy would, according to Friedrich Engels, lure him away from the law.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 5 M / This morning friends have set out for [Greenwich](#) Quartlerly Meeting - as some of them went from hour [sic] down to the Packet I felt the Prayer sensibly to rise in my spirit "Go with them that Go - Stay with them that stay" AUNT MARY WANTON was interd this Afternoon in the Clifton burying ground, the funeral was large & respectably attended, she was in the 68th Year of her Age. Was thro' life a woman much esteemed & loved by her acquaintances, but the state of her nerveas system has been such for 9 years past as to have rendered her incapable of enjoying & being enjoyed by company - Mother will miss her much who has had the chief care of her during her



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confinement.

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May 6, Wednesday: This was the day on which the chickens came home to roost. [Mordecai Manuel Noah](#), a Jewish American who had never pretended to be anything other than a Jewish American, had been appointed by our federal government as its consul to the Kingdom of Tunis (you can read about how he rescued American citizens kept as slaves by Moroccan masters in his [TRAVELS IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE BARBARY STATES IN THE YEARS 1813-14 AND 15](#), printed in New-York in 1819). When local Moslems found out that they were being asked to deal respectfully with an American consul who was nothing but a contemptible [Jew](#), there had been outrage and protests whereupon our federal government had obligingly recalled this consul. We were so sorry that we had so unsuspectingly transgressed against their sense of decency! On this day Mr. Noah wrote to President [James Madison](#), in effect inquiring as to how it could be legitimate for his government to have damaged his reputation by firing him, not on the basis of anything he had said or done as consul but merely on account of his objectionable religion or ethnicity. (Hooh! — Do I never want to get a letter like that!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 5th M 1818 / This is Election Day & as usual much noise & stir about the streets, but what added to the difficulty & depressed of my mind very much was an Alarm of Fire at 11 O'clock which proved to be the chimney of J Cook Hotel & caught the roof — a black man in endeavoring to extinguish the fire fell from the roof & hurt himself exceedingly I saw the poor fellow in his agony which was not a little trying to my feelings Notwithstanding all I went on board the Packet at about half after 4 OC PM & sailed to [Greenwich](#) before dark, in company with several other friends — I stoped at J Caseys & took a dish of tea then went to cousin Wanton Caseys & Lodged —

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May 7, Thursday: Jan Antonín (Leopold) Kozeluch died in Vienna at the age of 70.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day this morning after breakfast called at J Caseys & saw several friends — then at the Public House where were Wm Rotch Jr, Saml Rodman, [O Brown](#), Thos Arnold, & [Moses Brown](#). I found myself in a very interesting circle, they were engaged in recounting the exercises they had passed thro' in supporting the various testimonys of Society, particularly their labors together when on a committee from the Y Meeting Some years ago to Congress on behalf of the oppressed Africans — Then called at James Greens & took a dish of tea before meeting — At Meeting Jas Green appeared in lively testimony then Micajah Collins, then Thos Anthony & then Wm Almy — The last meeting was memorable to me, being before it under consideration as an Elder — James Greens remarks on the subject will long be remembered. — After meeting which was a season of favor — Our company got dinner & went on board the Packet & so prosperous was the gale that at we got home before it was quite dark which made me at about 28

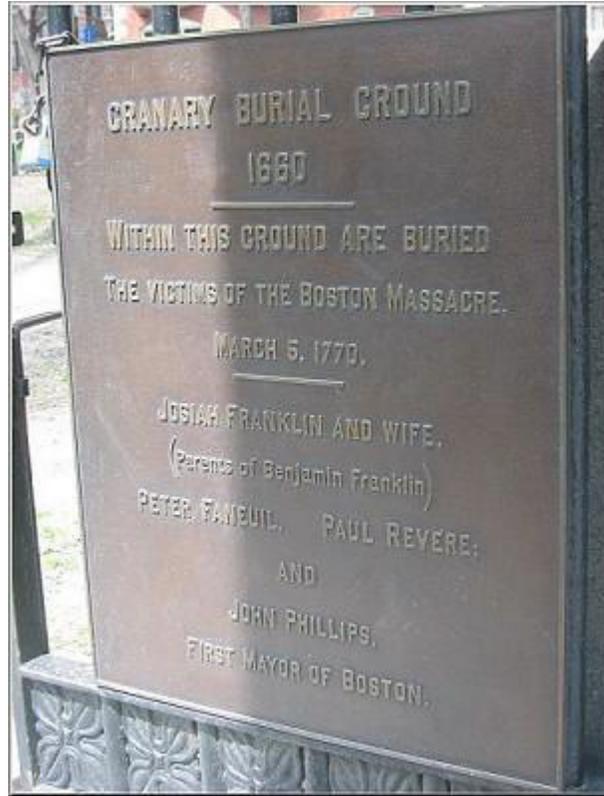
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hours from home.

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➡ May 10: Paul Revere died at the age of 83.



Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 5th M 1818 / Our Morning Meeting was large & Silent, & remarkably unsettled in consequence of many not being informd that it began at 10 OC, one hour earlier than usual & so to continue thro' the summer. in the Afternoon it was larger than usual for the Afternoon Meeting - Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimonny as was Lydia Almy. -

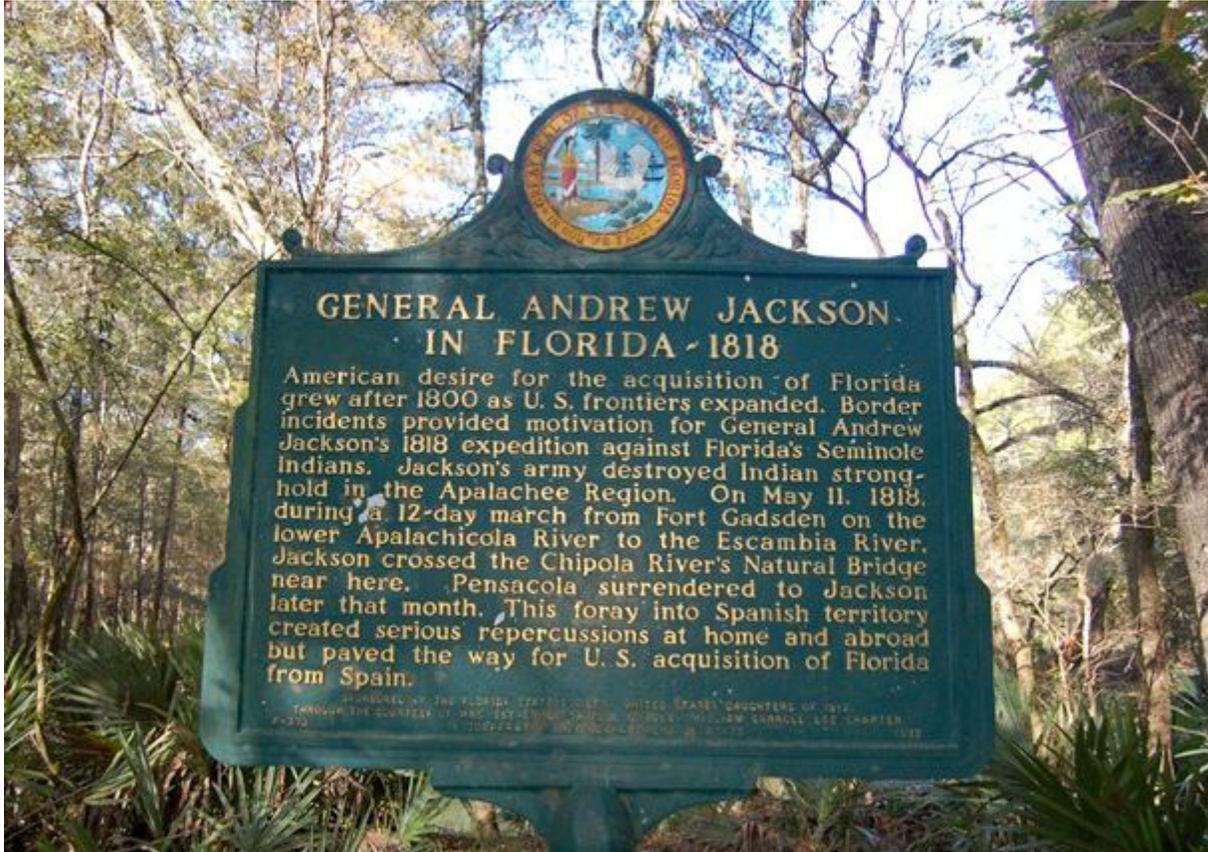
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May 11, Monday: During a 12-day march from Fort Gadsden on the lower Apalachicola River to the Escambia River, the army of Major General Andrew Jackson crossed the Natural Bridge over the Chipola River, in what has by now become the Florida Caverns State Park.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 5 M / My mind is brought into a state of feeling this evening which is a precious evidence of divine favor. - I expect thro' the remainder of my life many Baptisms & hope I may be found worthy of them, & that they may wash away all that is impure, but Allass be fore that can be effected how deep the dippins in Jordon & how hot the furnace must be made I know not, but have no doubt if I can abide under them & become faithful to the Manifestation of truth that they will work out my Salvation & Secure my peace here & hereafter -

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May 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 5th M / Silent Meeting & to me a dull time, was much unwell & set the meeting in some pain in my back the effects of a cold taken by standing on the damp ground

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 May 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 5 M / Our Meetings were Small, but to my mind seasons of some life. – the day was very rainy – Sister Ruth staid with us last night & spent this day. – my mother is quite unwell. & I have for a number of days been very poorly myself with a pain in my back. which the usual medicines dont seem fully to relieve

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 May 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 5th M 1818 / My mother remains poorly, but I think a little better – My Back is also better, but still some pain My H is quite unwell but keep about her ancle that was burt is yet very weak & her oppression at the chest continues tho' we have done several things to help it – so we are subject to infirmities, & tho' we have yet to only what may be called about middleage, yet it will soon be over with us as to this world, & if we are prepared it is of but little consequence to us how soon. – Silent meeting & no buisness in the last (Preparative). –

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 May 25, Monday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 15th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 5 M / L Almy & father Rodman concerned in short testimonys in the forenoon – Silent in the Afternoon My H was at meeting & took tea at her fathers it is the first time she has been out since she sprained her Ancle. –

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 May 28, Thursday: The Tariff Reform Act abolished internal duties in Prussia and created uniform tariffs throughout the kingdom.

In [Concord](#), Deacon White's house took fire, but the fire was extinguished.²⁵⁴

Provision Against Fire. – The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was

254. Although we know that during this year the [Concord](#) Fire Society obtained a new fire engine to replace or supplement the one it had had since 1794, we do not know whether that new engine was in place prior to this fire and contributed to its extinguishment, or whether, on the other hand, the fires of this year prompted the purchase of the new equipment.



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formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.²⁵⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th 5 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town - the first meeting was silent & solid & to me a pretty good time -in the last we progressed in buisness (I thought) rather better than common -

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[Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Rabbi Mordecai M. Noah in regard to religious tolerance:

Your sect, by its sufferings, has furnished a remarkable proof of the universal spirit of religious intolerance inherent in every sect, disclaimed by all while feeble, and practiced by all when in power. Our laws have applied the only antidote to the vice, protecting our religious as they do our civil rights, by putting all men on an equal footing.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE



May 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 5 M / We have this day pretty much finished cleaning house & are on that account ready for Yearly Meeting - There is talk that the Yearly Meeting will be removed some place further eastward. The committeee to consider of the subject will report this Year - I, with many others would miss it greatly, but such is the care & great responsibility that is attached to it, that when I am anticipating of it, my mind is ready to sink under the weight of it, & am nearly willing to Surrender all the advantage & let others take the burden. I believe that what ever may be the result, my mind may be resigned to it. -

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May 31, Sunday: [John Albion Andrew](#) was born in Windham, Maine. He would practice law in [Boston](#) until the antislavery movement would draw him into politics.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 5 M 1818 / Our Meetings were rather small the weather being rainy - In the forenoon silent & in the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony - rather dull seasons to me tho' at times in the course of the Day favord with

255. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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Sensibility. -

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 June: The New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) at [Portsmouth](#) was informed by its Meeting for Sufferings committee that the construction of [Yearly Meeting School](#) was so far completed that the building in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) might be made us of during the following winter. The hiring of staff was authorized. Friends [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Lydia Gould of [Newport](#) would be serving as Assistant Superintendents.

 June 1, Monday: In the House of Commons in London, a Motion for Parliamentary Reform (which is to say, universal suffrage and annual parliaments) went down in defeat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 6th M 1818 / My mind has been much under the pressure of sympathy with Elisfull Jernagan a woman of my acquaintance who has this forenoon had a Cancer cut from her Breast weighing about 10 ounces. We must all have something to afflict us in this life, & if it does not come in one way, it commonly does in another - & perhaps it is all right & necessary, to wean our affections from things in this world & fix them on more substantial bliss in that which is to come. -

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 June 3, Wednesday: The execution in occupied Florida of the British subjects Alexander Arbuthnot and Robert Ambrister was beginning to cause a reaction against the exploits of this out-of-control general Andrew Jackson both in London and in Washington DC, a reaction which would need to be managed very carefully by Jackson's privy supporter, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams — until finally Britain blinked and Foreign Secretary Castlereagh was persuaded to save face by declaring that by their actions or something, these two royal subjects had somehow chosen to place themselves “outside of the royal protection.” In other words, “Face facts guys, you're already dead and nobody's going to try to prove anything by going to war over a couple of cold cadavers.”)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 6th M / This Afternoon was called on by Jonathon Biegelow a student at Andover Seminary, he wished to be informd of the Number of members that belong to this Moy [Monthly] Meeting as he was travelling for the purpose of Assertaining the number of professors of religion in New England - from minutes which I had by me I could pretty readily give him the Number in this Preparative Meeting which I made about 222 - while looking over the Members my feelings were forceably struck with the necessity I was under of including some in the number who were barely professors, & from appearance (at least) were very small possessors of those requisites which constitute the real christian. I made this remark to him, & observed that there were many who stood within the pale of no Church, that were much



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nigher the Kingdom than some who did.

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 June 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th 6th M 1818 / Silent meeting excepting a disturbance from V Flagg a black woman who undertook to preach

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 June 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 6 M / Isaac Mitchell was this Morning taken extremely ill of the bilous cholic - In the Afternoon they sent for me to come & set with him I found him in great distress & I left him so this evening tho' with some prospect of being better from the operation of the Medicine- While sitting with him I could but reflect, what [poor creatures we are & how liable we are to be taken suddenly from this to another state of existence & how necessary for us to be in a state of preparation

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 June 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 6th M / This morning took boat & with Lydia Almy crossed to Connanicut & attended the Meeting there a company of about 30 assembled & there were some solid countenanced young women among the number, but the prospect is low & was it not for the few solid people that are not members who attends I should not think there was sufficient encouragement to keep up the meeting - Lydia was concerned in a short testimony to satisfaction We dined at Joseph Greenes & came across the ferry in good season to attend our Afternoon Meeting which was silent After which Attended the funeral of the Widow Stoddard Aged 93 & 3 days, she the mother of Walter Nichols's Wife.

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 June 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 6 M / This forenoon Br Isaac returned from N York & Brought accounts of the welfare of our relations & friends there. -

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 June 10, Wednesday: The newly rebuilt opera house in Pesaro was opened with a performance of La gazza ladra by Gioachino Rossini in his birthplace.

Construction began on the Champlain [Canal](#), to the [Erie Canal](#) near Cohoes, New York with Lake Champlain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 6 M / Saw in the Boston Papers this evening, the notice of the Death of "Wm Brown of Salem an estimable member & minister of the Society of Friends aged 30" he was an acquaintance of mine & a hopeful man, he has gone, he has passed into the Valley of the Shadow of death in scarcely the meridian [of] life - may this be to all a solemn Warning to be prepared to meet the final change - I feel it so to me & hope the impressons may be lasting -

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 June 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 6th M 1818 / Our meeting was rather small as it generally is the fifth day previous to the Yearly Meeting - there was a short testimony in the forepart of the Meeting & was on the Whole a solid season - In the Last (Preparative) the extracts of the last Yearly Meeting Minutes was read & were truly edifying, & tho' they have been nearly twelve Months in getting down to the lesser meetings, have lost none of the excellent savor under which they were penned. -

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 June 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 6 M / Several friends have arrived to attend the Yearly Meeting who I hope will add weight by their presence. - My feelings have been quite on the low key today & if I do not feel better tomorrow Dont know that it will be best for me to go to [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow. -

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 June 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 6 M / This morning took our Aged & very intersting friend John Casey in a chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our SELECT YEARLY Meeting which is the first I was ever at - It was remarkably solid & to me an instructing season We dined at Saml Thurstons - In the Afternoon I went back to the Meeting house & carried J Casey to the meeting for sufferings & then rode down to Benj. Freeborns to see his daughter Ruth who has been long confined with consumptive symptoms (at least) here



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I saw & had an opportunity of conversing with our friend John Heald & his companion Thos Wickersham of Ohio who accepted an invitation to lodge with us, we rode home thro' the west road & stopped & took a dish of tea with Hannah Gould - Our lodgers were Luke & Sarah Aldrich & Hannah Holder -

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June 14, Sunday: The first loaded boat passed through the newly completed locks of the Seneca and Cayuga Canal at Seneca Falls, New York (paying a toll of 50 cents).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 6 M 1818 / Our Morning meeting was not quite as large as usual owing to the Rain. Daniel Howland was concerned in a solemnizing testimony followed by James Greene in a corresponding sound & pertinent communication - Then Jerard T Hopkins in a most benevolent & charratable testimony embracing among all the religious denominations of the true Church & thro' him the standard of truth was exalted. I have seldom been in a meeting to more general satisfaction The people were quiet & solid in their deportment-

In the Afternoon the Meeting was very large - Elizabeth Coggeshall was concerned in testimony - Then Jerard T Hopkins much favored & truth again reigned among us which kept the multitude much more quiet than usual in the Afternoon of the Yearly Meeting -

In addition to our former lodgers we had Olive Cobb daughter of Edwd. - a number took tea with us.

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June 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our meeting was opened this Morning at the usual hour under a solemn covering, after short testimonies from D Howland H Post & J T Hopkins After accounts were read from the different quarters one of them containing the dismissal of Stephen Buffington from the Select Meeting, he rose & made considerable disturbance, but friends succeeded in quieting the poor man & the meeting resumed the general course of buisness & solemnity was restored. The epistles from the different Y Meetings were read & some of them were peculiarly interesting -The committee appointed last Year to consider the subject of removing the Yearly Meeting reported that they considered it inexpedient at this time -. Thos Anthony & several others bore short testimonies & to me it was a precious season for which I desire to be thankful -

At 4 OC this Afternoon the meeting again met It appeared that an individual who had appealed from the judgement of the Moy [Monthly] & Quarterly Meeting had taken his seat in meeting this occasioned some difficulty but was soon got over & the meeting went into the state of society which in the general was found



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to be as well as usual - but it appear'd that some who had served as soldiers in the late revolutionary War & since that time joined our Society, had entered their names as applicants for the pension lately granted to revolutionary Soldiers - they live in the eastern Quarters far down & the advice of the Yearly Meeting was requested. This occasioned considerable debate & resulted in the Appointment of a committee to deliberate on the Subject.-

We had a pretty large company at tea & in the evening a family sitting in which Daniel Howland was largely engaged in testimony & a few words by Edw Cobb. - In addition to our lodgers we had John Heald & his Companion Thos Wickersham. -

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June 17, Wednesday: Charles François Gounod was born in Paris, 2d and final child born to François-Louis Gounod, official artist to the Duc de Berry and drawing master to the pages of the King's Chamber, with Victoire Lemachois, daughter of a lawyer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the proceedings of the New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) at [Portsmouth](#):

4th day - The Meeting begun at 10 O'clock - Various concerns came before us - that which excited the most interest was a communication brought in by a committee appointed Yesterday, to the different quarterly meetings respecting the applications of several friends in low circumstances to the general government for pensions for their services in the revolutionary War - a general Unity was expressed discouraging all such applications & advising to the contrary, & encouraging all meetings where such applicants may reside to extend to them a liberal hand of help. - Henry Post at the opening of the meeting appeared in fervant supplication. -

The Meeting met this evening at 4 OC - the first buisness entered on was Jeremiah Austins Appeal which was confirmed -After expressing a few words, - which were reply'd to in a most feeling & pertinent manner by [Moses Brown](#) - he retired from the meeting having the heart felt sorrow of many friends - -Epistles were prepared to the usual meetings with which we correspond & most of them were attended with a good savor of life & also a communication was prepared to the different Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, written with much animation so that some of us said in our hearts "the best wine has come last" - The Meeting concluded under a solemn covering - & I have no doubt many may say with emphasis "It is good for me to be here"



June 18, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber and his wife moved into a cottage in the village of Hosterwitz, upstream from Dresden. He was worried about was deteriorating health.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day - This morning most of our Company left us after breakfast with whom we have been associated in a family way thro'



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the course of this Yearly Meeting - my friends have never felt nearer to me than at this time, & an increase of love I think must be a good sign & if follow'd by an increase of obedience to the divine law in the heart may terminate in redemption from evil, which at seasons (at least) is my hearts desire. - Our meeting this day was large quiet & much favor'd J T Hopkins John Heald, Lydia Dean, Mary Allen & Avis Keene were engaged in testimony & E Coggeshal in supplication. - In the Afternoon Our friend John Heald & his Companion Thos Wickersham left us for [Portsmouth](#) it was unpleasant to find on going for Thomas's horse that he had been Kicked so as to render him quite useless & we were obliged to furnish him with another which will occasion him another journey back in a few days. -

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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 6th M 1818 / Our morning meeting was large & silent - at the close of it information was given that Jerrard T Hopkins expected to be at meeting this Afternoon & general information was requested to be given & the meeting was defer'd to 5 O'clock. - in the forenoon he was at the meeting in [Portsmouth](#) In the Afternoon we had a very large meeting of different persuasions in religion & Jerrard was much favor'd in Gospel communication, much to the satisfaction of friends & others. - I rejoice that Truth has borne the victory, not only thro' the Sittings of the Yearly Meeting but in the several public meetings since, so that no loss has been sustained that I am aware of, & on my own part I desire to be thankful in a belief that to me it has been a season of enlargement of experience in the truth, which perhaps may never be forgotten. - the circumstances of my being initiated into the Select Meeting is humbling, & for a day or two so much so that I have almost trembled under the weight of the responsibility of the Station of Elder. Oh! how much care caution & circumspect conduct is necessary to dignify the appointment, & above all a deeply religious life.

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June 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 6 M / This mornng J T Hopkins & companion, accompanied by J D Williams took the Packet & went to [Providence](#) My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers & I took tea with them - This evening Thos Wickersham returned for his horse & found him much better. he lodge with us.

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 June 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 6 M / This morning Thos Wickersham rose before any of us was up, took his horse & went on his way to join his companion J Heald at [Smithfield](#) –

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 June 24, Wednesday: DISCOURSE DELIVERED AT STOUGHTON, BEFORE THE RISING STAR LODGE, AT THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, JUNE 24, A.D. 1818. BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS, D.D.](#), PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS (Boston: Printed by John Eliot).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 6 M / James Spencer Gould son of my cousin Job Gould called at my Shop to see me this forenoon – My H set the Afternoon at George Eng's - I took tea & set the evening with them. –

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 June 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 6th M 1818 / I am going this morning to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting with my H & John – The prospect of spending a day from home looks very discouraging, so soon after Yearly Meeting when my concerns demand my attention in my shop, but I have looked at it & see no way to omit it at this time. We stoped a little while before meeting at Uncle Thurston's. – At meeting A Sherman & H Dennis appeared in testimony but to me it was a dull time & in the last the little buisness that came before us was not conducted quite as well as common. – The serpent was evidently at work in one individul at least, who as usual when opportunity offers manifests a malignity against a few who are coming forward in society & indeed there are but a few who he esteems among the Active part of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting – it is afflicting to see & feel such a disposition among us, but there are many & indeed almost all see to the bottom of him

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 June 26, Friday: Sarah Wesley reported that after almost a year in the lunatic asylum of Blacklands House her brother Samuel Wesley had been thought well enough to have been released.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 6th M / We have had the company of John Earl & Wife. Geo Eng's & wife Phebe Carpenter - B Hadwen & Sister Ruth to take tea with us. – This was a pleasant social circle & to be number'd among our many privileges. – how often is the chain



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*of love & friendship strengthened & brightened by these circles
that are made among those who consider them Selves in high life*

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 June 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28 of 6 M / Silent meeting in the morning - A few words
in the Afternoon & thro' the day a very barran time to me —*

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 June 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 29th of 6th M 1818 / This day has been exceedingly Warm
& particularly this Afternoon I have suffered much with the
heat—*

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 June 30, Tuesday: Le petit chaperon rouge, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Théaulon de Lambert after Perrault, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

George Anson Byron III, son of Captain George Anson Byron and Elizabeth Mary Chandos-Pole, was born.
(This infant would grow up to become the 8th Baron Byron.)

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 30 of 6 M / Rose early this morning (as I have done
several running) & went over to the Point & took a sea bathing,
which was very refreshing.*

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 July 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 2nd of 7 M 1818 / Our meeting was rather small, but I
thought a good degree of solemnity was witnessed. father Rodman
was concerned in a short testimony.*

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 Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Saturday: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 14th birthday.

In Paris, the 4th was celebrated by a banquet at the Restaurant Banclin for guests of honor including the former Senator James Brown of Louisiana, the American Minister to Paris, and General Lafayette.

In Washington DC, for \$5 one might purchase a facsimile of the [Declaration of Independence](#) that had been created for the occasion by the printer Benjamin O. Tyler.

At the shipyard of Flannigan and Beachem in Fell's Point of [Baltimore](#), the steamship *United States* was launched.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the patriotic celebration:

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

*7th day 4th of 7 M / This as usual has been a day of noise,
but no accident has occurred that I have heard of.-*



 July 5, Sunday: [John Thoreau, Jr.](#)'s 4th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 7 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was to me a season of dullness as to life, tho' I tryed to rouse my mind to feelings that I desired yet was unable Father Rodman was concerned in a short but lively testimony - In the Afternoon father had a short lively testimony - but to me it was an almost lifeless time - After tea took John & walked round the Hill & went into the Clifton burying ground - This repository of the dead has many times afforded me very serious reflections. - as I believe I have before inserted many of my relations are there inter'd, & also many who in their day were conspicuous in our society as members zealous & active for the promotion of Truth & righteousness on the earth, their spirits I trust are now in Heaven where I hope many who are now endeavouring to promote the same good cause, will join them, when their services here are at an end. -

My dear H has not been able to go to meeting, her ancle is very lame & she has suffered much with it, but I am in hopes, if she can cease to use it for a short time it will be better, but while she keeps using it as much as she does there is but little amendment to be expected. -

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 July 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5 day 9th of 7th M 1818 / I rose by 4 OC this morning took a pleasant Walk to the North Battery & took a Sea bathing, last evening a Brig belonging to Bristol came in & this morning I saw her with all her Canvass Spread to a small but fair breeze & favoring tide making her way home. The sight was animating to my feelings. I love commerce & hope she will again rise in this pleasant town. —

Our Meeting was rather small, & I believe not a season of much life. it was silent. —



(We can trust that Friend Stephen knew a hawk from a handsaw and that therefore this “Brig belonging to Bristol” that Friend Stephen was having warm feelings toward **could not have been** one of the DeWolf family’s Bristol-based negreros bound for the proslavery Bristol US Customs Office because in that shed it was still being ignored and evaded that engaging in the [international slave trade](#) had been transformed years before, by the US Congress, into a capitol felony.)

NEGREROS



SLAVERY



July 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 7 M / In our Morning Meeting Mary Morton was engaged in a sweet & lively testimony -- In the Afternoon she was again concerned in a few words & also father Rodman noth lively communications. —

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July 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 7 M / Attended the funeral of Susanna Fowler [Towles?] a woman who requested to be buried in a plain way after the manner of friends & it is remarkable that there were three other funerals in the street at the same time Vizt a daughter of Mumford Peckham & Henry Gradiners wife — & all three in the common burying ground at one time. —

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 July 15, Wednesday: In England, Abraham Thornton had been tried and found not guilty of having raped and murdered Mary Ashford, and released. On this date he was reconfined due to his having been challenged to an "Appeal of Murder," that is to say, [Trial by Combat](#), by Mary Ashford's heir-at-law, her 10-year-old brother Henry Stout, acting through his mother. Thornton was used to working with his hands in the building trades and while not large would surely have been able to overpower Mary's kid brother. The defendant's lawyers could be fairly confident that the boy would not actually attempt to fight. When Thornton was asked to plead, he said that he was not guilty and was prepared to defend it with his body, he then pulled off some woolen gauntlets made for the occasion and threw them down in the approved fashion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 7 M / This Afternoon in the Boston Stage arrived Saml Wood & his daughter Anne of New York. They are on their way home from a long journey of buisness & pleasure, which they have extended as far as Quebeck - Saml is a friend we love & are always glad to see him -

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 July 18, Saturday: Heil dir, Sappho!, for chorus, winds and percussion by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, as part of Sappho, a play by Grillparzer, in the Dresden Hoftheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 7 M 1818 / Attended the Monthly meeting for ministers & Elders which was the first I have set in of that kind & will be memorable - my mind was on a low key & the queries suggested the necessity of living near to the truth, & much nearer than I fear I shall be able to attain. All I can say or look forward to is to endeavor to live as near the Truth as I can, but alas how frail I am. -

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 July 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 7 M / Being Rainy both meetings were small & both were silent - in the morning it was rather poor in the Afternoon my mind was sweetly favor'd with divine life for which I desire to be thankful

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 July 23, Thursday: The individual who had been disinterring bodies from a local graveyard of Ipswich for anatomical purposes having been fined a large sum of money, the Reverend Crowell preached, at the request of his parishioners, a sermon from JOHN 20:13.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23d of 7 M / Our Meeting this day was an excellent one to me soon after I took my seat I felt a sweetness to arise that



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*was precious for which I desire to be thankful. – Lydia ALmy
father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged in short testimonys
This Afternoon Aunt Stanton arrived from New York. –*

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 July 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 25 of 7 M Aunt Stanton & Br Isaac went this Afternoon
to Narragansett to see Mother who has been there some weeks. –*

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 July 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 7 M / Our forenoon meeting was well attended, a
verry [sic] considerable number as usual that were present were
not members, whose countenances were pleasant & I have no doubt
were Strengthening to those who had the weight of the meeting
upon them – Jonathon Dennis & his wife & father Rodman were
concerned in public testimony & to me it was a very good time,
for which my thankfulness was renew'd to HIM who was the Author
of that & every favor –
The Meeting was Silent in the Afternoon & to me good one –Sister
Mary spent the Afternoon with us. – Attended the funeral of a
man by the name of J Rivers who died at Thos Townsends –
a stranger from the Southward –*

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 July 30, Thursday: Emily Jane Brontë was born in Thorton, Yorkshire, England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 7th M 1818 / Our first meeting was silent
excepting a short offering from Anna Dennis which was her first
public appearance & was only the text "My people shall be a
willing people in the day of my Power saith the Lord" this seemed
to me like a sweet little sacrifice, & I believe it will not be
too much for me to say that a Prayer arose in my heart that she
might dwell in the littleness in the symplicity, & be preserved
within her depth. –
Our last being Monthly Meeting - was to me a precious Meeting &
as far as I apprehended it my place to take a part in the
concerns of Society which came before us - feel satisfied with
my offerings (as well perhaps) as at any Moy [Monthly] Meeting
that I now recollect - & the savor which remains is very
pleasant. – My Aunt Martha Stanton sent in to the Meeting a
request to be reinstated to her right of membership, she was
disowned by minute more that twenty two years ago for marrying
out of the order of society & is now concerned to be restored
to the fellowship of the body & to me as well as some others it*



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is a very consoling circumstance that she is like to die a member of the society of which she was a member. - her Ancestors on fathers & mothers side from the first settlement of society in New England were of the Quaker faith & for that same faith she has ever felt a love & in good measure lived in & I hope will now close her life in with increasing brightness.

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 August 1, Saturday: [Maria Mitchell](#) was born, the third child of Friend William Mitchell and Friend Lydia Mitchell, a [Quaker](#) family that would produce a total of ten children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 8th M 1818 / Rose this morning early, went over to the Point & at Dyres shore took a sea Bathing, this with the walk, has been very serviceable this Very Warm Summer. - A walk in the morning is pleasant, being cool, the air sweet & as few are moving retirement may be enjoyed to reflect on pleasant Scenes around - when I got to the Mansion of our late friend Thos Robinsons I found carpenters at work building a new fence around the garden & John Morton looking on it was very agreeable to see any improvement in the looks of our town which I think has been Smarted up a little this Summer

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 August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 8th M 1818 / Our Morning Meeting was a favor'd one our friend Mary Morton was engaged in a living testimony which accorded with the engagement of my mind before any thing was expressed - Then Hannah Dennis was engaged to address the Youth inviting them to the godly resolution of Joshua "Let others do as they may as for me & my house we will serve the Lord". - In the Afternoon Father Rodman & Anne Greene were concerned in testimony - both meetings were large & to my feelings were owned by the extending of divine goodness

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 August 3, Monday: Natur und Liebe, a cantata for mixed voices and piano by Carl Maria von Weber to words of Kind, was performed for the initial time, in Dresden, for the nameday of the King of Saxony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 8 M / We had the very pleasant Company of Avis C Howland, Abby Lee & Sister Mary to set the Afternoon & evening with us

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August 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 8 M / This forenoon was called on my PRINCE SANDERS a man of colour originally from Boston, but now engaged in the Dominions of Christophe on the Islands of Hayti as superintendent or President of the National Schools, he appears to be a man of consequence with the King of Hayti, & is to preach before the Africans of this Town at Hitchcocks Meeting this evening - I was glad to have an opportunity of an acquaintance with him, he appears to be a very sensible & intelligent man, modest afable,- my mind was interested on his account & concerned to express some things which impressed it on a religious account was glad to find he received it kindly -

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August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 8th M / Rose this morning at half past 3 O'clock & with Father Rodman took the Boston Stage & rote [rode] to [Portsmouth](#) stoped at Uncle Saml Thurstons & took breakfast then walked to Asa Shermans & rested & then to the Meeting House & Attended the Select Meeting - Anne Thorn was engaged reverently & fervantly to Supplicate the Throne of Grace for our help & support returning thanks for our many favors &c Remarks were made by D Buffum & several others weighty & pertinent to our condition - After meeting We dined at Asa Shermans - As friends were gathering to the Meeting for Sufferings I went to the meeting House & borrowed D Buffums chase & rode down to Benjamin Freeborns & spent a little time - then returned to the Meeting House & walked to Uncle P Lawtons & took tea then to Cousin Elizabeth Chases & lodged here I found Rowland Greenss wife which was the first time I ever saw her, in the evening Jos Harris & Rowland Greene joined us which made a very agreeable circle

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August 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day This morning cousin Shadrack sent his son Jacob with me in a chaise to the Head of the Mill lane & from thence I walked to Asa Shermans & from there to the Meeting House - James Greene was the first in public appearance & then Anne Thorn in a most lively pertinent fluent & well connected testimony, - followed by Henry Post & Mary Allen - it was a season of favor to a very larger Audience. - In the last - the buisness was conducted with propriety & solemnity & closed a little before 3 O'clock - After meeting found my Dear H had come out with Lewis L Clarke - he got into another vacant chaise with father Rodman - & I took her in the one they rode out in, & went to Anne Anthonys & dined.



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Isaac P Hazard in company - After tea we rode Home & found my Mother Aunt Stanton & Aunt Patty Gould spending the Afternoon with Aunt Nancy Carpenter. -

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 August 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7th of 8th M 1818 / Engaged this forenoon - The Arbitrators in The case of Avis Knowles set & George Hazard. I was obliged to be with them, which was exercising to my mind particularly as I have been two days out of my buisness, but saw no other way than to submit
The Arbitrators decided the case & both parties agreed to abide the Award which is no small release to my mind.
In the Afternoon Wm Almy & several others called to see me, which took up much of my time - The concerns of other people & of Society at times are very incumbering to me - Oh that I may be what I ought to be Oh that I may experience Holy help, for I greatly need it. -*

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 August 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 8 M / On some accounts this has been a day of close exercise of mind - Tho' friends in this day are exempt from many trials which the first founders of our society were exposed to yet there are many things which occur that if abode under will tend to humble the creature & drive it to the center from whence all right qualification is derived - I am desirous to dwell under every refining dispensation & thale[take] all which is intended to drive out the old man with his deeds may have its perfect Work - The new appointment of Elder already involves me in some concerns which are not a little trying & renews the conviction that my qualifications for usefulness in it are yet small & will probably remain so - I am convinced that Elders must not only be golden Snuffers, but the Same divine light must illuminate them as stand in the golden candlesticks & must shine bright both to the World in general & before those who they are placed as the more immediate care takers

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 August 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 8 th M 1818 / Our meetings were well attended & favord seasons - In the morning Father Rodman was first engaged in testimony, then Mary Morton & then Hannah Dennis - In the Afternoon A short testimony from father R. - My Mother & Aunt



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Stanton took tea & set the evening with us. -

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➡ August 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 10th of 8th M / The weather continues warm & considerably dry, but there is a prospect of abundant harvest particularly of Indian Corn, for which Gratitude is due to the Great Giver of every good thing
It is a season of exercise to me, a number of things before me which require Sight to determine with prudence. -*

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➡ August 13, Thursday: Mrs. Stone gave birth to an infant. When the mother learned that her baby was female, she exclaimed “Oh dear! I am sorry it is a girl. A woman’s life is so hard!” [Refer to [Lucy Stone](#).]



Lucy Stone

FEMINISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 8th M / Our Meeting was rather small & to me a Season of much dullness. - a few words were delivered by Father R. - -
This Afternoon The committee consisting of Hannah Dennis & Mary Williams David Buffum & Jonathon Dennis met at our House & took an opportunity with Aunt Stanton in consequence of her request to be reinstated to membership & I believe it was a solid time.
- Hannah & Jonathon Staid & took tea with us. -*

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➡ August 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 8th M / Aunt Martha & Mary Gould spent the Afternoon with us, every time Aunt Mary comes I think may be the



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last. I was glad to see them & believe I should be thankful if it was in my power to administer to their necessitis much more that I do. – Aunt Martha is now aged being turned 80 Years, & will doubtless soon be taken to rest having performed well her part thro' life, of duties social & religious, & was to me an affectionate caretaker when I was a child of the age & size of John, which calls forth my gratitude & love –

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 August 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 8 M 1818 / Our Meeting this morning was quite large. Father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony & Mary Morton was large & much favor'd, her public appearances this summer has been much more frequent than usual & I greatly desire may tend to stir up the minds of many, particularly the youth for whom she seems to be much engaged -- Our frined Wm Almy of [Providence](#) attended the Afternoon Meeting & a general invitation given to the inhabitants of the town in consequence of which it was held at 5 OClock - the meeting was large & Wm engaged largely in Doctrinal testimony, & to pretty good Staisfaction - Truth & the power of Truth did not rise as I have known it in many meetings, but I have no doubt some good was done. –

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 August 18, Tuesday: Incidental music for Klinger's play Die Zwillinge, by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in the Dresden Hoftheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 8 M / I have this morning had a little renewal of some old conflicts which I had so abundantly to pass thro' in my Youth, & which I had thought would never be renew'd in the same way - I desire to be faithful in the attendance of meetings & devote as much of my mind to the concerns of society as seen consistently - I well know that in days that are past in so doing peace has been the reward of such devotedness, & have been enabled to hold on my way thro' many bitter conflicts which are know[n] to but very few but myself & to none fully but myself – I desire ever to extend all the encouragement to others that I can to come up with Friends in a concern for the prosperity of Truth. I hope the Youth will take a deep interest in Society & that all their movements may be to help forward & support that precious cause which our Ancestors suffered much for.

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 August 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 8th M 1818 / This Afternoon took Chaise & with



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Aunt Stanton Rode out the Green End Rode to [Portsmouth](#), viewed several places which she has some idea of purchasing & stoped at Isaac Chases - after resting a little while rode on & went to visit our old cousin Elizabeth Chase & took tea then returned home, while at cousin Chases my mind was forceably struck with the loss of cousin Alice in particular, whom I loved much & recollected some very plreasnt times that I have spent with her but "the places which have known us shall know us no more" & soon this will be the case with us all & Oh that we may be prepared for the final change -

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August 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 8 M / Our Meeting was silent but to me a pretty good one. - In the last which was preparative, we had no buisness but to appoint representatives. - John Casey son of Wanton & his little Brother Edwin, came down from [Greenwich](#) by the way of Connanicut & called to see us before the meeting, they dined at Br Isaacs & returned to Connanicut - This Afternoon Cousin Charles Gould son of Thos called with his Uncle Henry to see us I was particularly pleased to see him as I am all my relations in general. - it is good to foster a loving disposition towards all, for I am disposed to believe that Love in the true sense of it is Divine, & the more we witness or experience of Divine things certainly I think the nearer we must be to the Kingdom of Heaven

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August 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 8 M / My mind has been under pressure much of this day from various causes & I desire every dispensation may prove useful to me - Father Rodman has been absent at [Greenwich](#) for several days as a witness at Court there - he returned this Afternoon & gives a good account of the welfare of the brethren there -

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August 22, Saturday: [Warren Hastings](#) died in Daylesford, Worcestershire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22d of 8th M 1818 / Mother & Aunt Stanton dined with us & in the Afternoon we all went to father Rodmans & took tea & set the evening -

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 August 23, Sunday: The *Walk-in-the-Water* became the first steamboat to ply the waters of the Great Lakes per a regular schedule, by departing on this day from Black Rock near Buffalo, New York in the direction of Dunkirk, and then by continuing on to Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan. (This boat would be lost in a storm in 1821.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 8th M / Our Meeting this Morning was Silent large & I thought a solid opportunity. – In the afternoon it was again well attended Father Rodman & Mary Morton was engaged in short but sweet testimonies – Elliphah Jernagan was at Meeting being the first time she has been out since she had a Cancer extracted from her breast the 1st of 6th M last. I thought M Mortons testimony must have been peculiarly comfortable to her. – After tea took a walk round the hill with John & went into the Clifton burying ground.

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 August 24, Monday: In St. Louis, the [Quapaw](#) tribe ceded all but 1,500,000 acres in southeastern Arkansas to the US federal government. Peace in our time.

Refreshing soda water was for sale to the denizens of New-York: “The Patentee, encouraged by the success of the patent Liquid Magnesia in Philadelphia and els where [sic], respectively informs the inhabitants of New York and vicinity, that he has formed an establishment for its sale at No. 235 Broadway, within two doors of Park Place, where he also manufactures Soda Water of a superior quality.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 24 of 8 M / Br David & Joanna Br John & Rebecca with Mary Lawton & her Sister Eliza Collins set the Afternoon & took tea with us - a very pleasant visit
Thus we are passing along thro' time, enjoying a little of the sweets of Social society, & occasionally partaking of the bitter portions allotted - & it will be soon all over, & we numbered with all those who have gone before us, & if we can leave as sweet a favor behind us as some have done, there will be a well grounded hope that it will be well with us beyond the grave –*

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 August 27, Thursday: The day after arriving in Venice, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) visited [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and sent off a letter summoning [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) and the children (with Milly and a new servant named Paolo Foggi).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 8th M / Rode with my H & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - went out by the way of Green End & took the lower rode & came out by Elams & Isaac Chases – This is a part of the Island which Hannah had never before seen, we stoped at Uncle S Thurstons.
At meeting (which was silent) my mind was favord with quiet –*



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In the last we had an exercising case some pleasant ones, & on the whole a pretty good meeting - we dined at Uncle Thurstons & took tea at Uncle Richd Mitchells. -

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August 30, Sunday: A “Wild Man of the Woods” was reported near Ellisburgh, New York, close to the Canadian border — he was described as covered in hair and as bending forward while running, and the footprints he left had a narrow heel with spreading toes. The sighting would be reported in the Exeter Watchman. An extensive search turned up nothing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 30th of 8th M 1818 / Our Morning meeting was large & solid. D Buffum delivered a short lively testimony
In the Afternoon again well attended, & silent & to me a more lively time than in the morning -
After tea took a walk with John down to Jos Williams. -*

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September 1, Tuesday: Samples were taken from the ocean floor, for the 1st time ever at a depth of 1,000 fathoms, in Baffin Bay by English explorer Sir John Ross aboard HMS *Isabella*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 1st of 9th M 1818 / We have need of fasting & prayer, & I trust that I understand what I say, feeling the necessity of it for myself. Oh! that I may deepen in religion for there is indeed need of it. -
This Afternoon attended the funeral of Wm Freeborns child which was interd in the Medow field - Mary Morton was engaged in a very lively & impressive testimony, & my heart rejoiced to hear her speak to the people -*

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September 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 9th M / My beloved Aunt Martha Stanton sailed this Morning for New York, her visit to us at this time has been peculiarly pleasant. She evinced a solidity & reverence of deportment, which shews a religious frame of mind in which I rejoice, & greatly desire her enlargement in the truth, & hope that her being restored to membership in society will have a tendency to further her in the good work- her health is but poor & if this should be the last time she should ever visit [Newport](#) or the last time I should ever see her it will not be unexpected to either of us

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 September 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 9th M / Our meeting was nearly silent, a few words by father R. – To me it was not the worst of times, tho' I could not feel life to arise as I do sometimes. –

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 September 4, Friday: [Moses Barnard Prichard](#) was born, son of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 9th M / Took tea this Afternoon with Aunt A Carpenter with Br John Rodman & wife – Called this evening to see Aunt Martha Gould found she had gone up to uncle Benjamins to see Cousin Thomas's wife who is here from Albany with a sick child. before I came away she returned & tho' fatigued was much more than common, pleased with her visit to her Aged Brother & cousins, being about 12 Months since she was there before. –

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 September 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 9th M 1818 / Our Morning Meeting was large, Daniel Howland & [Greenwich](#) was there & lively in testimony & Mary Morton was also sweetly engaged in testimony & I thought truth was exalted among us – In the Afternoon D Howland was again very lively in testimony & the meeting a good one – After tea went up to Henry Goulds to see Dorcas Gould wife of Cousin Thomas Gould of Albany who appears to be a solid woman.–

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 September 7, Monday: On this day and the following one there was a great music festival in Hamburg in which Handel's Messiah and Mozart's Requiem were performed. The participating choruses were prepared by Louise Reichardt.

In [Concord](#), John Potter of Concord got married with Sybil Gay Flagg of Littleton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2d day 7th of 9th M / The mind under some exercise, & desires prevalent that I may experience more of the quickening power of Truth to operate & renew unto good works but alas how poor I am How weak I am!

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 September 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*5th day 10th of 9 M / This Morning Geo. & Stephen Anthony set out on a journey into the western States. – My desires are for their welfare being young men of good deportment
Our Meeting was rather small, but pretty good time - father R was concerned in a short testimony*

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September 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13th of 9th M / We very unexpectedly found Anne Thorn & her companion at meeting this forenoon & Anne was engaged in a short but very sweet & lively testimony on the subject of silent waiting. – In the afternoon Anne was again concerned in testimony which was both animating and strengthening to the faith of some present, in that it furnished a renewed evidence of Holy help vouchsafed both in individuals & the Church - I have experienced the like many times before & I feel willing now to insert that her exercise corresponded with my own, as the very states subjects which she spoke to were presented to my mind in the silent part of the meeting.
My mother & cousin Hannah Gardiner has set the eveing with us. cousin Gardiner has within a few Months experienced much affliction & appears to be improving under the dispensation & I desire she may not stop short but progress in the knowledge of the Truth till the work of Righteousness is fulfilled in her heart.*

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September 14, Monday: Carlos Fernando Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marqués de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor replaced José García de León y Pizarro as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2d day 14th of 9th M 1818 / Anne Thorn has been engaged today in visiting those of our society & some who were not in membership with us who are aged & confined & sick. this is a work I rejoice in, from a belief that much good may be done & that she is an instrument well quallified for the service. She with her companions Phebe Howes & Matthew Comstock, & father Rodman who has been with them thro' the day, took tea with us. –

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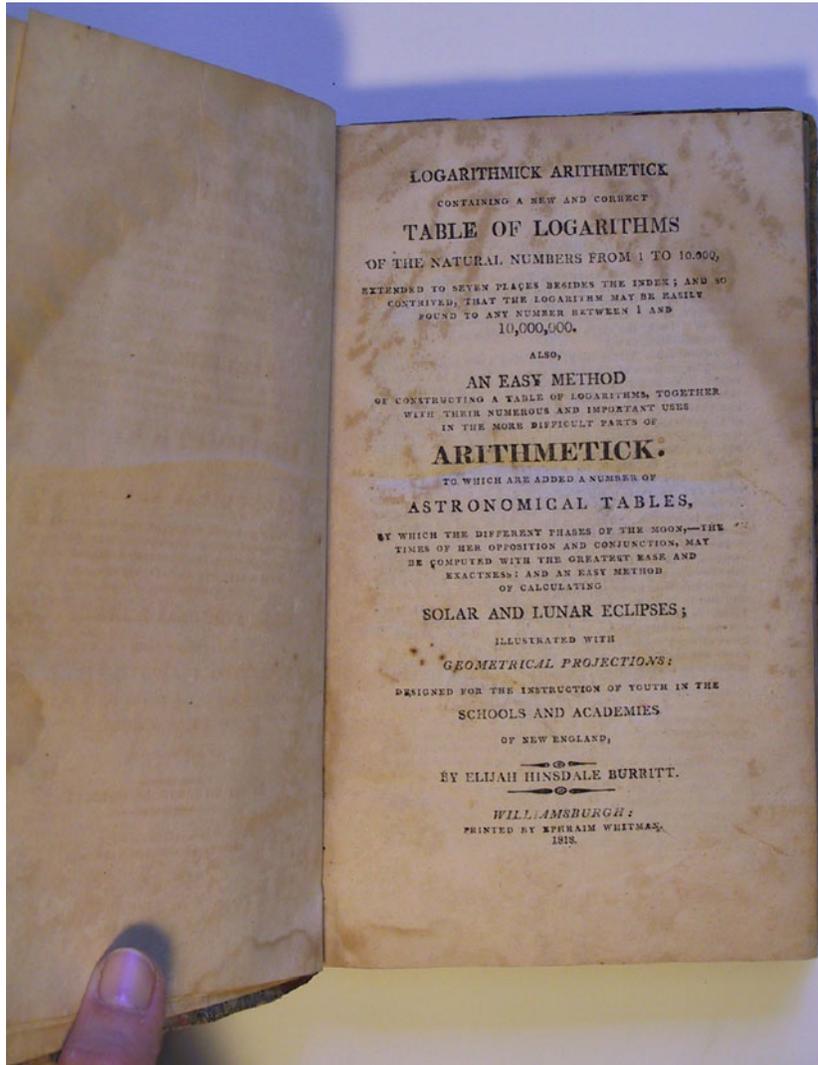


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September 15, Tuesday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#) copyrighted his LOGARITHMICK ARITHMETICK CONTAINING A NEW AND CORRECT TABLE OF LOGARITHMS OF THE NATURAL NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 10,000, EXTENDED TO SEVEN PLACES BESIDES THE INDEX; AND SO CONTRIVED, THAT THE LOGARITHM MAY BE EASILY FOUND TO ANY NUMBER BETWEEN 1 AND 10,000,000. ALSO, AN EASY METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A TABLE OF LOGARITHMS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR NUMEROUS AND IMPORTANT USES IN THE MORE DIFFICULT PARTS OF ARITHMETICK. TO WHICH ARE ADDED A NUMBER OF ASTROLOGICAL TABLES, BY WHICH THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE MOON, — THE TIMES OF HER OPPOSITION AND CONJUNCTION, MAY BE COMPUTED WITH THE GREATEST EASE AND EXACTNESS: AND AN EASY METHOD OF CALCULATING SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSES; ILLUSTRATED WITH GEOMETRICAL PROJECTIONS: DESIGNED FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH IN THE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES OF NEW ENGLAND, BY ELIJAH HINSDALE BURRITT (Williamsburgh: Printed by Ephraim Whitman, 1818). The author of this LOGARITHMICK ARITHMETICK was a 24-year-old college student and its preface was dated “Williams College, October, 1818.” The table of logarithms takes up merely 44 of the book’s 252 pages — its initial half amounts to a textbook on arithmetic and the final almost half is made up of a treatise on [astronomy](#), with many astronomical tables.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3d day 15 of 9 M / A Thorn has been again engaged today in visiting some families in the forenoon Job Sherman was with her & this Afternoon I took his place we went first to John Rodmans, next to Perry Weavers [?], then to Aunt Martha Goulds, then to Abigail Barkers, then at Comstocks to see his deaf & dumb son but was dissappointed as he was not at home. then to Thos Townsends where we had (as well as at all the other places) a favor'd time. Anne made full proof of her ministry, & this little opportunity has been a fresh evidence to my mind of the love & goodness of our heavenly father, in that he still visits & revisits the hearts of his children by his holy Spirit & qualifies instruments with the same authority that he did the Apostles to preach the everlasting gospel - This little visit of hers has been perculiarly pleasant as she has seen a number who are dilligent attenders of our meetings, but not members, & of tender visited minds. -

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September 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th of 9th M 1818 / Anne Thorn attends [Portsmouth](#) meeting today.

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September 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 9 M / Our Meeting this day was indeed as an heavenly place the silent part of it was favor'd with a precious covering, under which Anne Thorn rose & deliverd a very copious testimony & reached the states & conditions of many present - to the afflicted, her testimony was like oil whom she was engaged to address particularly
In the course of her exercise I could but acknowledge afresh in my heart that there is no "God like our God" he quallifies poor dust & ashes to proclaim his Word with the same Power with which he cloathed the Apostles & is still condescending in his adorable goodness to raise up those who are willing to stand on his holy Mount to receive his command, to the people & sanctifies their labors, his witness in many minds was reached this day, & may the bread cast on the Waters soon return. - It was a season of refreshment to me, for which I desire to be thankful. She dined at D Buffums & expects to go to [Tiverton](#) tonight from thence to [Providence](#) on her way home.-

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September 18, Friday: The Austrian Landrechte refused Johanna van Beethoven's request to remove her son Karl from the guardianship of her brother-in-law [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

The Theatre Royal in Edinburgh made itself the initial theater in Great Britain to be lit by gas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 9 M / Last evening about 1 / 2 past nine O'clock cousin Elizabeth Anthony died at the House of cousin Mary Gould in Middletown aged 91 Years & about 5 months. her Mother was sister to my Grandfather Gould, & she was much noticed by my father as a relation & always visited in the family from my earliest recollection. -

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September 19, Saturday: The gray house on Virginia Road was sold at public auction.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 9 M / Cousin E Anthony was buried this Afternoon in the Gould burying ground in Middletown, but it was so rainy that I could not attend, which was my intention, & which I should have been glad to have done. -

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September 20, Sunday: Two works by Carl Maria von Weber were performed for the initial time, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the accession of King Friedrich August of Saxony, in Dresden: Jubel-Cantate to words of Kind, and Jubel-Ouverture.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 9th M 1818 / Our meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended & a solid favord season Hannah Dennis first appeard in supplication, then father Rodman in testimmony, then Lydia Almy & then Hannah Dennis - near the close of the meeting father emphatically repeated this Scripture "Great is the Lord & greatly to be feared for his wonderful works to the children of men"
In the Afternoon Father Rodman again in testimony Also David Buffum was very lively - After meeting attended the funeral of Capt James Phillips in the neck & in the evening set a little while at father Rodmans. -*

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September 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2d day 21st of 9th M / We had quite a family visit Cousin Dorcas Gould & her son Benjamin from Albany Cousin Henry & wife - My Mother & sister Sally, & after tea Martha David & Susan Ann came in which with ourselves made twelve Goulds all in the room



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at once - this circumstance may never hapen exactly so again

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 September 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 22nd of 9th M / Took tea with my H Br David & Sister Joanna at Jonathon Dennis's -

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 September 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 9 M / Our Cousins Anne & Mary Greene are over from Connanicut to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting tomorrow They Set the Afternoon with us very pleasantly -

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 September 24, Thursday: [Clara Shelley](#), a little more than a year old, died.

MARY GODWIN WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24th of 9th M / Our first meeting was rather a low time to me but Hannah Dennis & Anne Greene were favor'd in lively testimonys
In the last, life, (I believe) was rather as a low ebb with most present, but the few concerns that came before us were pretty well conducted - Asa Sherman & Adam Anthony dined with us. -*

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 September 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26th of 9th M 1818 / Yesterday & today I have been very unwell with a cold in my whole system, & unfits me for almost any thing -

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 September 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 9th M / Last night I took a heavy sweat which has cleared my head a little but my throat is more sore & I dont know but I have as much fever as Yesterday - My H & John went to meeting this forenoon & say Mary Morton preached twice & Anna Dennis once said a few words - John only went in the Afternoon & said Grandfather preached - I am a little better this evening,



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but poorly still –

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 September 28, Monday: Le premier venu, ou Six lieus de chemin, an opéra comique by Ferdinand Hérold to words of Vial and de Planard, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2d day 28th of 9 M / Throat still sore & fever hangs on, but I think I am some better than yesterday. – Sister mary set the Afternoon with us. –

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 September 30, Wednesday: Tired of having to fight for the money he believed was his due, and the attacks on his honor, [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) wrote to King Wilhelm I of Württemberg asking to be released from his contract (the monarch would refuse).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 9 M / Yesterday tho' some better, far from well, & today under the operation of Jalap & Calomel which I hope will clear my system of fever & sore throat

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 October 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 10th M 1818 / I feel better this morning, but am not quite smart enough to sit in meeting & attend a committee which meets at the breaking up of it to investigate the pecuniary concerns of society. – While meeting was sitting had a very interesting call from Thomas Paull a man of colour from Boston, a preacher among the [Baptists](#) & also an intimate friend of our late friend & brother [Paul Cuffee](#), he appears to be a religious man & desirous of doing good to all mankind & in particular to the people of his colour. – After dinner went up to set a little while with the committee at the meeting house. –

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 October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

10th M 2nd 1818 / I have been this morning humbled under a sense of my own nothingness & short comings, & a of the goodness of God still extended to me, aspirations has been raised for the blessing of preservation to the Father of Mercies. –

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 October 3, Saturday: The Austrian Landrechte refused Johanna van Beethoven's petition that her son Karl, presently being instructed by a private tutor in the home of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), be placed in a public school.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 10 M 1818 / My Health is better but I do not feel quite well & strong. I desire, & trust I do, feel thankful, that I have been no worse.

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 October 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 10 M / I feel a degree of depression on my mind this morning, which in measure arises from my health which is not very smart. –
In the forenoon Meeting we were Silent – In the Afternoon I thought the meeting was remarkably well attended & M Morton much favor'd in testimony*

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 October 5, Monday: Nancy Hanks Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln's mother) died of a "milk sickness."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 10 M / This Afternoon about One OClock set out for [Providence](#) to carry sister Ruth to attend the Meeting of the Yearly Meeting school committee, & by riding in the evening a little while we reached [Moses Brown's](#) in time to spend a good peace with him before bed time. –

 October 6, Tuesday: Rufus Wyman, superintendent of the Charlestown branch of Massachusetts General Hospital (later to be renamed as the McLean Asylum for the Insane), admitted as his 1st patient a person who was possessed by a devil — or so this young man's father was alleging. This early facility for people with mental illness would establish one of the 1st American laboratories of experimental [psychology](#) and would support an active research program.²⁵⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Morning after breakfast we went into [Providence](#), stoped at [O Browns](#) from whence Ruth went to the meeting House & I took a walk about the town. I dined at [O Browns](#) spent the evening & lodged, in the evening in addition to the very interesting conversation of [Moses](#) I had the gratification of seeing many of his curiosities both Ancient & modern, particularly some old Manuscripts & some old printed books published by friends, some of which I had not seen or heard of. –

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 October 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Morning returned to [Providence](#). the committee met at 9 O'clock & set till 2 O'clock PM - during which time I went to Almy & Browns store & wrote a letter to Sarah Aldrich of Mendon - dined at [O Browns](#), after which went with sister Ruth to the School House & went into every part of it & believe it to be a very commondious House, built with great durability & will probably stand good when the present generation shall be no More we arrived at [Moses Browns](#) about 5 O'clock which was too late to think of coming home, so we staid & passed another night under the hospitable roof of this venerable & very interesting old man now turned of 80 Years of age. he still brought forth from his treasury things new & old, & shewed me an original epistle in the hand writing of our Ancient friend George Fox, which I read pretty currently, & from what I had heard of his handwriting was quite surprised to find it so intelligible. -

 October 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Morning after taking breakfast at the house of our above mentioned friend, we rode home & the day being pleasant it was a pleasant ride of about 6 hours. - found my H & John well with all our friends - This has been a very pleasant visit & rendered doubly so, from the opportunity I have had of visiting my firend [Moses Brown](#), whose company it is probably I shall see but a few times more for if my life should be prolonged it is likely his will not to much greater length. -

 October 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 10th of 10th M 1818 / This morning was called to a melancholy Scene at The house of Aaron Dyre, whose son James departed this life a few minutes before I got into the house, he had been ill of a fever a few days & was suddenly & unexpectedly to the family, Snached from them at the age of about 19 Years, the poor family were in great affliction. - I immediately called assistance & before I returned several came in, which precluded the necessity of my staying, so I returned home being fatigued with a walk into the Neck after T Hornsby who was at the house of the late Jas Phillips. - The deceased was a very steady & promising young man & to all human appearance is a loss to the community

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October 11, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner's Overture über ungarische Nationalweisen was performed for the initial time, in Stuhlweissenburg. It was composed for the opening of a new theater and, on hearing the national themes, the Hungarian audience was wildly enthusiastic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 10th M 1818 / John Wilbour from Hopkinton attended our meetings & in the forenoon deliver'd a weighty & very acceptable testimony – In the Afternoon father Rodman was short, but I thought very sweet in communication – After meeting attended the funeral of James Dyre, he was a young man much beloved & there was as many people followed him to the grave as I almost ever saw at any funeral the procession reached from the Granary beyond Liberty tree. –

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October 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 10M / Our meeting was attended by most of our members, & was to me a season of but little life Father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness. –

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October 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 10th M / Attended Select Meeting, to me it was a season of some favor, for which I desire to be thankful, every season wherein we can feel the arisings of divine life & in degree to spread over the mind is to be Prised, it being an evidence that we are not forsaken. –

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October 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 10th M / In our morning meeting, Mary Morton was first engaged in a very sweet lively & encouraging testimony to such as were heavy & their hands hanging down with fear & at a second standing, gave a solemn & affecting warning to those who were rejecting the invitations they were receiving from the Most High. – Father Rodman followed her second appearance in a few words, according with her last communication. – In the Afternoon we Sat in silence. – after which, with Br & D R visited the Work & Arms House – Cousin Henry Gould Set the eveing with us –

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 October 20, Tuesday: Great Britain and the United States of America signed a convention according to which American fishermen were to be allowed use of the submerged seamounts off the coast of Newfoundland, rich in fish. The 49th parallel of latitude was accepted as the boundary between the two nations from Lake of the Woods all the way to the divide in the continental watershed at the crest of the Rocky Mountain chain (the Oregon Territory was not included). Astoria, which had been renamed Fort George when the British had purchased it for their North West Company from Astor in 1813, fell again under US control. Ownership of the Oregon territories was left unresolved.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d 20th of 10th M / Wrote a letter to Uncle Stanton. – John has been quite unwell for several days with a cold & fever, but I think him better this Afternoon –

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 October 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 10 M / I have been much engaged in very disagreeable buisness, nothing short of trying to settle a difference between a man & his wife - A critical undertaking, & has only resulted in a hope that some good has been done, which time will only manifest. – it is a truly sorrowful case disgraceful to the individuals & to society, & deeply afflicting to their family & connections – May it be a solemn Warning to all men & their wives, to suffer no difference to arise between them, but to check in the very buddings all strife for mastery or preeminence, to avoid all pointed & counter expressions, & labor to cultivate harmony & love as most comfortable to themselves, here & here after & be the best & most Salutory example to their children.

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 October 22, Thursday: [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 6th birthday.

On his 7th birthday, Franz Liszt accompanied his father Adam Liszt on a business trip to visit a merchant named Ruben Hirschler in Lackenbach. Adam asked Hirschler's daughter to play something for Franz on her new piano. Franz was so overcome by the music that he began to cry and flew into his father's arms. Hirschler was so taken by the scene that he gave the piano to the boy.

Commander David Buchan brought the *Dorothea* and the *Trent* back to port in England, having been prevented by ice off Spitsbergen from getting very far at all toward their intended eventual destination of the Bering Strait. The only success of this expedition was the setting of a new northern latitude record, of 82° 34' N.

[THE FROZEN NORTH](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day [sic] 22d of 10th M / Our Meetings was rather small, was silent and to me a season of but little life, tho' no small activity of mind. – In the last which was preparative Osborn Mowry published his intentions of marriage with Eliza Ann Southwick, daughter of Amasa Southwick
Set part of the evening with Abigail Robinson & Mary Morton Where I went to wait on Sister Ruth home D & M Williams was also there.
–*

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 October 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 10th M 1818 / This morning about sunrise Daniel D Tompkins the Vice President of the United States arrived in Town

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 October 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 10 M / Our meeting was large this morning & favord with the extended wing of Ancient goodness – Mary Morton was engaged in an humble reverend intercession to the Throne of Grace, that the Almighty would be pleased to visit the hearts of the children of disobediance, support the Elders & aged of this place & enable them, to bear the standard with faithfulness & finally go down to the grave in peace, that he would visit the youth in this place & draw them to the true fold & raise from among them judges as at the first & counsellors as at the beginning, to follow the foot steps of our Worthy & honorable prediccursors. –this supplication was very reaching to many present & I hope may be answered particularly with respect to the Youth. –
In the Afternoon we were favor'd with a short but lively testimony from D Buffum –*

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 October 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 10th M / Set most of this evening at the Mansion of our Late friend Thos Robinson with Sister Eliza - Abigail was very feeble, but conversant & dear Mary Morton very sweet in spirit & converse. –

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 October 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10th M / I feel no small regret at not going this morning to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting, but there are certain reasons well known to myself that prevent



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perhaps they ought not to exist, but as they do, I must act according to present circumstances. – There will be several cases before the meeting in which I should like to have a voice, from the present exercise of my mind, but best wisdom will doubtless be near those assembled & it is doubtful whether my presence would add much or any weight

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 November 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 11th M 1818 / Our meetings were both Silent & to me very dull seasons, as I believe thy were to most present. –

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 November 2, Monday: [Thomas Allen Jenckes](#) was born in [Cumberland, Rhode Island](#).

 November 3, Tuesday: The [Exchange Coffee House](#), which had been considered when it was constructed in downtown [Boston](#) in 1808  to be the world's largest possessing 210 rooms (at seven stories the tallest building in the USA), the 1st hotel in the nation and at a construction cost of \$600,000 the world's most expensive (modeled upon Lloyd's Coffee House of London), burned at night, making a light that was wondered at as far away as Amherst and Saco.²⁵⁷

COFFEE

In [Concord](#), Thomas H. Davis of Concord got married with Maria Barns of Marlboro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 11th M / Spent this evening with my H at Abigail Robinsons & were not a little disappointed that Mary Morton had gone out to D Buffums to spend the Afternoon & evening. –

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 November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 11 M / My mind is much with those who have gone to attend the Quarterly Meeting this day held at Swansey. The day is very fine as it has been several days past & favorable for travelling. I can acknowledge with thankfulness that the Prayer of my spirit has been this morning that the same precious influence Also attend those who stay. I have been much on the barran mountains for several days past so that I could but just look over & see the good land without being permitted to enter in, to enjoy the sweets which it affords, but I rejoice this morning under a fresh evidence of that holy help is near & may I dwell in that state of mind which will preserve to the end. – Our meeting at home was silent & rather small, but a pretty favord season to me

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257. Sic transit cafe mundi.



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November 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day [sic] 8 of 11th M / Our morning meeting pretty well attended [to] me a season of poverty, but Mary Morton was sweetly engaged in testimony – In the Afternoon we sat in the little meeting house for the first time M Morton again very sweet in testimony also Father Rodman & H Dennis. Called this evening to see Hannah Hull who is confined with a sore foot. – we sat in the chamber where Govn John Wanton used to entertain his company at election time & the [same] place in which he met the overseers after he signed the commissions which involved him & society in so much affliction Ah many has been the time, that my spirit has mourned on account of that affair, tho' it happened not far from 84 Years ago

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November 9, Monday: Ivan Turgenev was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 11th M 1818 / This morning Mary Morton & John Early & Wife sailed for N York. – They have a high wind & not very fare. Mary we part with reluctantly as She has been very usefully among us this summer. – John has also spent sometime very agreeably in town & has evinced a concern for the truth in which we desire his growth & should be glad if he could find some buisness here that would enable him to settle again in this his native town, as there might be expected a considerable religious usefulness from him. –

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November 10, Tuesday: [John Thoreau, Senior](#) rented the Spaulding store in Chelmsford MA. It was customary in those heavy-drinking times for a storekeeper to pour a glass for a favored customer, so he solicited his former pastor, the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#), for the letter of recommendation which he needed in order to be able to provide this hard liquor. On the blank back of a piece of pious meditation, the Reverend would write out the following “to whom it may concern” variety of commendation letter:



Understanding that Mr. John Thoreau, now of Chelmsford, is going into business at that place, and is about to apply for license to retail ardent spirits, I hereby certify that I have been long acquainted with him, that he has sustained a good character, and now view him as a man of integrity, accustomed to storekeeping, and of correct morals.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10th of 11th M / There were two funerals in the Neighbourhood this Afternoon, Capt Engs Wife & Benj Watsons wife, the former of a Dropsy the latter of a [Consumption](#). –

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➡ November 12, Thursday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) informed the Stuttgart management that he considered himself absolved from his contract. The court responded that he was dismissed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 11 M / Our meeting was silent & rather small but I thought attended the chief of our members in ability to get abroad. – Cousin Mary Gould set the Afternoon & evening with us.–

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➡ November 15, Sunday: Simeon Marshall of Gloucester, 22 years of age, drowned at sea.

[John Thoreau, Senior](#)'s Chelmsford MA grocery store opened its doors for business. The plan was that while [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#) waited counter, John would be painting signs on commission.

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John in later years



Cynthia in later years

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 11th M / Our Morning Meeting was silent & to me a season of but little life. – In the Afternoon soon after taking my seat was favor'd with a quickening of life which continued in a good degree thro' the meeting. father Rodman was concerned in a short lively testimony

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➡ November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 11th M / Ruth Davis & Mary Caid attended our Meeting today - Ruth was close & searching in testimony & they intend to spent a little time in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting visiting a few familys. –

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➡ November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 11th M / Our friend John Comly from Pennsylvania attended our meeting - he is indeed a well quallified instrument



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in the hand of the great Master. his testimony this morning was a wonderfully convincing one, clear in Argument & Powerful in Words.— In the Afternoon his communication was chiefly to Parents & children & I hope his labors may be blessed among us. — In the evening I met him at father Rodmans & in walking down had stoped at our house, & took a lantern & I waited on him to see Abigail Robinsons. —

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November 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

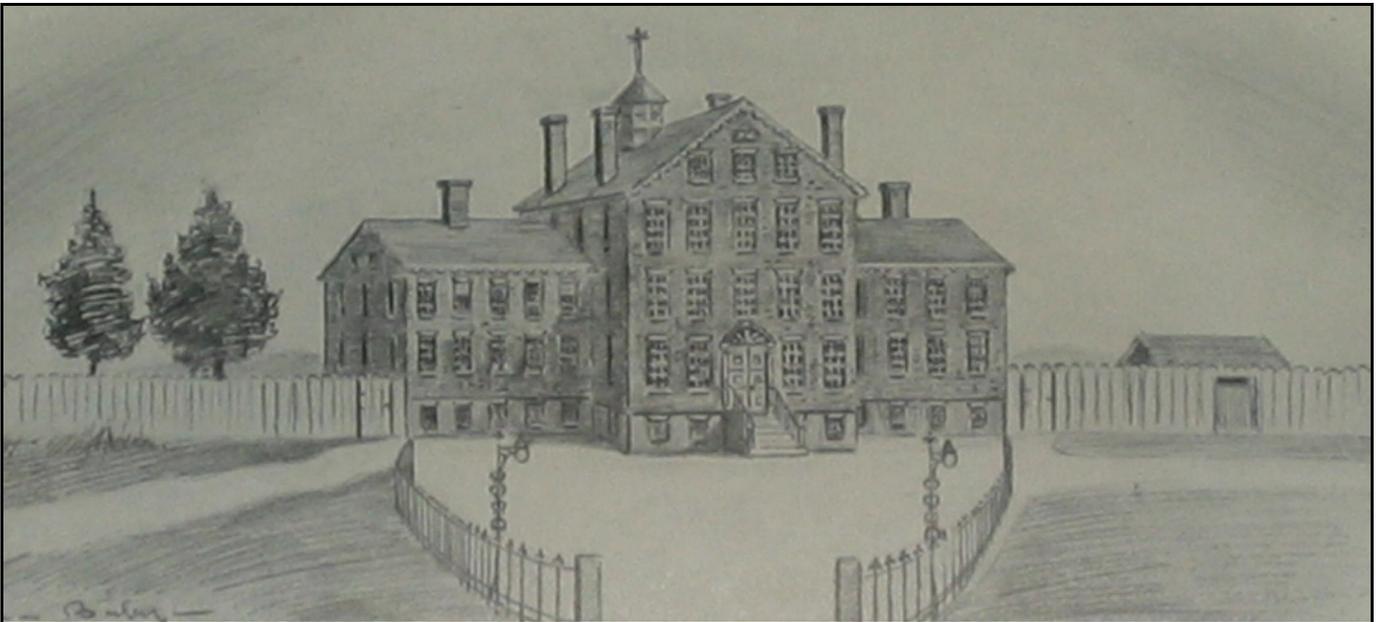
2nd day 23rd of 11th M 1818 / I Watched last night with Isaac Mitchell who the 14th inst was caught by the spindle of his Wind Mill, by the Sertout [a "surtout" was a man's long overcoat] which twisted him round many times & tore all his cloaths from his body except his stockings & the wristbands of his shirt & left him naked, so great were his bruises, that his life has been dispaired of till within two days, he rested as comfortable as a person in his brused condition could last night, & there is now hopes that he may again be restored to usefulness.— John Comly had a meeting on Connanicut today which I understand was large & very satisfactory

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TIMELINE OF ACCIDENTS



November 24, Tuesday: With construction of the [Quaker](#) Yearly Meeting School on his farm nearly complete, Friend [Moses Brown](#) wrote to Sophronia N.J. Forster of Weare, New Hampshire, expressing interest in her coming to teach at his new school in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).



This sketch was added to the face of a clock made by John Bailey, in the building's sitting-room.



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November 26, Thursday: Saidar und Zulima oder Liebe und Grossmut, by Heinrich August Marschner to words of Hornbostel, was performed for the initial time, in Pressburg (Bratislava) Schauspielhaus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26 of 11 M / In the first meeting Mary Caid first appeared in testimony, next Abigail Sherman, then Ruth Davis & the D Buffum followed in an impressive testimony & it was a very favor'd meeting. --

In the last Moy [Monthly] Meeting we had an exercising time occasioned by a contentious Man who opposed the appointment of an overseer from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting We had to Dine B Freeborn Darius lawton, Sarah Fowler & Elizabeth Lawton. -

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 November 29, Sunday: [William Ellery Channing II](#) was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 11th M / Our meetings were both silent, the morning was to me a season of but little satisfaction, the Afternoon was more solid & a season of some favor. -

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December 3, Thursday: Karl van Beethoven, young nephew and ward of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), ran away from his uncle and back to his mother. When the composer went to his sister-in-law's house, she asked to keep him until that evening so Ludwig, being Ludwig, summoned the police and had them extract Karl by force. He then returned the lad to the Del Rio boarding school he had pulled him out of on the previous January 24th.

Giacocchino Rossini's drama Ricciardo e Zoraide to words of Berio di Salsa after Forteguerra was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples. It was very successful.

A southern portion of the Illinois Territory was admitted to our federal union as its 21st state, with the balance of this territory being joined into the Michigan Territory to extend it to the west of the Mississippi River divide. (The capital of the new state of [Illinois](#) was declared to be Kaskaskia on the Mississippi River. This capital would be transferred to Vandalia as of 1820.)



Like Ohio, Indiana, and Oregon, the new state would incorporate a [racist](#) anti-immigration clause into its state constitution. Nobody of color, like the recently deceased "Father of [Chicago](#)," Jean-Baptiste Pointe du Sable, was ever again to be permitted to come here.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3d of 12th M 1818 / Our Meeting was very crowded with people of various denominations from two causes the first was Osborn Mowry & Eliza Ann Southwick were Married & the second one it is what is denominated Thanksgiving Day which afforded many a lesure opportunity to attend - considering the mixed multitude present it was very solid & quiet David Buffum was largely



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engaged in testimony to good satisfaction & Anne Dennis appeared in a few words. -

5th day 6th [sic] of 12th M / Last 5th day & today I took my seat in Meeting among the Elders - seemed[?] much like being made a spectacle of Men & Angels, tho' under indifferent circumstances from Paul, for he fought with beasts at Ephesus & overcame, but I, tho' a spectacle & brought into a conspicuous standing in society have yet to overcome many spiritual enemies that are comparable to beasts, & may my spirit be made willing to endure the conflict & become worthy of my station. - Meetings were low seasons to me tho' attended with favor, for I consider, to be able to feel low & dependant is a signal in itself of favor. I could but reflect how inferior my state of mind was to the four & twenty Elders we read of. Oh the washing the burning & purification of every kind that I must undergo before I shall be able to cry as they did, "Worthy is the Lord." - In the forenoon father Rodman delivered a short lively testimony - Afternoon Silent.

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December 10, Thursday: String Quartet op.104 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), an arrangement of his Piano Trio op.1 no.3, was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 12th M 1818 / Our meeting was silent & to me rather a dull time - several committees meet this afternoon on some very exercising concerns. I sympathise with them but see no way to be useful. -

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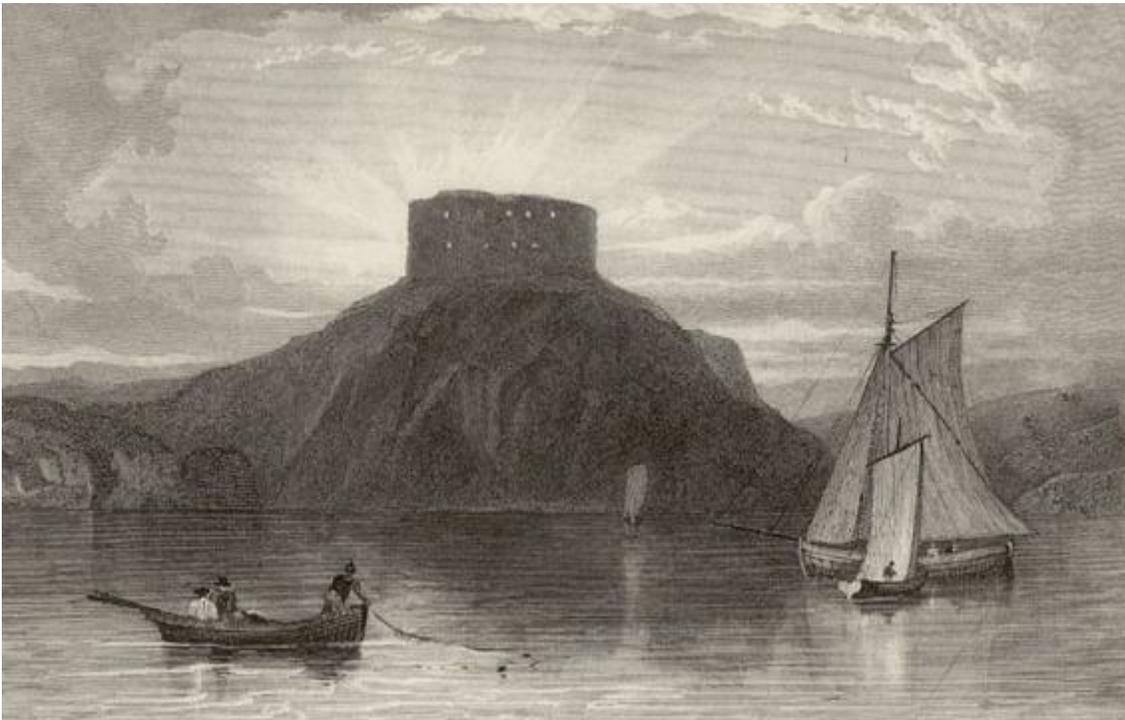
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December 11, Friday: While giving testimony in the ongoing custody battle over his nephew Karl between himself and his sister-in-law Johanna, [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) let slip that, actually, despite that “van,” neither he nor his nephew happened to be of noble birth. Oops! This took the case entirely out of the jurisdiction of the Landrechte; it would need to be begun anew, in commoners’ court.

Fort Dumpling, also known as Fort Louis or Fort Brown, in [Jamestown](#) on Conanicut Island in [Narragansett Bay](#), a round wall about 50 feet in diameter and about 20 feet high, was listed as armed at this point with ten cannon. In all likelihood these were leftovers from the [War of 1812](#). The fortification never had occasion to fire a shot in anger — indeed it is unlikely that it was ever manned. This is how the ruins of this fort impressed the people of [Rhode Island](#) as of 1851:



In [Concord](#), Mrs. Woodward’s store took fire and was extinguished with great difficulty.²⁵⁸

Provision Against Fire. — The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.²⁵⁹

258. Although we know that during this year the [Concord](#) Fire Society obtained a new fire engine to replace or supplement the one it had had since 1794, we do not know whether that new engine was in place prior to this fire and contributed to its extinguishment, or whether, on the other hand, the fires of this year prompted the purchase of the new equipment.

259. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)’s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#). Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 December 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 12 M / This Afternoon crossed the ferry to Conanicut went up to the Widow Mercy Weedens & cleaned her Clock & there lodged. - FIRST DAY attended meeting there we all made 12 in number including 3 Women. The Situation of the very few friends on that Island claims the feeling of friends, there are but two men members & about 4 women & they in Winter seldom able to get out, very different from what it used to be when I first knew the meeting & till within ten or fifteen Years, when there was a respectable meeting both of weight & numbers. -The probability is that at next Moy [Monthly] Meeting it must be closed for the winter
Dined at cousin Joseph Greenes & in the Afternoon crossed the ferry home. -*

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 December 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 12th M / Our meeting tho' small, I believe was not wholly destitute of life, we had a short but weighty communication from father R. -

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 December 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 12 M / I feel, on looking over certain cases which exist in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting, no small degree of depression, not knowing to what they may arise. May my mind be centered in that wisdom that directeth aright. May Meekness patience & long suffering be the trait of my character, & may my brethren who have to suffer, be also favor'd to keep their ranks in righteousness.

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Georgia increased the reward it offered for information leading to the interception of attempts to bring new Africans into its domain. When the illegally imported people were auctioned off by the state government, the informer would receive a title of whatever was left after deduction of all government expenses.

"Whereas numbers of African slaves have been illegally introduced into the State, in direct violation of the laws of the United States and of this State, Be it therefore enacted," etc. Informers are to receive one-tenth of the net proceeds from the sale of illegally imported Africans, "Provided, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to extend farther back than the year 1817." Prince, DIGEST, page 798.



We notice immediately, of course, that these victims were being treated as disposable people. As soon as they were rescued, they were sold right back into slavery with the proceeds being divided among the white people. We notice, immediately, that the law against the slave trade had not been enacted for their benefit, but for the benefit of the USers who were being oppressed by the presence of these black victims.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: The dozen or more propositions on the question of the disposal of illegally imported Africans may be divided into two chief heads, representing two radically opposed parties: 1. That illegally imported Africans be free, although they might be indentured for a term of years or removed from the country. 2. That such Africans be sold as slaves.²⁶⁰ The arguments on these two propositions, which were many and far-reaching, may be roughly divided into three classes, political, constitutional, and moral.

The political argument, reduced to its lowest terms, ran thus: those wishing to free the Negroes illegally imported declared that to enslave them would be to perpetrate the very evil which the law was designed to stop. "By the same law," they said, "we condemn the man-stealer and become the receivers of his stolen goods. We punish the criminal, and then step into his place, and complete the crime."²⁶¹ They said that the objection to free Negroes was no valid excuse; for if the Southern people really feared this class, they would consent to the imposing of such penalties on illicit traffic as would stop the importation of a single slave.²⁶² Moreover, "forfeiture" and sale of the Negroes implied a property right in them which did not exist.²⁶³ Waiving this technical point, and allowing them to be "forfeited" to the government, then the government should either immediately set them free, or, at the most, indenture them for a term of years; otherwise, the law would be an encouragement to violators. "It

260. There were at least twelve distinct propositions as to the disposal of the Africans imported: —

1. That they be forfeited and sold by the United States at auction (Early's bill, reported Dec. 15: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 167-8).
2. That they be forfeited and left to the disposal of the States (proposed by Bidwell and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 181, 221, 477. This was the final settlement.)
3. That they be forfeited and sold, and that the proceeds go to charities, education, or internal improvements (Early, Holland, and Masters: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 273).
4. That they be forfeited and indentured for life (Alston and Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 170-1).
5. That they be forfeited and indentured for 7, 8, or 10 years (Pitkin: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 186).
6. That they be forfeited and given into the custody of the President, and by him indentured in free States for a term of years (bill reported from the Senate Jan. 28: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 9th Congress 2d session, V. 575; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 477. Cf. also ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 272).
7. That the Secretary of the Treasury dispose of them, at his discretion, in service (Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 183).
8. That those imported into slave States be returned to Africa or bound out in free States (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 254).
9. That all be sent back to Africa (Smilie: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 176).
10. That those imported into free States be free, those imported into slave States be returned to Africa or indentured (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 226).
11. That they be forfeited but not sold (Sloan and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 270).
12. That they be free (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 168; Bidwell: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 9th Congress 2d session, V. 515).

261. Bidwell, Cook, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 201.

262. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.

263. Fisk: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 224-5; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221.



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certainly will be," said they, "if the importer can find means to evade the penalty of the act; for there he has all the advantage of a market enhanced by our ineffectual attempt to prohibit."²⁶⁴ They claimed that even the indenturing of the ignorant barbarian for life was better than slavery; and Sloan declared that the Northern States would receive the freed Negroes willingly rather than have them enslaved.²⁶⁵

The argument of those who insisted that the Negroes should be sold was tersely put by Macon: "In adopting our measures on this subject, we must pass such a law as can be executed."²⁶⁶ Early expanded this: "It is a principle in legislation, as correct as any which has ever prevailed, that to give effect to laws you must not make them repugnant to the passions and wishes of the people among whom they are to operate. How then, in this instance, stands the fact? Do not gentlemen from every quarter of the Union prove, on the discussion of every question that has ever arisen in the House, having the most remote bearing on the giving freedom to the Africans in the bosom of our country, that it has excited the deepest sensibility in the breasts of those where slavery exists? And why is this so? It is, because those who, from experience, know the extent of the evil, believe that the most formidable aspect in which it can present itself, is by making these people free among them. Yes, sir, though slavery is an evil, regretted by every man in the country, to have among us in any considerable quantity persons of this description, is an evil far greater than slavery itself. Does any gentleman want proof of this? I answer that all proof is useless; no fact can be more notorious. With this belief on the minds of the people where slavery exists, and where the importation will take place, if at all, we are about to turn loose in a state of freedom all persons brought in after the passage of this law. I ask gentlemen to reflect and say whether such a law, opposed to the ideas, the passions, the views, and the affections of the people of the Southern States, can be executed? I tell them, no; it is impossible – why? Because no man will inform – why? Because to inform will be to lead to an evil which will be deemed greater than the offence of which information is given, because it will be opposed to the principle of self-preservation, and to the love of family. No, no man will be disposed to jeopard his life, and the lives of his countrymen. And if no one dare inform, the whole authority of the Government cannot carry the law into effect. The whole people will rise up against it. Why? Because to enforce it would be to turn loose, in the bosom of the country, firebrands that would consume them."²⁶⁷

This was the more tragic form of the argument; it also had a mercenary side, which was presented with equal emphasis. It was repeatedly said that the only way to enforce the law was to play off individual interests against each other. The profit from the sale of illegally imported Negroes was declared to be the only

264. Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 184.

265. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 478; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 171.

266. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.

267. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 173-4.



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sufficient "inducement to give information of their importation."²⁶⁸ "Give up the idea of forfeiture, and I challenge the gentleman to invent fines, penalties, or punishments of any sort, sufficient to restrain the slave trade."²⁶⁹ If such Negroes be freed, "I tell you that slaves will continue to be imported as heretofore.... You cannot get hold of the ships employed in this traffic. Besides, slaves will be brought into Georgia from East Florida. They will be brought into the Mississippi Territory from the bay of Mobile. You cannot inflict any other penalty, or devise any other adequate means of prevention, than a forfeiture of the Africans in whose possession they may be found after importation."²⁷⁰ Then, too, when foreigners smuggled in Negroes, "who then ... could be operated on, but the purchasers? There was the rub - it was their interest alone which, by being operated on, would produce a check. Snap their purse-strings, break open their strong box, deprive them of their slaves, and by destroying the temptation to buy, you put an end to the trade, ... nothing short of a forfeiture of the slave would afford an effectual remedy."²⁷¹ Again, it was argued that it was impossible to prevent imported Negroes from becoming slaves, or, what was just as bad, from being sold as vagabonds or indentured for life.²⁷² Even our own laws, it was said, recognize the title of the African slave factor in the transported Negroes; and if the importer have no title, why do we legislate? Why not let the African immigrant alone to get on as he may, just as we do the Irish immigrant?²⁷³ If he should be returned to Africa, his home could not be found, and he would in all probability be sold into slavery again.²⁷⁴

The constitutional argument was not urged as seriously as the foregoing; but it had a considerable place. On the one hand, it was urged that if the Negroes were forfeited, they were forfeited to the United States government, which could dispose of them as it saw fit;²⁷⁵ on the other hand, it was said that the United States, as owner, was subject to State laws, and could not free the Negroes contrary to such laws.²⁷⁶ Some alleged that the freeing of such Negroes struck at the title to all slave property;²⁷⁷ others thought that, as property in slaves was not recognized in the Constitution, it could not be in a statute.²⁷⁸ The question also arose as to the source of the power of Congress over the slave-trade. Southern men derived it from the clause on commerce, and declared that it exceeded the power of Congress to declare Negroes imported into a slave State, free, against the laws of that State; that Congress could not determine what

268. Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 170.

269. D.R. Williams: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 183.

270. Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 184-5.

271. Lloyd, Early, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 203.

272. Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 170.

273. Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 222; Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 225.

274. Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 177.

275. Barker: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 171; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.

276. Clay, Alston, and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 266.

277. Clay, Alston, and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 266.

278. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221.



should or should not be property in a State.²⁷⁹ Northern men replied that, according to this principle, forfeiture and sale in Massachusetts would be illegal; that the power of Congress over the trade was derived from the restraining clause, as a non-existent power could not be restrained; and that the United States could act under her general powers as executor of the Law of Nations.²⁸⁰

The moral argument as to the disposal of illegally imported Negroes was interlarded with all the others. On the one side, it began with the "Rights of Man," and descended to a stickling for the decent appearance of the statute-book; on the other side, it began with the uplifting of the heathen, and descended to a denial of the applicability of moral principles to the question. Said Holland of North Carolina: "It is admitted that the condition of the slaves in the Southern States is much superior to that of those in Africa. Who, then, will say that the trade is immoral?"²⁸¹ But, in fact, "morality has nothing to do with this traffic,"²⁸² for, as Joseph Clay declared, "it must appear to every man of common sense, that the question could be considered in a commercial point of view only."²⁸³ The other side declared that, "by the laws of God and man," these captured Negroes are "entitled to their freedom as clearly and absolutely as we are;"²⁸⁴ nevertheless, some were willing to leave them to the tender mercies of the slave States, so long as the statute-book was disgraced by no explicit recognition of slavery.²⁸⁵ Such arguments brought some sharp sarcasm on those who seemed anxious "to legislate for the honor and glory of the statute book;"²⁸⁶ some desired "to know what honor you will derive from a law that will be broken every day of your lives."²⁸⁷ They would rather boldly sell the Negroes and turn the proceeds over to charity. The final settlement of the question was as follows: -

"SECTION 4.... And neither the importer, nor any person or persons claiming from or under him, shall hold any right or title whatsoever to any negro, mulatto, or person of color, nor to the service or labor thereof, who may be imported or brought within the United States, or territories thereof, in violation of this law, but the same shall remain subject to any regulations not contravening the provisions of this act, which the Legislatures of the several States or Territories at any time hereafter may make, for disposing of any such negro, mulatto, or person of color."²⁸⁸

279. Sloan and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 271; Early and Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 168, 171.

280. Ely, Bidwell, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 179, 181, 271; Smilie and Findley: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 225, 226.

281. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 240. Cf. Lloyd: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 236.

282. Holland: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 241.

283. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 227; Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 225.

284. Bidwell, Cook, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 201.

285. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221. Cf. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 202.

286. Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 239.

287. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session



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December 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 12th M 1818 / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony & in the Afternoon father Rodman was also engaged in a lively encouraging communication. In the Afternoon I enjoyed a pretty good state, but the morning was a hard time. – In the forpart of the evening with James Taylor & D Rodman, visited Judge Nicholas Taylor who has been confined a number of weeks with a painful indisposition, but seems now to be recovering. We found him cheerful, & related an anecdote which interested me very much. – he said that His father whose name was Robert, served his apprenticeship with old Joseph Wanton of Tiverton, & while he was an apprentice, there came a man on buisness With Joseph, who became very turbulent & abusive, so much so that Robert thought he was going to strike his master & feeling his temper excited atthe abuse offered his master raised his fist & Knocked him down to the ground. "Poh! Robert what did thee strike the man for, he did nothing but talk." Tho' the occurence must have happened 70 or 80 Years ago, as Joseph Wanton has been dead about 64 Years, I feel a freedom to rescue it from oblivion, that it may be found as an instructive lesson to others. I hope it may rest on my mind, that should I be assailed with abuse, remember to keep my temper & not fall into the same spirit of the opposer, & frequently recur to the words of good old Joseph when he said "he did nothing but talk".- I have often heard my mother & others who remember him, say that he was a man remarkable for his mildness of disposition, a man very useful in society & a solid preacher, tho' not an extensive gift.

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December 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 12th M / Meeting was a season of exercise to me. – Father Rodman was concerned in an instructive testimony, & if attended to may be beneficial to some present -- In the last, (Preparative) the epistle from the last Yearly Meeting was read.

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December 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 12th M 1818 / Our Meetings were both silent & pretty well attended, but to me Seasons of not much richness – Wrote this evening to Wm Hunter Senator & John L Boss Jr Representative in Congress, inclosing a Memorial to Congress respecting the Slave Trade, which was pretty largely & respectably signed by a number of the inhabitants of this Town.



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– Also Wrote a letter to Obadiah Brown of [Providence](#). –

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December 28, Monday: Jean Joseph Paul Augustin, Marquis Dessolles replaced Armand Emmanuel du Plessis, Duc de Richelieu as prime minister of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 12th M / I find the officers of society must be content to go through good report & evil report, particularly in the discharge of the duty's of overseers of the Poor - I have been censured & considered hard, only for an honest discharge of duty towards an individual who wishes assistance, but who in my judgement & in the judgement of many others, is yet able to minister in good measure to her own necessities. - where I have been convinced there was real necessity, I can truly say my hand & heart has been open to Extend liberal help, but the circumstances of the Meeting are streightened & require prudence, & the Officers of society must necessarily be careful to spend no more than pressing needs may require.

I feel for the future prospects of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting & fear the time is approaching when its condition as to wealth & more substantial weight, will be Still diminished, according to my gift I Mourn in Zion, & crave a better day, but alas it is but little I can do. my weaknesses are many - yet at times my faith is strengthened & a willingness is wrought to press forward thro' all, that In the end I may attain the pearl of price, the crown & glory, which faideth not away.

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December 30, Wednesday: At a trial in Mayor's Court at the New-York City Hall, James Maurice v Samuel Judd, the dispute was over nonpayment of a fee for inspection of "fish oil," but the decision revolved around the question of whether this would include the oil from whales, and thus whether or not whales are fish. Linnaeus had separated whales from fish in 1758 because whales have lungs rather than gills and breathe air through a blowhole, have four chambers in the heart, have eyelids that move, and have flipper bones that match those in the hands and arms of humans and apes, but the current dictionaries defined fish merely as animals that live exclusively in water. Thus oysters, crabs (except for beach crabs), and whales definitely are fish. The jury would decide that the fee should be paid, which would cause the state legislature promptly to exempt whale oil from the category of fish oil (refer to D. Graham Burnett's TRYING LEVIATHAN, put out in 2007 by Princeton UP).



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In Edinburgh, Scotland, executioner John Simpson made a number of tries before he was able to [hang](#) Robert Johnston for the robbery of a candlemaker. When the trap dropped on his initial try, the criminal was able to remain standing on the platform and the crowd drove the authorities away with stones, cut the offender down, removed his hood, and carried him off toward High Street. They heaved the boards of the waiting coffin through the windows of Tolbooth Church. When the police and military retrieved the 22-year-old robber, a surgeon bled him until he was sufficiently weak to be unable to resist. However, when the executioner made his 2d attempt he used too long a rope, and they needed to lift their victim while they wound the rope again and again around the hook on the scaffold beam. Then it took the man like forever to strangle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*30th of 12th M 1818 / I awoke this Morning with the recollection that this day completed my 37th year, & it has been a day of much seriousness
Thousands who were alive this day, thirty seven Years ago have since paid the debt of nature, & it has been my lot to witness the exit of some of them, both in my own immediate family & some of my aged friends. – I have grown from youth to manhood & have now arrived at what may be termed the Meridian of life & must soon expect to be looking on the Down Hill side & perhaps within a very short time be numbered with the Silent dead. – Man knoweth not his time, & I am thankful that I do not know the end of mine. – but this one thing I do know, that it is necessary for me to [be] prepared to change worlds, & I do also know that "the effect of Righteousness is PEACE."*

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December 31, Thursday: On the previous day in Edinburgh, Scotland, executioner John Simpson had sadly botched the job of [hanging](#) robber Robert Johnston for the robbery of a candlemaker. On this day the city magistrates fired both the executioner and the master of works who had been responsible for the structure of the gallows. Although a 50-guinea reward was offered for the identification of the persons who had rescued the robber after he was able to remain standing on the platform when the trap fell, this reward would never be paid.

Arriving at the "Elmwood" mansion of [Friend Moses Brown](#) outside [Providence, Rhode Island](#), after a boat trip and a stage ride, were two assistant teachers for the girls' department, Friends Mary Mitchell and Dorcas Gardner, a Quaker girl scholar from New Hampshire, and three Quaker girl scholars from Nantucket.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12th M 31st 5 of ye Week 1818 / This Morning took Chaise & with Br D Rodman went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting – a little this side of Wm Baileys gate the Axle tree of the Chaise broke short off which brought us down & tho' in the fall I lost the reins, the horse stoped & stood perfectly still, which I count a special favor & for which my heart is truly thankful to the Lord, the great ruler of events – we set the Chaise on the side of the road & went to Wm Baileys who very kindly lent us a small Waggon which safely carried us the rest of the way to the Meeting House –The first Meeting was silent, the last was a deeply exercising one. Some cases before us was deeply distressing & afforded ample scope for the exercise of



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*christian patience & prudence. I have thought I had known some hard meetings before, but it seemed as if this was the hardest – I believe that my concern has been a right one for the wellfare of society & Oh saith my soul may I hold on; & may my concern increase, –
We dined at Saml Thurstons - & rode Home.*

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THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1819. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Hugh H. Brown.



Her father Friend Benjamin Rotch having lost his whale-oil fortune, [Eliza Ware Rotch Farrar](#) was sent across the big pond from her father's estate near Milford Haven in England to be brought up by her [Quaker](#) grandparents in [New Bedford](#), Massachusetts (she would be among those "New Lights" disowned as too liberal by the Monthly Meeting there, who would of necessity become [Unitarians](#)).

Read about this "New Light" controversy:

THE "NEW LIGHTS"

It is commonly proclaimed that it was in this year that [Prudence Crandall](#) was accepted as a member of the [Religious Society of Friends](#). I have, however, been unable to locate any reference in the secondary literature to any primary document that might tend toward substantiating such an allegation. Also, suspiciously, I have been unable to determine in what monthly meeting of the society she was accepted as a member (there is no record at the meeting nearest her family's home, the [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#) Monthly Meeting, or at the monthly meeting in [Providence](#) where she would seven years later begin school — in fact there seems to be no extant positive confirmation of her having been present at any Quaker meeting for worship anywhere at any time).



Here is a gazetteer that was put out in this year by John Chauncey Pease and John Milton Niles in Hartford for the states of Connecticut and [Rhode Island](#), that has been scanned for us by the good people at Google (for convenience I have here divided this massive 1819 volume into two Acrobat files, which are indexed and searchable and which you will find you are able to mark up with your comments):

CONNECTICUT GAZETTEER

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 At the Hazard fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), where a power loom was in operation, Rowland Hazard retired. The Narragansett Cotton Manufacturing Company came under the direction of his sons Isaac P. Hazard and Rowland Gibson Hazard, who would rename the company as “IP&RG Hazard.”

[Zachariah Allen](#) invented the 1st hot-air house heating system.

 In this year occurred the 1st US postcolonial prosecution for racial amalgamation, of which we are currently aware — in *Midway v. Needham*, 16 Massachusetts 157, the validity of a marriage between a Mulatto man and a white woman, both domiciled in Massachusetts, was upheld despite the fact that this union had been sanctified “in [Rhode Island](#) in order to avoid the Massachusetts law.”

 According to Mark S. Schantz’s PIETY IN [PROVIDENCE](#): CLASS DIMENSIONS OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE IN ANTEBELLUM RHODE ISLAND (Ithaca NY: Cornell UP, 2000), there was during this year in [Rhode Island](#) a religious revival:

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In this solid monograph Mark Schantz describes and analyses the “bifurcation” of Providence’s religious experience from an organic one that united rich and poor to a stratified world of opposing bourgeois and plebeian cultures. He begins by analyzing the earlier picture of Providence at the turn of the nineteenth century. The town’s four churches drew members from all walks of life and considered it their duty to provide material aid to the poor in their midst; ministers sermonized on the need to temper the pursuit of individual success with attention to the needs of larger society.

In the meantime, a “plebeian” religious culture arose in Rhode Island’s rapidly growing mill villages (76). There, Freewill [Baptists](#) and Methodists practiced an emotional, anti-Calvinistic faith that relied heavily on the power of individual preachers, including women, and very little on church architecture. With the revival of 1819, the plebes gained a foothold in Providence. In addition to working-class Freewill Baptist and Methodist congregations, the decade of the 1820s witnessed the formation of an all-African American church and a more middle class Universalist Church that, nevertheless, spouted radical-sounding democratic rhetoric.

Schantz rightly shows awareness of the mutability of working-class religion, as once-radical-sounding sects, such as the Methodists, became respectable in Providence within less than a



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generation; replacing them in the 1830s and 1840s were three disparate groups. The first, Irish Catholics, were certainly lowly in social standing, though they differed from plebeian Protestants theologically. Mormons had a theology that criticized worldliness and the oppression of the poor. And the third group, the Millerites, demonstrated an implicitly anti-bourgeois mentality by passively waiting for the millennium to come, instead of searching for riches actively in the market place.

As the working classes formed their own congregations, the traditional Calvinistic [Baptist](#), Episcopal, Congregational, and [Unitarian](#) churches wholeheartedly embraced a "bourgeois religious culture" (p. 119). Though espousing different theologies, the four different denominations were united by: (1) the practice of selling ever more costly pews, (2) a preference for a religion of the head over the heart, and (3) an open embrace of the individual pursuit of wealth. They were divided only by gender, as some of their women's groups criticized the evil effects of business practices on the city's impoverished. Schantz correctly points out that the feminization of religion in the 1800s has been "overstated ... inasmuch [that] the acquisition ... of property, the collection of money for church buildings, and the auction of pews, remained a masculine exercise in public institution building" (p. 106).

The two cultures came to clash during and after Rhode Island's Dorr War, which pitted popular forces seeking to eliminate the state's anachronistic suffrage requirements against a conservative "Law and Order" party. A Universalist and several Freewill [Baptist](#) preachers explicitly defended the Dorrites. Meanwhile, the bourgeois ministers condemned the rebels as anarchists and their church hierarchies expelled Dorrites as members. Interestingly, bourgeois women continued to provide a critique of their own class, organizing as "suffrage ladies" to provide aid to imprisoned rebels. But by the 1850s, the bourgeoisie had consolidated control over Providence's religious culture. Formerly plebeian churches had all become respectable; female reformers joined ranks with the men to establish quiescent shelters of moral uplift for the poor; and the Catholics were ignored by all.

The author uses a wide variety of sources and methodologies to craft his tale: church membership records, city directories, and tax figures to calculate the relative wealth and social standing of churches; anthropological analyses of parades and street theater to analyze the gendering of religious experience; and traditional literary documentation to examine the thoughts of the area's ministers, missionaries, radicals, and ordinary laypersons.

Schantz's work falters only in his chapters on plebeian culture and the Dorr Rebellion, where he relies on literary evidence almost exclusively. The analysis of plebeian religious culture provides little data on the social and economic status of the Millerites and Mormons, and their relationship to the Freewill [Baptists](#) and Methodists, who suddenly and somewhat confusingly disappear from view. Likewise, the Dorr War chapter leaves





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unstudied the exact identity of the mass of Dorrites (if impossible to ascertain, Schantz should say so). More seriously, much of chapter five, "The Emergence of Plebeian Religious Culture," which covers the late 1820s through the 1840s, seems miscast. The very title suggests that this "culture" did not begin to form until the Jacksonian period, when the rest of Schantz's book argues powerfully that it originated in the early 1810s. Or are we talking about two types of cultures here, with lower- and upper-case c's? Also, rather than offering a set of similar behaviors and beliefs that arguably add up to a coherent culture, Schantz provides the reader with the following melange of poorly connected individuals and movements: Catholic immigrants, with their beliefs in miracles and the Virgin Mary; itinerant evangelical preachers who threaten the authority of settled ministers; an actor whose performance actually satirized evangelical preachers; Millerites and Mormons (whose views have been summarized above); and the religiously-tinged but mostly political views of Seth Luther, long-time labor and suffrage agitator, whose only church affiliation, ironically, was with one of the "bourgeois" churches. Schantz tries to unify these disparate individuals and groups under the rubric of the "feminine"--their actions and beliefs tended to be disorderly, emotional, nonrational, and/or passive, even if they, themselves, were all men or were controlled by men. But somehow common sense tells me that Catholic Mary worshippers, Millerite millenarians, and anti-clerical actors do not all belong in the same culture camp. I also wonder how helpful gendered descriptions of behavior are when they are contradicted by the gender identity of those who were in control. (I know a lot of ex-Catholics who would hotly dispute the notion that the patriarchal Church was ever a bastion of the feminine.) Schantz is more persuasive when he observes that disorderly, emotional, and passive behaviors were all dysfunctional or antithetical to the capitalist economy then booming in Providence. These concerns and ruminations aside, Schantz has written a splendid local study that helps begin to answer the question, left hanging by Nathan Hatch: Who democratized American Christianity? Hatch told us much about the clerical leaders; now Schantz provides crucial information about the rank and file. The conclusion of his story, when the bourgeoisie consolidated control over Providence's religion, and the plebeian churches submitted to respectability, also suggests that perhaps the democratization of U.S. Christianity was rather short-lived. No historian of the early republic, or of religion in North America, will want to miss this thought-provoking, first-rate work.

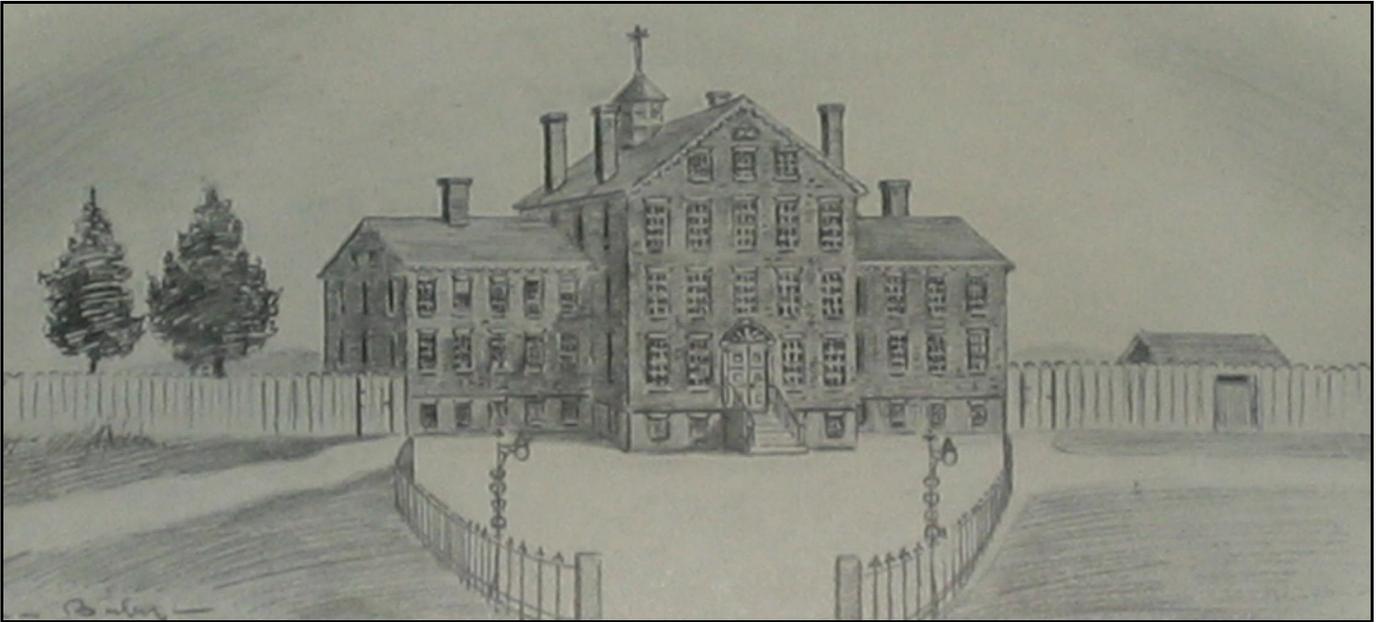


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January 1, Friday: With construction complete on the central part of their building (the part between the wings, now referred to as “Middle House”) New England [Yearly Meeting](#)’s boarding school for [Quaker](#) youth went into operation in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) on the farmland that had been donated in 1814 by [Friend Moses Brown](#). (Of course, there would be a Boys School and a Girls School, held distinct not only in reports and catalogues but also by means of gender segregation of classrooms, and gender segregation of walks, and gender segregation of groves and playgrounds and dining areas.)



This sketch was added to the face of a clock made by John Bailey, in the building’s sitting-room

Present at that point were the [Quaker](#) who had been hired to be a teacher in the boys’ department, Friend Benjamin Rodman, two assistant teachers for the girls’ department, Friends Mary Mitchell and Dorcas Gardner, Friend Maria Augusta Fuller from Lynn, Massachusetts, age 12, Friend Comfort Allen, age 22, a Quaker young woman from Richmond, New Hampshire, and three Quaker girls from Nantucket, Friends Elizabeth Brayton, age 15, Anna Fitch, age 14, and Hepsabeth Mitchell, age 14. (It has been noted, as an attempt at humor, that at this point, with two superintendents, one teacher, two assistant teachers, and five girl scholars on site, the teacher/student ratio had become exactly the ideal ratio of one on one!)



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When the [Hicksite](#)/Orthodox split would occur in the [Religious Society of Friends](#), this school would remain with the Orthodox or Quietist or segregationist branch and would prosper, enrolling on an average a student body of more than 150 white students during the decade of the 1830s.



During this year, also, Friend Moses would fund the purchase of a lot in Providence on which the colored people might erect a meetinghouse and school:



The colored people called a meeting in 1819 to take measures, to build a meetinghouse, with a basement for a school room. After appointing their Committee to carry out their wishes, they sent a special committee to Mr. [Moses Brown](#), to inform him of their intentions and see what he would do toward aiding them, knowing he belonged to the Society of Friends and was a very benevolent man, besides some of the members of the committee had been in his service. Mr. Brown, after hearing their statements, highly commended their movement, and said, "I always had it in my heart to help the colored people, whenever I saw they were ready to receive. Now go and select you out a lot, suitable for your purpose, and I will pay for it."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of [Newport](#) wrote in his journal about the opening of this school (at which eventually he would teach):

6th day 1st of 1st M 1819 / My mind under much depression, particularly from yesterdays occurrences at Portsmouth. — It is a comfortable reflection that the Truth remains to be unchangeable & that those who abide in it have nothing to fear. - I have thought much of the Yearly Meeting School which is opened this day at Providence, the day has been very clear & remarkably mild for the season, may it prove an omen of the future usefulness of the institution to coming generations.²⁸⁹

289. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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 January 2, Saturday: At the new [Quaker Yearly Meeting School](#) outside [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another girl scholar arrived, Friend Milly Paine, age 15, of Cumberland, and the very first boy scholar, Friend Philip A. Southwick, age 10, of Danvers, Massachusetts.

At some point in early January, the head and torso of the statue known then as “younger Memnon” was installed on its pedestal in the [Egyptian](#) Sculpture Room of the Townley Galleries of the British Museum.

 January 3, Sunday: At 10:30AM a meeting for worship was held in one of the four large square rooms on the first floor of the new building of the [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) on top of the hill in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). Present, among others, with the young scholars and the school staff, was Friend [Moses Brown](#) and his wife Dorcas Brown, with his son Friend Obadiah M. Brown. The room at the time had been furnished with a large stove and a few chairs. As what was apparently the only vocal ministry, Friend Betsy Purinton “knelt in supplication.”

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of [Newport](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 1st M 1819 / In our Morning meeting Anne Dennis appeared in a Short testimony then Hannah Dennis & then Jonathon Dennis. Thus daughter Mother & father in succession had the vocal service of the Day.
In the Afternoon we were Silent & the meeting was largely attended for afternoon & to me it was a good Meeting. –*



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January 4, Monday: Martin Van Buren had William Thompson nominated as speaker of the New York Senate.

First day of school. The first boarding student to arrive at the newly constructed [Yearly Meeting School](#), several days before, had been [Friend](#) Maria Augusta Fuller from Lynn, Massachusetts, twelve years of age, who had arrived under the care of Friends Matthew Purinton and Betsy Purinton of Salem, Massachusetts, hired to superintend the business and home-life of the institution, but by this first day of instruction, a total of eleven scholars were present, Friends Daniel Bicknell, age 11, having arrived from North [Providence](#), Dorcas Hadwin, age 11, from [Providence](#), Charles Congdon, age 11, from [Providence](#), and Charles Metcalf, age 15, from Cumberland.

Superintendents.

1819-1824.	Purinton, Matthew and Betsy.
1824-1835.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1829-1835.	Gould, Stephen Wanton and Gould, Hannah , Asst. Supts.
1835-1836.	Davis, Seth and Mary.
1837.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1838-1839.	Rathbun, Rowland and Alice.
1840-1844.	Wing, Allen and Olive.
1845-1846.	Thompson, Olney and Lydia.
1847.	Congdon, Jarvia and Lydia.
1847-1852.	Cornell, Silas and Sarah M.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 1st M / My mind often depressed with the state of things in our Society, but notwithstanding all our failings I am comforted in a renewed confirmation that we are yet the first religious society, in that we believe in the Truth as it is in Jesus & that many of our members have attained to a higher state of religious experience than any other - we find most of professing christendom very outward in their views. while they profess a belief in spiritual things, they know but little more of the Spiritual work than if they were strangers to the Scriptures or the name of Christ, for the plain reason, that they overlook, the thing in the first setting out.- having no Idea that, the intimations which they feel early in life, as for instance condemnation for doing wrong, & justification for doing right, is nothing short than the divinity of Christ moving in our hearts, could they rightly see this, I believe, there would



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be less controversy on points of Doctrine - & were but the members of our Society more fully to live up to that which they believe in, - our Zion would Shine as in the days of her Ancient splendor, the Tents of Cushan would not be in affliction, neither would the Curtains of Middian tremble. -



January 6, Wednesday: Formal inauguration, by a group of gentlemen, at the Carolina Coffee House at the corner of Tradd Street and Bedon's Alley in Charleston, of the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina. Members would meet regularly on Forefathers' Day for the purpose of recalling anew in pledges of steaming punch, the virile virtues of their ancestors who on a dark and freezing day in December first landed on Plymouth Rock after their long journey to the promised land of religious freedom, for good-fellowship, and to render aid to their less fortunate brothers. The original roster of membership lists 47 names.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6th of 1st M / I have felt my mind solemnized this evening & raised in secret prayer for preservation, to the father of Mercy
It is sometimes my allotment while in the midst of a social circle, to feel my mind abstracted from the passing observations, & centered in seriousness. -*



January 7, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th 1st M 1819 / Our Meeting was large in consequence of the Marriage of Abraham Barker & Margaret Buffum which was solemnised in a very becoming manner - after the certificate was signed - Jonathon Dennis appeared in a short testimony & the meeting closed under as good a covering as I ever witnessed on such an occasion. - David Rodman & myself being overseers of the Marriage we went to the House of our friend D Buffum to attend the wedding, which was a season of instruction to me, there was no levity but Solid conversation adorned the gathering, thro' the Afternoon, & in the evening we involuntarily fell into Silence, & heavenly good was near, which I have no doubt was more or less experienced by all present - Hannah Dennis was twice engaged in short communications, then David Buffum, & then Jonathon Dennis, twice spoke a few words & Hannah closed in solemn reverend supplication, after which we separated for our homes & I may acknowledge that it has been to me a day of memorable experience



This date was evidently significant in regard to some ongoing shenanigans and apparent graft (gaming the system), having to do with the disposition of seized [negrero](#) slave vessels, and with the disposition of their cargos of slaves, and with the distribution of this as loot by US court systems (the entire social apparatus apparently having been converted over by this time from the purpose of suppressing the [international slave trade](#), to the purpose of enriching the various white participants to the process):

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: At this date (January 7, 1819), however, certain cases were stated to be pending.... In 1818 three



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American schooners sailed from the United States to Havana; on June 2 they started back with cargoes aggregating one hundred and seven slaves. The schooner "Constitution" was captured by one of Andrew Jackson's officers under the guns of Fort Barancas. The "Louisa" and "Marino" were captured by Lieutenant McKeever of the United States Navy. The three vessels were duly proceeded against at Mobile, and the case began slowly to drag along. The slaves, instead of being put under the care of the zealous marshal of the district, were placed in the hands of three bondsmen, friends of the judge. The marshal notified the government of this irregularity, but apparently received no answer. In 1822 the three vessels were condemned as forfeited, but the court "reserved" for future order the distribution of the slaves. Nothing whatever either then or later was done to the slave-traders themselves. The owners of the ships promptly appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and that tribunal, in 1824, condemned the three vessels and the slaves on two of them.²⁹⁰ These slaves, considerably reduced in number "from various causes," were sold at auction for the benefit of the State, in spite of the Act of 1819. Meantime, before the decision of the Supreme Court, the judge of the Supreme Court of West Florida had awarded to certain alleged Spanish claimants of the slaves indemnity for nearly the whole number seized, at the price of \$650 per head, and the Secretary of the Treasury had actually paid the claim.²⁹¹ In 1826 Lieutenant McKeever urgently petitions Congress for his prize-money of \$4,415.15, which he has not yet received.²⁹² The "Constitution" was for some inexplicable reason released from bond, and the whole case fades in a very thick cloud of official mist. In 1831 Congress sought to inquire into the final disposition of the slaves. The information given was never printed; but as late as 1836 a certain Calvin Mickle petitions Congress for reimbursement for the slaves sold, for their hire, for their natural increase, for expenses incurred, and for damages.²⁹³

290. The slaves on the "Constitution" were not condemned, for the technical reason that she was not captured by a commissioned officer of the United States navy.

291. These proceedings are very obscure, and little was said about them. The Spanish claimants were, it was alleged with much probability, but representatives of Americans. The claim was paid under the provisions of the Treaty of Florida, and included slaves whom the court afterward declared forfeited.

292. An act to relieve him was finally passed, Feb. 8, 1827, nine years after the capture. See STATUTES AT LARGE, VI. 357.

293. It is difficult to get at the exact facts in this complicated case. The above statement is, I think, much milder than the real facts would warrant, if thoroughly known. Cf. HOUSE REPORTS, 19th Congress 1st session, II. No. 231; 21st Congress 1st session, III. No. 348, pages 62-3, etc.; 24th Congress 1st session, I. No. 209; AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, NAVAL, II. No. 308.



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January 10, Sunday: [Benjamin Henry Latrobe](#) arrived in New Orleans, where he would design the central tower of the St. Louis Cathedral.



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 1st M 1819 / In the morning meeting, there was a short testimony which felt to me to be about right - In the Afternoon we were silent, both to me were rather dull seasons.



January 14, Thursday: Grand Duke Carl August of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach approved the contract appointing [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) as his Kapellmeister.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 1st M / My mind has for several days past been under pressure when reflecting on an existing case in our Moy [Monthly] Meeting & I have desired that all my [may] terminate for good. - Had a good meeting, was favord with solid quiet for which I desire to be thankful. - Anne Dennis & Abigail Sherman appeared in short testimonys -



January 16, Saturday: Godert baron van der de Capellen became the Governor of the Dutch-Indies.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 16th of 1st M / Attended our Select Meeting for Ministers & Elders In the forepart of it my mind was favor'd with The extendings of heavenly good, which drew the silent tear, but as the meeting advanced this preciuos feeling subsided, tho' on the whole it was a memorable Season to me. my name was made use of as a representative to the next Quarterly Meeting, but I hardly see how I can get there.



January 17, Sunday: [Simón Bolívar](#) proclaimed Columbia to be a republic.

Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) notified one of the overseers of his [slaves](#), Joel Yancey, that the soap Dick²⁹⁴ produced this year weighed merely 38 pounds whereas in the previous year it had weighed 45 (elsewhere we find a notation that hard soap was to be made by boiling 3 pounds of grease in 3 gallons of water with a box of Babbitt concentrated lye for 3 hours, pouring it into a tub and letting it remain 2 days, cutting it into bars, and putting it to dry).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 1st M 1819 / In our Morning meeting J Dennis & Abigail Sherman appeared in short testimonys & D Buffum concluded in a very lively & pathetic communication. – In the Afternoon we were both Silent – both meetings were good favord Seasons to me. – In the evening Set the evening with my H at Abigail Robinsons. –

294. Dick was a son of Will Smith and Abby, born in 1781 (Jefferson had also at one time had a pet northern mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*, one of perhaps four he had owned and kept about the house, that he called “Dick”).



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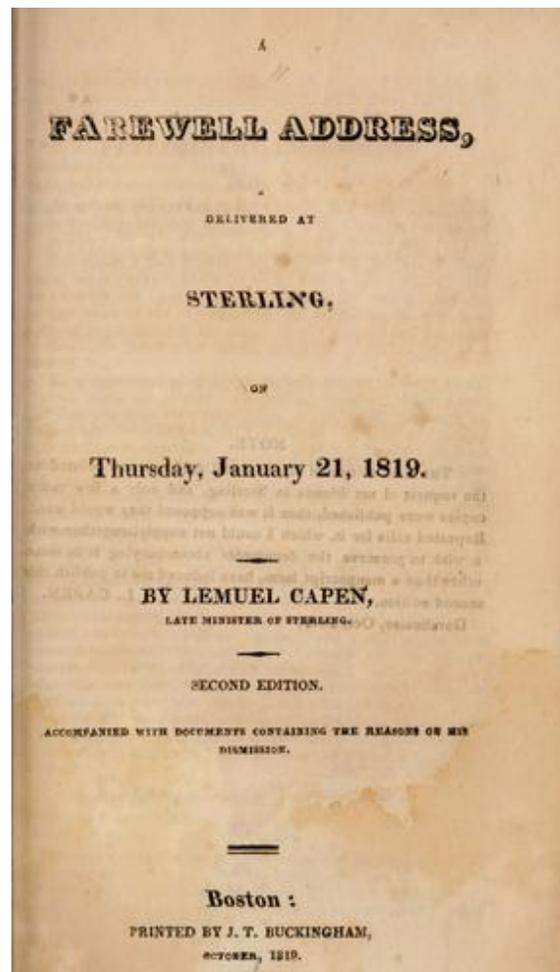
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 January 21, Thursday: Documentation of the [international slave trade](#), per W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: “Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury ... in relation to Ships engaged in the Slave Trade, which have been Seized and Condemned, and the Disposition which has been made of the Negroes, by the several State Governments, under whose Jurisdiction they have fallen.” –HOUSE DOCUMENT, 15 Cong. 2 sess. VI. No. 107.

Frederick Marryat got married with Catherine Shairp in St Pancras Old Church, London. The couple would produce four sons and seven daughters, including the novelist Florence Marryat.



[Lemuel Capen](#), late minister of Sterling, Massachusetts, delivered a farewell address. This would be printed in Boston by J.T. Buckingham, as a pamphlet accompanied by documents containing the reasons of his dismissal.





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(The Reverend Mr. Capen had been or would be replaced in the pulpit at Sterling by the Reverend Peter Osgood. Mr. Capen would pass on, to Brook Farm.)

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 1st M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, considering the cloudy weather & muddy walking. – Father Rodman was engaged in a short but solemn testimony on the necessity of Pure offerings & the danger of Strange fire. – the D Buffum on the necessity of love, that we closely examine ourselves to see if we are harbouring any thing counter to the Gospel dispensation on that Subject & if we are he impressed the necessity of setting about to do it away. In the last Osborn Mowry requested a certificate of removal within the limits of Richmond Moy [Monthly] Meeting – so, our numbers seems to be bounded. I was in hopes that he would have settled down with us, & have contributed to the Streangth of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting. –



January 24, Sunday: Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote from Monticello to Richard Duke that “The duties of a Proctor for the Central college are of two characters so distinct, that it is difficult to find them associated in the same person. the one part of these duties is to make contracts with workmen, superintend their execution, see that they are according to the plan, performed faithfully and in a workman like manner, settle their accounts, and pay them off. the other part is to hire common laborers, overlook them, provide subsistence, and do whatever also is necessary for the institution. for this latter part mr Barksdale is fully qualified: but the other part we have thought would be better done by a person more accustomed to that sort of business, and mr Garrett has given me a hope you would undertake this part. if you could devote two days in the week to it, it would be quite sufficient, but if this is incompatible with your other business, one day in the week would do. whatever agreement as to these particulars, or as to compensation, shall be arranged between mr Garrett and yourself, will be confirmed, and we should wish your entrance on your branch of the office as soon as we learn that the bill for the establishment of the University at the site of the Central College has passed both houses of legislature.”

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th 1st M / In the Mornng meeting Abigail Sherman appeared in a short testimony – In the Afternoon H Dennis was also short. – I was favord with a degree of life in both meetings but they were rather dull times on the whole. – Set the evening at home a little unwell with a pain in my side. –



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 January 28, Thursday: Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, having come from [India](#) to set up a British trading station, put ashore at a tiny cluster of islands strategically located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula and began to negotiate with the local sultan for the creation of a “lion city,” Singapore. Catching a whiff of the memorable “carrion in custard” odor of the local delicious durian fruit, he held his nose and ran in the opposite direction (we can be certain that this is something which HDT never had a chance to sample: “Impact! Impact!”²⁹⁵).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 1st M / Our first Meeting was silent. – In the last we had considerable buisness. – The case of overseers from [Portsmouth](#) reported in the 11th M last & The committee appointed reported that the objection of the individual was insufficient & they were all apponted, tho’ not without no small exercise, here is an instance which proves the necessity of Friends, keeping up their Authority in the Truth, & I am glad to be able to record the Truth gained the assendency over a loose spirit this day. –Uncle Peter Lawton & wife & George Anthony Dined with us –

 January 31, Sunday: At the fee level that had been decided, which was \$100 per scholar per school year, registration at the new [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) on the [Moses Brown](#) farm in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) stood at 41 [Quaker](#) children. At the beginning of instruction, the study was mostly in reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, and geography. There was much memorization and recitation. Some volunteer work was done in botany outside of class hours. There must have been significant distraction, as the carpenters were still hard at work finishing up the interior of the building.

 February: The [Rhode Island](#) general assembly appointed a committee to consider the advisability of establishing free schools.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

 February 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 2nd M 1819 / A little after 12 OC this day went on board the Packet with my Wife & David Buffum for [Providence](#), it was a very mild pleasant Day & we arrived there about 7 OC in the evening, we went immediately to [Obadiah Browns](#) were[where] we were rec’d in a very Hospitable manner & lodged –

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 February 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day. This morning [Obadiah](#) took us in his carriage & we rode

295. Even today it is “the smell from hell with the taste from heaven,” to quote a popular idiom. Retailing at some \$4.⁰⁰ a pound and up, the fruit is nevertheless banned from transportation in any taxi, bus, ferry, or subway; on the flights of Singapore Airlines it is the forbidden fruit. Restaurants which want to be able to serve dishes containing durian must by law be equipped with a special “once-through” air conditioning system. Personally, I find the odor quite sweet and fragrant – but then I’m weird, and also experience the odor of manure on the fields in the spring in Vermont as quite sweet and fragrant.



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out to the Yearly Meeting school which we visited in its various departments - found the children in good order in the School, the Masters & Mistresses apparantly good examples & the other branches all well regulated, affording a comfortable prospect of future usefulness to the rising generation, & society in general - here we were joined by our aged father in Israel, [Moses Brown](#) who tho' having enter'd the 81st Year of his age, is as bright in his faculties (to all appearances) as at any time in his life, with him we went home to dine & under his friendly roof we lodged, after spending the Afternoon & evening in interesting conversation with him & D Buffum. -

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February 3, Wednesday: Semiramide riconosciuta, a dramma per musica by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Rossi after Metastasio, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Regio, Turin before the King and Queen of Piedmont.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day - Came to Town an attended our Select Quarterly meeting, in my mind, life was low, but our friend D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony. in the opening of it & at the close Rowland Greene was also engaged in testimony. - I dined at Wm Almays, made a few calls in town & in the Afternoon joined my H at [M Browns](#), where I d left her in the morning. Set the remainder of the Afternoon there & amused ourselves in looking over his Library. he has at present the greatest collection of Friends books, both Ancient & Modern of any friend in New England. -

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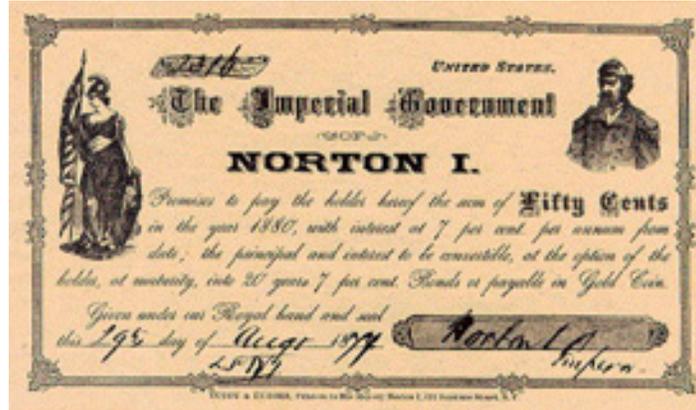


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February 4, Thursday: Just outside of London, Joshua Abraham Norton, who would one day proclaim himself the Emperor of the United States, was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day – My H had an opportunity to ride to town & I walked in to Meeting, there were public appearances from James Greene, D Howland, Thos Anthony, Susanna Bateman & Betsy Purinton, & Henry Chase in Supplication – The weight of the service fell on Thos Anthony who was much favored to hold up the Standard of Truth in the view of a very large assembly
In the last meeting, there was some labor, but we had some pleasant circumstances & tho' the Passover was eaten with bitter herbs, we were favored to make an escape. –
Hannah dined at [O Browns](#), but being Detained at the meeting House on a committee after both meetings rise – I went to Joseph Anthonys, where I met my old friend James Greene & was glad to see him as well as a number of others who were there – In the evening returned to [O Browns](#) & lodged.*

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February 5, Friday: [Hannah Hoes Van Buren](#) had been married to Martin Van Buren for ten years, after being childhood sweethearts. At the age of 35 she died of [tuberculosis](#). The widower, who always called her “Jannetje,” would not remarry.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) gave his 1st concert in Rome (it was so successful, he would go on to give two more).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day – morning at 10 OC went on board the Packet with a number of Friends & fellow Passengers & had a very pleasant Passage home of about three hours & an half. – on board was a Presbyterian minister by the name of Oliver Brown with whom we had much religious discourse, & D Buffum in particular was favored to open some parts of our doctrine to him in a way he had never understood it before, & indeed he Seemed very ignorant of



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*Friends & their principles. –
On our arrival home we found John well & had been so since our
absence, having staid at his grandfather Rodmans under the care
of his Aunt Ruth & been a good boy, which I record to his credit
& perhaps encouragement in a future day, his [this] being the
first time his mother has left him even for a single night since
he was born. –
Many agreeable circumstances are unnoticed some disagreeable
ones which occurred in this visit, tho' as respects ourselves,
nothing unpleasant took place & I do feel thankful for it. –
Life was pretty uniformly low in my mind but on the whole it was
a Season of improvement*

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 February 7, Sunday: [Sir Thomas Stamford Bingley Raffles](#) left [Singapore](#) under the care of Commandant [William Farquhar](#), an employee of the East India Company.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 2nd M 1819 / D Buffum & father Rodman were engaged
in short public testimonies in the Morning Meeting, & in the
Afternoon Anne Dennis offered a few words. – To me life was low
in both meetings, tho' my feelings are not a criterion to judge
the whole, having often found when it was well with me it was
not so with others & vice versa.*

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 February 11, Thursday: Secretary of War John Caldwell Calhoun, the same realistic dude who declared of the truism that all men are born free and equal that it was “utterly untrue,” wrote to the [Cherokee](#) Delegation that they had a choice before them and the choice was stark. They could become indistinguishable from white people or perish! Make up your minds, people. “You are now becoming like the white people; you can no longer live by hunting, but must work for your subsistence. In your new condition, far less land is necessary for you. Your great object ought to be to hold your land separate among yourselves, as you white neighbors; and so live and bring up your children in the same way as they do, and gradually to adopt their laws and manners. It is thus only that you can be prosperous and happy. Without this, you will find you will have to emigrate, or become extinct as a people. You see that the Great Spirit has made our form of society stronger than yours, and you must submit to adopt ours, if you wish to be happy by pleasing him.” Did I mention that you need to hurry up and make up your minds which it is going to be?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 11th of 2nd M / Our meeting was silent, to me a season
of poverty & stupor. –*

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 February 14, Sunday: [Christopher Latham Sholes](#), who would invent the first practical typewriter and the QWERTY keyboard, was born in Morresburg, Pennsylvania. He would assist in the abolition of the death penalty in Wisconsin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 14th of 2 M / In the mornng Meeting Hannah Dennis appeared in testimony. - Silent in the Afternoon. -
Our John has been unwell for several days, & is subject to frequent turns of hevvy fever & head Achs which seems at times threatening of fixed disorder, he seems better this Afternoon & evening, but his frequent attacks excites anxiety on his account. -5th day 18th of 2 M / At meeting J Dennis expressed a few words which was otherwise silent. - my mind was occupied in the awful execution of four pirates which takes place this day in Boston. -Oh may they have so repented as to experience forgiveness for their many fold crimes -
No buisness in the Preparative meeting -*

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 February 21, Sunday: In [Northampton](#), Massachusetts, Miriam Warner died at the age of 11.

A "PIOUS CHILD" TRACT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 2nd M / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a very lively testimony - In the Afternoon - Anne Dennis appeard in a few words & Hannah was concerned in a lively appearance. -
To me it was a season of poverty, tho' a little life sprung up towards the close in the Afternoon*

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 February 25, Thursday: A [Quaker](#) monthly meeting was established in Rochesterville, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 2 M / Did not attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held at [Portsmouth](#), with which I am not fully satisfied. I have been thro' the day very destitute of life. - Those who attended Said it was a season of some favor but not as flowing as at sometimes the buisness was conducted with decorum & some long & tedious cases brought to a close. -
Set part of the evening with my H at Sally Eastons -*

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February 28, Sunday: Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) presided over the foundation of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. (He had designed the first buildings of the campus. The first classes would not begin until 1825.)

[Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) left [Naples](#).

At Vienna's Redoutensaal, Die Huldigung, a cantata by Johann Baptist Schenk to words of Hölty, was performed for the initial time.

Schäfers Klagelied D.121 to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), the first of Franz Schubert's lieder to be presented in public, was performed for the initial time, in the Gasthof "zum römischen Kaiser."

A total of 66 students were registered at the [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 2nd M 1819 / Our morning Meeting was silent & rather smaller than usual owing to a number of friends & attenders of our meeting having gone to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of Mary Mott daughter of our late friend Jacob Mott who departed this life the 26th inst at the old Mansion house, her remains were carried to friends Meeting house & after Meeting interd
In the Afternoon father Rodman deliverd a few words very appropriate & to me savory. -*

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March 4, Thursday: J.W. Pastorff (1767-1838) of Drossen, Germany began to make drawings of the solar disk including sketches of sunspot groups (he would continually generate these sketches until November 4, 1833; the drawings are now in the archives of the Royal Astronomical Society Library).

SUNSPOTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 3rd M 1819 / Our meeting was Silent & tho' a part of it was solemn & a good covering experienced in my mind, yet a very considerable part of it was very barran & unsettled. -
The fault was doubtless my own, which is no consolation*

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March 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 3rd M / Our meeting in the morning was pretty well attended considering the weather. D Buffum bore a lively & acceptable testimony. - In the Afternoon we were Silent. -
In the evening set a little while at Isaac Mitchells. -*

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March 9, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the chain of events leading to the establishment of the African Union Meeting and Schoolhouse and eventually to the organization and construction of the Congdon Street Baptist Church began in the vestry of the 1st [Baptist](#) Meeting House with a meeting called at the request of a group of African Americans, for the establishment of a place for people of color to worship God and provide secular education for their children. In addition to persons of color, this planning meeting was attended by influential, sympathetic whites. A 12-person committee would select a lot at the corner of Meeting Street (which then ran all the way up the hill) and Congdon Street, [Friend Moses Brown](#) would purchase it, construction of a schoolhouse would begin, and during June 1820 the structure would open for divine worship. The large room would be fitted with pews, and the building would be completed and dedicated in 1821 (this would come to be referred to as the African Union Meeting House; in a later timeframe, hostile white neighbors would cause the structure to be torn down, and in an even later timeframe, there would be erected the Congdon Street Baptist Church).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 3rd M / While sitting with my mother this evening she related the following Anecdote, which interested me, much. I thought it very instructing. – She said, when she was a little girl there was one of her young associates was to have a Ball on her birth day evening to which she was invited & set her heart much on going but her father & mother was opposed to it, of which she thought exceedingly hard & could not be reconciled, her father reasoned the case & told her that her grand father & grandmother Clarke would be exceedingly hurt at her going to a Ball & that aside from his own objections that he could not consent to it on their account – well she told her father, she would make a Bargain with him, which was that if he would furnish her with as many bugle Beads & Ribbons as she wanted to wear, that she would give up the Ball. to this he consented with readiness, in a short time gave her the money for the purpose, but she began to reflect on his kindness & that as he had consented against his own judgement, she would not but any ribonds that was very gay, but keep as much in the moderation as the nature of the case would admit. – The Beads & Ribbons were bought & fancifully wrought into various shapes for a head dress &c. & the time soon came when she was to pay a visit to her cousins who were of the Church of England & what were called fashionable folks, here she expected to be greatly respected & caressed for her beautiful & fine appearance, it so happened that there were some others of her acquaintances there of the Brenton family who soon began to look at her, & then at one another, & wink & sneer, at this she soon became suspicious that some of her ribonds were our of order. She then began to feel on her head to see if all was right, & up her hand would go to her head to ascertain, at this sight her friends would become more diverted, till at length she was laughed at, which was so great a source of mortification that before night she was ready to put her head any where to get it out of sight, at night when she went home, her head dress was taken off & never resumed. – This story goes to prove a Sentiment in which I have been long confirmed, vizt that a [Quaker](#) has nothing to expect from the esteem of the world by conforming to its fashions maxims & c. but on the contrary the finger of scorn is pointed at every



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departure from "the good order & regulations of our Society. – At another time she says her mother gave her a handsome plain silk handkerchief with which she was dissatisfied & sold it for a green gause one & wore it to meeting - at the dinner table her father asked why there was no meeting at Vinals meeting & she replied to him that there was. his reply was "Why what presbiterian girl was that I saw at meeting with a green gause handkerchief" this also was a source of mortification & pretty much broke up her desire for finery. That a very considerable experience & observation fully confirms me that our young friends never appear to better advantage or are more respected by the world than when they come up nobly in the line of the Predicessors



March 11, Thursday: A temporary rise in the level of the Cumberland River enabled the steamboat *General Jackson*, unloaded of all its supplies, to pass over the Harpeth Shoals below Nashville, and make itself the initial commercial steamer to arrive at that settlement (this vessel would sink in 1821 during another attempt to negotiate these shoals, but nothing would be done to improve the river channel for a decade).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 11th of 3rd M / At meeting our frd D Buffum was very lively & pertinent in a short testimony, wherein he pointed out tha good effect of righteousness & the bad effect of disobedience
It was a season of some favor to my mind for which I desire to be thankful. –Jonathon Dennis & wife set the Afternoon & took tea with us, just before they left us they expressed a few words in a short setting whereby we may probably improve, if a right application is made.*

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March 14, Sunday: Overture in E by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Josef Müllerscher Kunstsaal am Rothen Thurm of Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both Silent, & I believe generally barran Season. – Tho' a considerable number met with us I feared there was but little bread dispensed to the multitude which was doubtless owing to our want of Faith in that Ancient power that has ever fed those who have trusted in it – May our Faith be Strengthened, may we apply our hearts to that quickening Spirit which raises the Dead & casts out devils, So that our minds may rise superior to the hindering & beclouding things of time & sense, that when we present our bodys before the most high, we may be enabled to offer an acceptable offering, an oblation of Sweet incense, to his honor & praise. – Being called to sit in the front of our public Meetings as an ensign to the people, What need there is for me often to Wash in the



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*Lava of regnereation, that the weight of my spirit may be felt
in our assemblys, but alas how poor I am. –*

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 March 15, Monday: John Hosmer made out a deed to Abel Hosmer for some property “in the west part of [Concord](#).”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 15 of 3rd M / We had to sit the evening with us Wm Lee
his daughters, Mary & Abby. Avis Mumford & Sister Mary this was
a pleasant visit to us*

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 March 18, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber was confined to bed with fever, in Dresden. Because of his illness, his wife does not inform him of the illness of their three-month-old daughter. Later this month the child will die.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18th of 3rd M 1819 / Henry Knowles accompanied by Andrew
Nichols Jr have been engaged in visiting families in the Moy
[Monthly] Meeting for several days, they commenced in town
Yesterday attended by Jonathon Dennis & I went with them to one
place in the evening, & to two this morning before meeting - At
Meeting Henry was Silent but Andrew had a short acceptable
testimony, -Jonathon joined Henry this Afternoon to proceed, as
Andrew felt it necessary to go home on acct of his family. -but
before they had proceeded far -Henry seemed to give up the
Prospect, & concluded to return to his father Anthonys at
[Portsmouth](#). –
The importance of the Appointment of An Elder was never so hevvy
on me before, Oh the need of Wisdom, of religious depth, that
we may rightly discover between thing & thing.*

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 March 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both pretty well
attended considering the wet Walking - father Rodman bore short
testimonys in each, & each were seasons of some favor to me*

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 March 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 22 of 3 M / I have felt this day a renwal of life, & can
say with Some formerly, "has not my heart burned within me"*

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Hannah Bocking, who had poisoned Jane Grant at Wardlow Miers in Derbyshire, was only 16 when [hanged](#), which was a female record (execution of persons under 16 would remain a possibility in England until the Children’s Act of 1908).

OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1819

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
08/03	Sarah Huntingford	61	Winchester (Gallows Hill)	Murder of husband
12/03	Sarah Hurst		Aylesbury	Murder of husband
22/03	Mary Woodman	30	Exeter	Murder of husband
29/03	Mary McGarry		Downpatrick	Child Murder
23/04	Mary Bissaker	56	Warwick	Coining

 March 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 3rd M / It is 5th day morning, very rainy & a prospect of a Small Moy [Monthly] Meeting. – Yet I feel a hope there will be enough assemble to transact the buisness with a degree of propriety sufficient at least to preserve the Great cause from dishonor

The Travelling was exceedingly bad, & all the morning a drenching rain so that our meeting was very small, Abraham Barker was the only friend from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting. – no buisness of importance was entered upon, but refer’d to next Moy [Monthly] Meeting

This is the first time I ever knew a Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Newport](#) when there was no friend present from [Portsmouth](#) & only one from that Preparative Meeting & he from [Tiverton](#).

Lewis L Clarke was over & dined with us. –

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 March 28, Sunday: That morning the ocean-going steamboat *Savannah* departed from the Fly Market Wharf on Manhattan Island under Captain Moses Rogers and mate Stephen Rogers to heading toward the port of Savannah, whence she would proceed to Liverpool and St. Petersburg. Hundreds watched from the Battery as she passed Governor’s Island, entered the Narrows, and gradually went hull down on the horizon. After an uneventful 9-day voyage she would arrive at that port, and hundreds of citizens would stand on the bank of the Savannah River to cheer and wave their hats and handkerchiefs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 3rd M 1819 / Our Meeting was as large as usual excepting of those who usually occupy the rising seats D Buffun



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confined by indisposition, Father Rodman by lamenss & R Mitchell & J Dennis at [Portsmouth](#). I alone was left which produced no small exercise & caused searching of heart. - Oh the responsibility of going in & out before the people. - In the Afternoon we were in a similar Situation & the weight of the Meeting again fell on me. -both sittings were silent & I thought were favor'd. - Took tea with D Buffum found him comfortable & if nothing more unfavorable takes place, think it probable he may be our again in a few days.-

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March 31, Wednesday: At the fee level that had been decided, which was \$100 per scholar per school year, registration at the new [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) on the [Moses Brown](#) farm in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) had risen to 81 [Quaker](#) children. These scholars ranged in age from 7 and 8 to 27 and 28.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) gave his 1st concert in Naples, at the Teatro del Fondo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 3 M / This Afternoon walked over to the Point & from a degree of curiosity called to see the widow Dolly Thurston a woman about 94 Years of age, found her quite intelligible in conversation, free & pleasant and apparantly possessing a very innocent mind, & I thought evinced more quietness than some who has made a higher profession of religion & perhaps really had more experience after sitting with her for a little time, asking her questions & attending to her replys & remarks - I observed that while sitting by her I had felt a good evidence of the peacefully quiet state of her mind, & that I had no doubt it would continue with her while she staid here & go with her beyond the grave. she said she had seen many changes thro' life, but had much to be thankful for & tho' low in circumstances, was much better than many. - After a few remarks in that way we parted & my mind was favord with a covering which well paid for the visit. -

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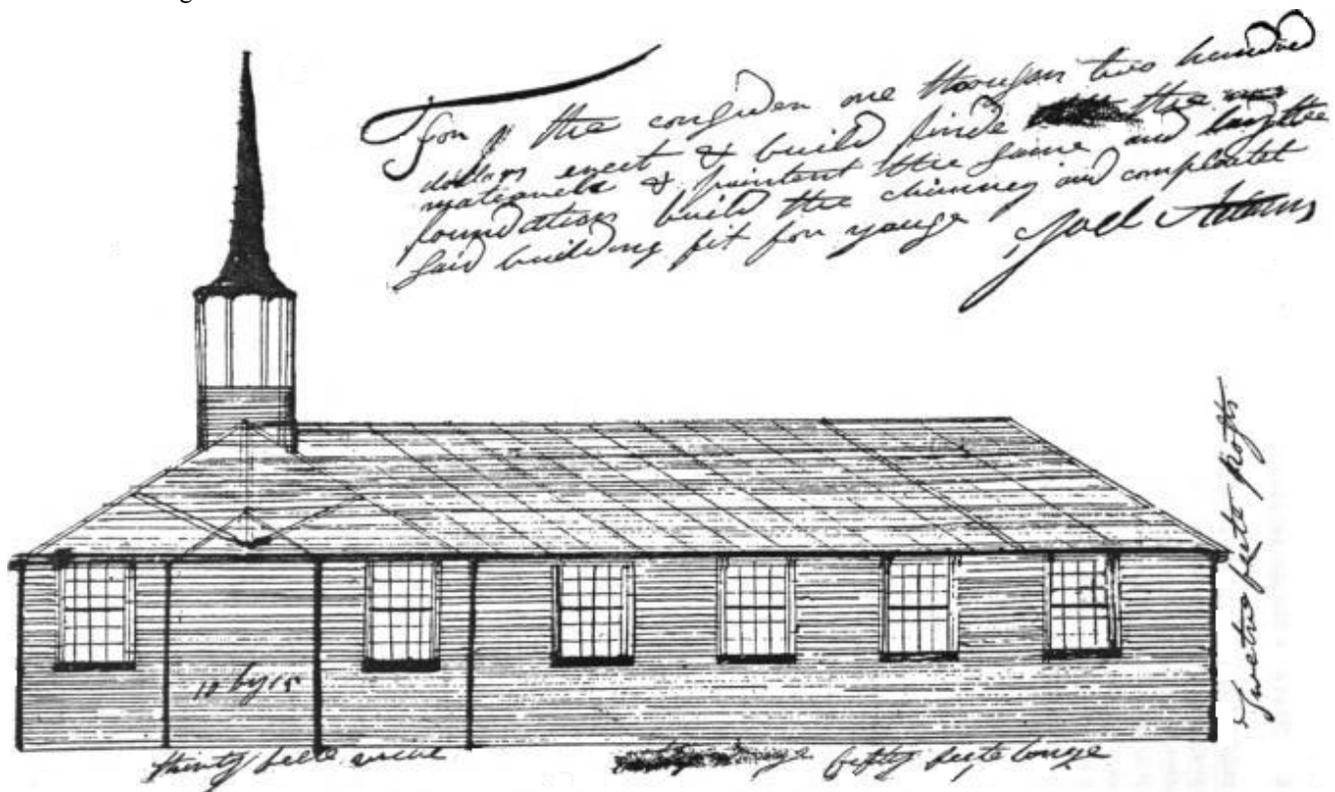
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Spring: Most of the student body at the New England [Yearly Meeting School](#) on the [Moses Brown](#) farm in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) were between the ages of 10 and 15, although there were a few youngsters of 7 or 8 years of age and several scholars in their twenties. At this point the school admitted one-count-'em-one non-[Quaker](#) scholar, Frances A. Bartlett, upon his pledge to abide by the Quaker rules (presumably, his family had pledged to pay double tuition). However, this was a distinct exception, as the daughters of Barnabas Bates were at this time turned away on account of their being non-Quakers. As a point of interest, had young Francis the sole non-Quaker been over the age of 14, he also would not have been admitted.

We can be sure that the school was all white, that for instance this Frances was a white boy, not because the school was overtly racially segregated but because there was no such thing as a black New England family capable of annually coughing up not only the tuition but also the non-Quaker surcharge.

Meanwhile, the city of [Providence](#) was also plotting the construction of a schoolhouse — and you get three guesses as to whether or not this municipal schoolhouse was also to be for the instruction only of white boy and girl scholars:



PLAN OF A PROVIDENCE SCHOOL HOUSE OF 1819.
FROM THE ORIGINAL DESIGN AMONG THE PROVIDENCE TOWN PAPERS NO. 0033801.

April 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 4th M / Our meeting I thought was rather smaller than usual. - & tho' my mind was a part of the time under a



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degree of favor, Yet it was a poor time to me

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 April 4, Sunday: Zemire und Azor, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Ihlee after Marmontel, was performed for the initial time, in Frankfurt-am-Main, on the eve of the composer's 35th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 4th M 1819 / Our morning meeting was pretty well attended D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony & of greater length than is usual for him - he was followed by short communications from Anne Hannah & Jonathon Dennis
The Afternoon Meeting was Silent & well attended - to me both were suffering seasons - being afflicted with a head Ach, was unable to enter into feeling as I was desirous of doing. -
My dear mother seems very unwell with a cold. perhaps it is nothing more than the common cold which goes about & is now very prevalent, particularly among children, but her lungs seem much affected with soreness & phlegmatic oppression, which at her advanced age & amaciated frame, excites some concern at her situation.*

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 April 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 4 M / Mother continues poorly & has today in addition to her other complaints some pain in the side & under her Arm. -

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 April 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 4 M / I think I never saw mother so Sick as she is today considering every circumstance, perhaps the effects of medicine may occasion her weakness in some degree, she has set up some in the course of the day, but there is an appearance in her eyes & countenance generally, which excites some alarm in my mind for her situation. -

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 April 7, Wednesday: The New York legislature established a Board of Agriculture, to oversee appropriations for agriculture, and appropriated \$10,000 for each of the next two years.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 4 M / Mother seems better today having slept more last night, but the opression continues

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 April 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 4 M / Our meeting was small but a good degree of favor - silent - Sister E Rodman returned from [Providence](#) where She has been for two Months assisting in the [Yearly Meeting School](#)

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 April 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 4 M / Mother still labors under her disorder, but seems Cheerful -

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 April 11, Easter Sunday: James and William Smith of Gloucester, 14 and 16 years of age, drowned while fishing.

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) met [John Keats](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 4th M 1819 / Our meeting was indeed a favored one to me this morning, being enable to experience that true quiet which giveth strenth under trying dispensations Yesterday & this morning has been seasons of large experience to me, & had to sympathise with one in affliction which had better not be explained here. - Father Rodman was favord in a short testimony & D Buffum twice engaged livingly & powerfully -

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 April 14, Wednesday: Mary Heyward Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 4th M / I have never seen a greater need for all to resign themselves into the hands of a wise & Merciful Creator & Redeemer, casting our confidence on Him & striving to cleave to him as the Munition of Rocks, than for a few days past. May I never loose my confidence in his Power to Save, Oh what Balm it is to the Soul in affliction to feel the Lord as a sure Hiding place - tho' as respects my own particular I have at present no uncommon depression of mind, yet having had to be Baptized with those who are, can speak from experience

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April 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 4th M / Our Meeting was silent - a few words expressed by a friend. -

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April 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17 of 4 M / Our Select meeting was held this day. - The forepart of it was a season of favor, but ended under some exercise
R Mitchell Dined with us. -*

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April 18, Sunday: Carlos Manuel de Céspedes was born in Bayamo, Cuba.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 4 M / Our morning meeting appeared to be a season of favor. Anne Greene H Dennis & D Buffum in succession were very lively in testimony. The Afternoon Meeting was su[?] of which & hardly of the morning I was hardly in a state to judge, being very unwell & suffering very considerable constant pain of body thro' the day - A Greene & Sarah Fowler took tea with us. - In the evening I called on several friends, but soon returned Home & passed the evening quietly & pleasantly with my H & Sister Mary, who has been with us several

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 April 22, Thursday: The 5th Frontier War between the Xhosa, on the one hand, and the English and the Boers, on the other, began when Xhosa chief Ndlamba and prophet [Makanda Nxele](#) directed a force of 6,000 in a daylight attack on Grahamstown. The British garrison of 350 was reinforced by a group of Khoikhoi led by Jan Boesak. The British bullets did not turn to water as had been forecast by the prophet. The attackers fled, and the prophet surrendered and would be placed on [Robben Island](#), which is virtually isolated due to a pounding Atlantic surf (he would drown during an escape attempt on December 25th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 4th M 1819 / Our third day morning I strained my back & have ever since been scarcely able to move & with the greatest difficulty to raise myself in bed. In consequence of which I am unable to go to meeting, & am sorry for it particularly as it is Preparative Meeting day. -

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 April 24, Saturday: Gioachino Rossini's drama Eduardo e Cristina to words of Schmidt, revised by Bevliacqua-Aldobrandini and Tottola, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Benedetto, [Venice](#).

In [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Moses Brown](#) attempted to donate the 43-acre section of his farm on [Providence Neck](#) to the [Quaker](#) for the use of the school that had just been constructed there. A certified clerk's copy is to be inspected in Book [xxx], on pages 400-403, of the bound copies of historical title transactions kept just under the mansard roof of our Providence City Hall. (Providence Neck is now referred to as "the hoighty-toighty East Side.")





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 April 25, Sunday: Frederic Hudson was born in Quincy MA to Barzillai Hudson and Rebecca Eaton Hudson. Although he would be raised and educated primarily in Boston, he would spend a couple of years at school in Concord as the culmination of his formal education before heading to New-York to seek his fortune at the age of 17.

(In New-York, he would work first at Hudson's News Room, his brother Edward's news-gathering agency, where he would come to the attention of James Gordon Bennett, who had been publishing the New-York Herald for about a year. Hudson would become a reporter for the Herald — the paper's 3rd employee counting Bennett himself. While working for his brother, Hudson went to the docks for information about incoming vessels. At the Herald, Concord historian Leslie Perrin Wilson would proclaim, this aggressive so-called "Father of American Journalism" eventually would be sending boats out to meet ships on their way into port — Wilson supposing there to be something new or novel about this centuries-old practice.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 if 4th M / I am still so lame in my back & hips as to be unable to Sit in meeting. – This I particularly regret to day as it is pleasant & a pretty large gathering of others who are not members. & D Buffum gone to Connanicut to be at the opening of the Meeting there for the Season – & Jonathon Dennis & Wife on a visit to their relations in Berklay - This left the high seat with only father Rodman & R Mitchell, & in the Afternoon father alone.

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 April 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 4 M / Yesterday was a very Sick day with me my back & loins were in much pain from which I was much reduced by night by the operation of a Dose of Senna Armiseed liquors Salts & manna – but the pain continues some today, tho' I am comfortable to yesterday, for which I believe I can say of a truth "I am thankful"

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 April 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 4th M / This is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting day at [Portsmouth](#) -my back so lame & I am otherwise so unwell that I am unable to attend. it is consolation that when I have been well, that exercions have been made to get to meetings & that I have seldom missed one from worldly concerns, but on the contrary, many sacrifices have been made to keep up that part of duty, & tho' there have been many seasons when it has seemd as if there was but little benefit resulted from sitting in meeting, yet it has always in the end produced a measure of satisfaction. –

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 May 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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400. Know all Men by these Presents, that I, John, Governor of Providence
in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island and Providence
Plantations, for and in Consideration of my regard and affection for
the principles of truth as recorded in the Holy Scriptures and professed
by the people called Quakers and known among themselves by
the name of Friends, and from a desire that the Children and suc-
cing generations may be educated in a guarded manner both as
to their moral and religious principles, and by these presents give
and granted by the faithful among them, Be by these presents give
my Son in Law William, Son of said Providence and to my friends
Thomas Husband of said Providence now the Committee for edu-
cating the children of said Providence for carrying the said or-
der into effect, William, Son of said Providence and to my friends
the said granted, William, Son of said Providence and to my friends
and assigns forever to have and to hold to and for the use and
purpose of the aforesaid people called Friends, or Quakers of the
County of Providence for New England to erect suitable buildings there
for a School House or Houses for the purpose of instruction and
guarded education of the rising generations in a boarding school
or schools according to the original minute of the intentions of the said
Committee and to use after set forth for the more effectual accom-
plishment thereof by the Grantor and Grantee herein expressed. A certain
lot of land being the northern part of the farm whereon the gran-
tor now dwells containing by estimation about thirty three acres
be the same more or less and is bounded as follows, ^{beginning} at the South
West corner of the granted Premises and at the North end of bright
Decker's land at the Road formerly called Ferry Lane, thence along
the dividing line as the wall now stands about thirty eight rods to
a tree in the wall thence along the same about thirty one rods
to another tree in the wall; thence about twenty one rods to the
end of the Northeast corner of said Decker's land in said Providence
Neck, thence North about 16° that forty five rods along the said



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1st day 2nd of 5th M 1819 / Again at home unable to attend Meeting it is the first time I ever missed six meetings in succession on any account that I recollect. – Sister E dined with us & Sister R took tea. Their company helped to pass the time more agreeably. –

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 May 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 5th M 1819 / Our meeting considering many friends are absent at [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting, was pretty well attended. Silent I to me rather a lean time, it is the first time I have attended since I have been unwell, – Our friends who went to the quarterly Meeting on third day, had a fine time up & pleasant weather since they have been gone

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 May 7, Friday: Johann Baptist Schenk's cantata Der Mai for solo voices, chorus and orchestra was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Redoutensaal.

As an example of the distress being caused by the Panic of 1819, on this day J. Joseph Henry II wrote to William Henry III observing that their rifle business was down “in consequence of the [Cotton](#) business being so very bad to the southern, that it will make out rifles business decline too.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 5 M / Our friends have returned from the Quarterly Meeting. they say several Ministering friends were present from other parts of the Yearly Meeting among them were John Bailey, Micajah Collins, Experience Sherman & Avis Keene, also Mary Allen & that several of them with Several of our own Ministers were engaged to declare the Truth in the Power of it. – There was but little business to transact. – After the Quarterly Meeting was over - The funeral of Thos Anthony's Wife was held at the Meeting house & Several lively & pertinent testimonys borne. - She was a Woman in rather Younger life say not to exceed 37 Years, but had attained very good Standing & much beloved both in society & among her neighbours & by both much lamented. She promised pretty extensive usefulness in Society, being an Elder & had, sometimes appeared in public testimony. – I sympathise with her Consort, being an early friend of my youth

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Land belonging to the children of Daniel Brown sen. then turning and
 running Westward by the Stone Wall and the Road twenty eight rods then
 turning another corner of the wall at the junction of another road and
 turning and running South at ¹² about eight & half rods along the
 said road leading from Providence through the Neck to Pawtucket, then
 running Westward about thirty seven rods towards said Town till it meets
 Thomas Halsey's wall, then turning and running South about 2. West
 along said Halsey's and the Grants line as the wall stands about forty
 seven rods, then turning West about 17. South about twenty rods along the
 said line as far as to the first mentioned highway, then at abt. 27. S. along
 the said highway as the wall stands about thirty four rods to the first meet-
 ings corner.

To Have and to Hold the hereby granted Premises unto them
 the said Obadiah Brown, William Abney, William Buffum, Sylvester
 Wicks, Thomas Howland, David Buffum, Samuel Rodman, William
 Rotch Jun. and Mizjah Colburn as Trustees in Trust for the said Yearly
 Meeting of Friends for New England and the Members thereof embodied
 according to the rules and discipline established among them as a Re-
 ligious Body, their Successors and assigns forever as the said Yearly Meet-
 ing may hereafter direct, it being always provided to be understood that
 the whole of the said granted Premises is and are to be at the sole disposal
 of the said Meeting but in such manner that the said interest, property,
 rents, profits, income and use is to be forever hereafter held improved and
 applied by the said Meeting for the purpose of keeping up and main-
 taining a School or Schools for the education of the rising Generation
 as aforesaid and is ^{to} never at any times hereafter to be diverted or ap-
 plied to any other use or purpose whatsoever. And the said Moses
 Brown for me my heirs executors and administrators do covenant
 and engage the above devised and granted Premises to them the said
 Trustees in trust to and for the use of the said People their Successors and
 assigns forever against the lawfull claims and demands of all persons
 whatsoever to covenant secure and defend by these Covenants And Do
 the said Trustees in trust before named, do acknowledge the aforesaid
 trust and hereby covenant and declare that we nor our heirs nor
 assigns nor neither of us or them shall make any claim or demand



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May 9, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini's cantata 9 maggio 1819 to words of Genoino was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples, during the visit of Emperor Franz I.

President James Monroe, in Savannah, Georgia to inspect the new steamship *Savannah* about to depart on its transatlantic voyage, attended the dedication of the new Independent Presbyterian Church. The musical portions of the ceremony were conducted by the church's choir director Lowell Mason (unfortunately, the new organ for the church was not yet playable).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 5th M / In our morning meeting Hannah Dennis was twice lively in testimony & D Buffum was once very sweet & lively. - In the Afternoon we were Silent.

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May 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 5th M / Our Meeting was small, being stormy. - to me it was a rather dull time. - there was no preaching but I thought divine favor was felt among us. - My feelings were particularly strengthened with the company of some of the Younger branches of Society who set with us -

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May 14, Friday: A Sunday School was organized at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Kennebunk, the 1st in Maine:

To all who regard the sanctity of the Lord's day, and the importance of instructing youth in the principles of the blessed religion of Jesus Christ, -

You are invited to send your children to the Meeting House in this Parish, to receive instruction in the Scriptures of truth, in a manner best suited to their ages, circumstances, and capacities. Those who are able are desired to bring a Bible, or testament and primer, or any book containing the Assembly's Catechism, and any other Christian catechisms on hand. Books will be provided for those unable to procure them, and for such this instruction is more specially designed.

- Kennebunk Gazette, May 14, 1819.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 5th M 1819 / A sense of depression at the state of things which are dull both in temporal & spirituals. - may we profit by every dispensation, it is my desire to, & that the disposition to "give thanks in all things" may be cultivated. -

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at any time hereafter at the request and at the cost and charge of
the said yearly Meeting of Trustees or such School Committee as they
may be appointed for the governing and management of the said School
whilst during the recess of said Meeting make and execute such pro-
vision and do all such services whatsoever for the more effectual suc-
cess and enjoyment of the said tract of land with its ap-
propriety convenience and assignment of the said tract of land with its ap-
propriety convenience to and for the use and purposes of education as aforesaid
as by the said yearly Meeting or their said Committee may be deemed
advisable and required. And it is further covenanted and agreed
that it is the true intent and meaning of these presents that we
the aforesaid Trustees in Trust nor neither of us nor either of our
Executors or assigns succeeding us in this trust who may at any
time hereafter be declared by the said yearly Meeting to be out of
Fellowship or by any means according to their rules disowned
being Members in Unity, shall hereafter stand seized thereof
be capable of holding or executing this trust or of holding any
right title or interest whatsoever in the hereby granted Premises
whilst he or they shall remain out of unity with the said People
but in all cases of disownment and when any of us or the Execu-
tors whom we hereafter succeed us in this trust shall depart this
life the Survivors or Survivors of us and them shall have and hold
the full right of Trustees in Trust and the same hold until the said
yearly Meeting shall appoint others in our or their room and in
case of the death and removal of all of us or them at any time
hereafter during the recess of the said yearly Meeting, the Committee
that may be then under appointment to have the care and man-
agement of the said Institution, known by the name of the
yearly Meeting School for the time being shall be deemed to all
intents and purposes their Executors and shall hold and manage
the said trust until the said Yearly Meeting shall appoint others
to succeed them in the said trust, and shall be equally bound to
secure the right property and uses of the hereby granted Premises to
the said yearly Meeting and their Successors in the same faith
as the present holders in Trust are and so on from time to time
successively hereafter to the intent that the hereby granted Premises



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 May 16, Sunday: At the Royal Chapel on the island of Pape'ete, three ministers sent out by the London Missionary Society, the Reverends Henry Bicknell, William Henry, and Charles Wilson, preached and then the Reverend Bicknell stood on the steps of the pulpit, took water from a basin held by the Reverend Henry, and poured it on the head of [King Tū Tū-nui-'ē'a-i-te-atua Pōmare II](#), baptizing him as a Christian (the monarch was fearful that he had lost favor with the god 'Oro; in 1821 he would die due to excessive drinking and be succeeded by his son as Pōmare III).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 5th M 1819 / Our Morning Meeting was silent & a pretty solid time – In the Afternoon Father Rodman was concerned in a short but lively testimony of encouragement to virtue & a reliance on the sufficiency of Providence to support in every dispensation
Set most of the evening with Br Rodman –*

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 May 19, Wednesday: A large meeting was held in Cape Town, to express the indignation of the whole colony of the Cape of Good Hope against the attempt of the Colonial-office to make the Cape a penal colony. (This and subsequent meetings and acts would induce Earl Grey to forego his purpose.)

The initial steamboat to make it up the Missouri River, a 50-ton craft named the *Independence*, Captain John Nelson, carrying whiskey, flour, sugar, and iron castings, arrived at St. Charles after a journey of 150 miles (leaving St. Louis on May 6th and arriving on May 19th after seven days of actual river steaming time, which is slightly better than 21 miles per day).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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whereon a School House is now existing of Stone, Brick and other Materials for the purpose by the Committee aforesaid may possess hereafter be applied to the use intents and purposes of a guarded Religious, Moral and Literary Education of the rising generations of children and such others as they may or shall think best to admit according to the original design aforesaid.

In Witness whereof the said Moses Brown the Donor and Grantor, and the fornamed Trustees in Trust hereunto set our hands and affix our seals. Providence the twenty sixth day of the ninth month in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Sign Sealed & Delivered	Moses Brown	29
in presence of	Obadiah Brown	29
Arnold Congdon	William Henry	29
Samson Henry, Witness	Thomas Hasland	29
to all the Signatures except	William Buffum	29
Mr. Ratch Jr.	Sylvester Wickes	29
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of Mr. Ratch Jr.	David Buffum	29
Samson Henry	Micajah Collins	29
Charles Hadwin	Mr. Ratch Jr.	29

Providence In Providence April 24th 1819

Personally appeared Moses Brown and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument to be his free Act and Deed, Hand and Seal

Before me, Nathan W. Jackson, Town Clerk

Recorded April 24th 1819

Witness.



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4th day 19th of 5th M / My dear & very Affectionate Mother spent this Afternoon with us She has for Several weeks been confined with Severe indisposition & a part of the time I had little or no hopes of ever seeing her out again. – This is the first time she has been out & seems as smart as for some time past, has resumed her usual cheerfulness, tho' through the whole she never entirely lost it.

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 May 20, Thursday: The SS *Savannah* set out on her transatlantic voyage.

Kamehameha II (Kalaninui 'Iolani Liholiho) became king of the Hawaiian Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 5 M / Our meeting was silent & to me a season of some favor – committees were in town. attending to several appointments from the Moy [Monthly] meeting –

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 May 23, Sunday: Lieutenant [John Franklin](#) led an overland expedition to explore the north coast of America from the mouth of the Coppermine River to Repulse Bay. Midshipman [George Back](#) set out with Sir John for York Factory on the Hudson's Bay Company ship *Prince of Wales*. The expedition would pass its first winter at Cumberland House and its second at a base camp they had built by Winter Lake, "Fort Enterprise" between Great Slave Lake and the Coppermine River.

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THE FROZEN NORTH

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 5 M / Our morning meeting was well attended D Buffum was very lively in testimony & Hannah Dennis appeared twice & I believe it was a solemn time to some minds present. – Between meetings wrote to Uncle & Aunt Stanton – informing them that Sister Sally was put to bed this morning about 6 OC with a fine healthy daughter. –

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May 24, Monday: At a performance of *La Gazza ladra* in Gioachino Rossini's home town of Pesaro, followers of Caroline of Brunswick, Duchess of Wales did everything they could to disrupt the proceedings. She and her lover were hoping to repay a perceived snub he had given them during the previous year's performance. Most citizens hoped to make his return a gala occasion but the toughs forced the town fathers to smuggle him in the stage door. They carried out whistling and disruptions from all sides of the theater. Rossini would never set foot in Pesaro again.

Alexandrina Victoria, who would in 1837 become [Queen Victoria](#), was born in Kensington Palace in London, the 1st and only child of Edward, Duke of Kent (allegedly) and Princess Victoria Maria Louisa of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld — and hemophilia became a fact of life in the English and eventually the Russian royal families. As there is only one chance in 50,000, genetically, that Indolent Edward had been biologically her father and that that gene for hemophilia had been introduced into the royal family at this point by a chance mutation, it seems likely that from this point forward all the Brit troubles with their royals have been utterly unnecessary. If Victoria was a bastard, then it should be the socialite Ernst, Prince of Hanover on the throne right now, not Elizabeth II — and Chuckie “I want to be your tampon” Stuart would have been being the **mere** socialite.²⁹⁶

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296. Hey, let's dig her up the way the Empress Dowager was dug up. Maybe we can shuck the lot of them. What price news copy?

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It was the Duke and Duchess of Kent who selected the name Victoria, but her uncle George IV, who had a certain sort of rank in the family, insisted that she be named Alexandrina after her godfather Tsar Alexander I of Russia.

Victoria's putative or official daddy would die when she was but eight months old and her mama the Duchess of Kent would then (-) develop a close relationship with Sir John Conroy, an ambitious Irish officer. Conroy, nice man that he was, would act as if (-) Victoria were his own daughter and would have a major influence over her as a child:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24th of 5 M / Went this morning to Connanicut with our fr D Buffum to attend the funeral of Robert Watsons daughter. - D was concerned in a very lively & pertinent testimony which I



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*hope may tend to the instruction & edification of some present
-we returned & dined at J L Greenes & then crossed the ferry &
got home before 5 OC PM*

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May 27, Thursday: Julia Ward ([Julia Ward Howe](#)) was born in New-York, into a strict and well-to-do Episcopalian Calvinist family. She was a descendant of two colonial [Rhode Island](#) governors, Richard Ward and Samuel Ward. Her mother would die while she was still young, and she would be raised by an aunt. When her banker father would die, she would become the ward of a more liberal-minded uncle.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 5th M 1819 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was pretty well attended - in the first meeting which was a solid favor'd season - father Rodman was engaged in a Solid weighty testimony. - In the last we had considerable buisness, as is usual in this Month preparatory to the Yearly Meeting. -
Benjamin Freeborn Isaac Lawton Zacheus Chase Amos Collins,
Elizabeth Lawton Jane Lawton & Hannah Gould dined with us.*



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June 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 6th M 1819 / It has been exceedingly unpleasant to me to engage in party contest of any kind, believing that under the influence of it, we are very subject to do & say things which unfit the mind for the reception of good.

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June 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 6 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended, Silent



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& to me a season of Warfare & but little overcoming -

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 June 6, Sunday: The North American Review mentioned that “a whole race of people has become nearly extinct,” an “unfortunate people, whose fate it has been, like the morning dew, insensibly and mysteriously to disappear, before the lights of civilization and christianity.” “That they should become extinct is inevitable,” the journal explained but “this cannot excuse us for pressing upon them with indecent haste. If they must perish, let them die a natural, and not a violent death.”²⁹⁷

Hawkins Wheeler saw a sea serpent, and reported that it “was entirely black; the head, which perfectly resembled a snake’s, was elevated from four to seven feet above the surface of the water, and his back appeared to be composed of bunches or humps, apparently about as large as, or a little larger than, a half barrel; I think I saw as many as ten or twelve.... I considered them to be caused by the undulatory motion of the animal — the tail was not visible, but from the head to the last hump that could be seen, was, I should judge, 50 feet.”

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 6th M / Our Meeting this morning was large & tho' to me a season of some barraness, yet others no doubt were favord with life. - Jonathon Dennis - D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were in succession engaged to bear testimony. - In the Afternoon we were silent
With Br D Rodman took tea at Jona Dennis.*

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 June 7, Monday: Death of [William Shelley](#) at the age of 3½; [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#), in a depression, began writing an incest novella, MATHILDA (which would see publication during May 1820).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th of 6 M / I have been engaged much of today, as well as sixth & seventh days in tending on Carpenters at work in the Meeting House Yard, at puting the fence in order & fixing the Meeting House for Yearly Meeting, this is buisness which many of the brethren have had to do, whose Mortal remains are in the adj burying ground & thier spirits I trust in Heven, where I do mine nisty[?] be in the Lords time. - Set a little while this evening at Br John Rodmans very pleasantly. -

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 June 10, Thursday: The Shelleys fled to Livorno, where [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) would remain in depression during the summer while [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) was writing THE CENCI (printed in [Italy](#), this would be sent to England for publication in 1820).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

297. Unsigned review of the Reverend Heckewelder’s AN ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY, MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE INDIANS NATIONS WHO ONCE INHABITED PENNSYLVANIA..., in North American Review, 6 (June 1819) 156, 170.



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*5th day 10th of 6th M 1819 / Our meeting was silent, & in the last, which was Preparative, we had no buisness, but to appoint representatives. - I have remarked that the 5th day meeting previous to yearly Meeting is generally a dull time. Friends are generally so occupied in preparing for the latter that their minds is too unsettled to experience the arisings of life as at some other times. Were we all as good as we ought to be a little more incumberance at times than common would not so obstruct the circulation of the Sap of life in the heart
This Afternoon Wm Rickman of England & Sam Wood of N York arrived & took quarters for the yearly Meeting at Aunt Nancy Carpenters.- Wm was here about 46 years ago companion to Saml Emlen & the year before that to [blank] Oxley he was then about 27 & is now 73 Years of Age*

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 June 11, Friday: Barnett Sparling of Gloucester died abroad (the family would receive notice of the death on July 11th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 6th M / Wm Rickman Saml Wood & Father Rodman went to Connanicut this morning to attend a meeting appointed there by Elizabeth Walker, - which they say was well attended by the inhabitants & a season of favor. -

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 June 12, Saturday: Manuel González Salmón y Gómez de Torres replaced Carlos Fernando Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marqués de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 6th M / This day our Yearly commenced at [Portsmouth](#), whither I went in a Chaise with our Ancient friend & Brother John Casey to attend the Select Meeting, which was a season of precious favor - Wm Rickman appeared in Supplication. Ruth Halleck in a short & Daniel Quimby in a lengthy testimony. - We dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & John intended to return to the Meeting House to Sit in the Meeting for Sufferings, but at the time it set in to Rain so hard that he felt discouraged from that & the circumstances of his Age & infermities so we returned home by 4 O'clock. -

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 June 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our Meeting this morning was large. A few words in the opening by Elizabeth Walker, followed by a very lively testimony by Margaret Judge A Supplication by Mary Newhall & the meeting closed after a short communication by Elizabeth Walker. - directly after dinner Father Rodman & I were called on to meet



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E Walker to consult on a meeting for Sailors this Afternoon at 7 OC the time proposed was very streightening, being very short to give general notice, but after sitting down with her & hearing her open the concern in a very solid manner & feeling the weight of it measurably to arise in my mind I dare not take the responsibility of a refference for a single day - so forth I went & made proclamation on the Wharves & at the public Houses that a meeting was appointed at our Meeting House at 7 OClock this evening at which "Sea fairing Men were particularly invited" assistance was also rendered by several young men who were very active. --At 4 OC the Meeting was again very large Elizabeth opened in a short address, & Daniel Quimby Was engaged in a good sound, plain & Honest testimony - at the conclusion Elizabeth's meeting was given out. -

At 7 OC the Meeting gathered again & many Sailors in their trowsers & red shirts appeared with a very great concourse of other people, so that the House was as full as I ever saw it. - Elizabeth Stood nearly or quite two Hours in a very remarkable testimony, so full of Gospel power, so clear concerned & fraught with good sense delivered in so much engaging simplicity that I thought I never heard the like, & the people were perfectly still so much so that we seldom see the like even in much smaller meetings but after she sat Down, the bell having rung some time before for 9 OC, & the house being dark, tho' some candles were brought in, the meeting broke without the usual sign of shaking hands, which was the only unpleasant circumstance which occurred. -The people were highly pleased, & I hope much good sees was sown in the minds of many. -

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June 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our Meeting began at the usual hour it was opened by a short but living testimony, from Wm Rickman, Benjamin Mitchell & Prayer by Daniel Quimby - & just before the opening of the meeting a few very pertinent remarks by D Buffum

The Usual buisness of reading the minutes of the last Year & the various Epistles from the different Yearly Meetings & the appointment of committees occupied the time of the Meeting. -

At the 4th hour the meeting again met & the State of Society was enterd into - Some of the Answers excited much feeling & many pertinent remarks, but none was more striking to my feelings than those from our Aged brother [Moses Brown](#) on the subject of plainness of Apparal, he observed that plainness of dress had ever been a testimony of Society, which he desired may be kept too, & that friends encourage it in their children for he who had had to suffer much in times past in stripping himself of some things which he deemed Superfluous, could bear testimony that the cross borne in that respect had Yealded peace & being an old man, not expecting to see many of them again, he recommended to society & individuals that care be taken to keep themselves & their children in plainness. This evening we had a pleasant Silent opportunity in the family, Ruth Hallack Avis



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Keene & Thos Jones bore short but pleasant & encouraging testimonies

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June 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day The Select meeting concluded this morning under a most solemn covering, testimonies from Wm Rickman Elizabeth Walker & a prayer by Margaret Judge. –
In our Meeting this Afternoon held at 3 O'clock, the doings of the meeting Sufferings were read, & their report as School committee was also read which was of a very encouraging nature, & friends begin to look forward to usefulness from the institution*

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June 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day The meeting this morning had but little buisness before it, several short testimonies, & one of some length & of some Power from D Quimby, & several weighty remarks from Wm Rickman. -- At 5 OC this afternoon the meeting met & went thro' the buisness & would have closed under a solemn covering, but for the interruptions of Micah Ruggles who frequently spoke & every time disquieted the Meeting especially towards the close of it. he is a new member & nearly in a religious Phrenzy

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June 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day Our Public Meeting was very large & a very respectable audience - many of the heads of the town were present, but the meeting was sadly disturbed by Micah Ruggles, who early rose & stood a long time declaring what many believe to be the Words of his immagination but for which he claimed the highest Authority. -When caution was administered by Wm Rickman & Elizabeth Walker. a few words by Manassah Robins & a long testimony by D Quimby, but Truth did not rise into that dominion as at some seasons.
Our Meeting in the Afternoon at 4 OC Appointed by Elizabeth Walker & Margaret Judge for the People of colour, was pretty well attended by that peoples & an Abundance of others. – Margaret was first in testimony followed by Elizabeth Walker in a long testimony of great gospel Authority & the meeting concluded in Solemn supplication by Margaret & rose to general satisfaction.
Our Lodgers at this Yearly Meeting time were Ruth Hallock & her companion Sarah Hull & attendant Richard Halstead - Thos Jones, Edward Cobb, John Read, Sarah & Susan Collins, Eunice Jones, Lydia Purinton & Olive Cobb, which made an agreeable family. –*



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All in the course of this day have left us, excepting Ruth Hallock & her companions.

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June 18, Friday: Vincenzo Bellini arrives in Naples from Catania to matriculate at the Real College de musica di San Sebastiano.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day This morning Elizabeth Walker & Margaret Judge & their companions came in & took breakfast with us, of which we were glad, their company being very pleasant. After breakfast being joined by Wm Rickman & D Quimby, we fell into silence. Wm Rickman & Ruth Hallock in addition to a few words spoken in the life by E Walker, delivered short testimonies. - After which they began to separate. Ruth went to Connanicut on her way homeward & Wm Rickman & D Quimby to [Portsmouth](#), but before dinner Richard Halstead returned from Connanicut with the Carriage Wheels Sadly broken. & Ruth & Sarah went immediately on to Narragansett accompanied by Isaac P Hazard & his Mother. - This Yearly meeting has been a season of favor, & particularly so to us, as we have all been well, our buisness in the House all gone on Successfully, our company agreeable, but as to my own particular state of religious sensibility, I have not enjoyed so high a condition, as at times past or as at seasons when less cumbered, however there has been seasons in the course of it, when Israels Sheperd has been near, for which renew'd evidence of divine help I desire to be thankful. -

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June 19, Saturday: The legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granted an act of incorporation to the Philoharmonic Society, its purpose being "extending and enlarging and improving the style of performance of vocal and instrumental music."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day This has been also a day not free from care of concerns realtive to Yearly Meeting. - The repairs of the Carriage of our febr R Hallock was completed this Afternoon & would have gone over to them, but for a thunder gust towards night. - towards the close of the Afternoon Our fr D Quimby returned from [Portsmouth](#) where he had been to attend a Meeting appointed there by Wm Rickman, - he took tea with us & afterwards called in to see my dear Mother. -we Set in Sister Sallys room where he bore a Sweet encouraging testimony to both young & old that were present & was very acceptable to Sally as she has been confined thro' the Year.y Meeting & not seen as much of friends as Common. - After all prospect of going over the ferrys were over Daniel with R Halstead returned to our House & lodged. -

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June 20, Sunday: At 3AM Jacob (Jacques) Offenbach was born in Cologne (Köln), 7th of 12 children born to Isaac Juda Eberst “Der Offenbacher” (from Offenbach-am-Main), bookbinder, music teacher, composer and cantor, and Mariane Rindskupf, daughter of a money-changer and lottery-office keeper in Deutz.

A steam-assisted sailing packet of 300 tons, the SS *Savannah*, arrived at Liverpool port in England out of Savannah, Georgia in a mere 26 days despite having been able to utilize her onboard steam engine for only 80 hours before exhaustion of the coal supply. This had been the 1st time steam power had assisted a crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

Sabine Remanofsky (who has been one of Professor William Rossi’s students) has pointed out that during [Waldo Emerson](#)’s sophomore and senior years at [Harvard College](#), he belonged to various debating societies, and in particular to the “Pythologian Club,” which, according to Emerson’s own description, gathered the “smartest boys from the two sophomore and Junior classes” (in a letter written on this day). The purpose of the club was to develop the art of impromptu discussion amongst its members. This may in part explain

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Waldo's charisma and lecturing abilities: he trained from a very early age. Also, interestingly, some of the topics for the Harvard debating societies are roughly the same as the ones taken up by the Hedge/Transcendental Club later on (especially, why American culture hadn't produced "anything first rate" yet), which again highlights Emerson's early concern over the necessity of creating not only a national culture for America, but also the basis and sine qua non conditions for such a culture to develop, hence the need for an intellectual field with a variety of networks for the intellectuals (links with newspapers, publishers, bookshops, lyceums, etc.). She doesn't make the claim, of course, that young Waldo was fully aware, by 1821, that there was a need for an intellectual field — but she definitely is pointing out that this sort of concern was, so to speak, part of the zeitgeist.



Friend [Stephen Warton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / This morning we rose early crossed both ferrys by 8 OC in good season for Daniel to get to S Kingston Meeting & for me to return to Connanicut Meeting, which was silent but I believe a sweet opportunity to some present. -- After dinner Jos Greene & C Weaver rowed me across the ferry, home in season to attend our Afternoon Meeting in which as well as in the forenoon M Judge was sweetly engaged in public testimony

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June 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Warton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 21st of 6 M 1819 / A little settled from the stir of Y Meeting & beginning to look round to see what is necessary to do in my lawful calling. – My Mother spent a part of the Afternoon & took tea with us. – Our friend E Walker has gone to [Providence](#), but expects to be in town on 4th day to attend a public meeting for the inhabitants of the Town at 4 OC in the Afternoon

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According to a report in the [Bibliotheque Ophthalmologique](#), that summer in the midst of the dreadful fears of the sailors of the French slaver *Le Rodeur*, lest the solitary crew member whose sight remained unaffected and who was steering them should also be seized with the malady, they had come upon a Spanish slaver, the *Leon*. Every member of that crew had, it turned out, also been blinded by the ailment; unable to assist each other, the vessels had been parted and the *Leon* not again be heard of. The *Le Rodeur* reached the port of Guadeloupe on this date and the only crewman who had escaped the disease, and had thus been enabled to steer the ship into port, three days later would exhibit its symptoms. In 1834, Friend [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) would compose the following poem:

THE SLAVE-SHIPS.

“That fatal, that perfidious bark,
Built i’ the eclipse, and rigged with curses dark.”
— MILTON’S *Lycidas*.

“ALL ready?” cried the captain;
“Ay, ay!” the seamen said;
“Heave up the worthless lubbers, —
The dying and the dead.”
Up from the slave-ship’s prison
Fierce, bearded heads were thrust
“Now let the sharks look to it,—
Toss up the dead ones first!”

Corpse after corpse came up, —
Death had been busy there;
Where every blow is mercy,
Why should the spoiler spare?
Corpse after corpse they cast
Sullenly from the ship,
Yet bloody with the traces
Of fetter-link and whip.

Gloomily stood the captain,
With his arms upon his breast,
With his cold brow sternly knotted,
And his iron lip compressed.

“Are all the dead dogs over?”
Growled through that matted lip;
“The blind ones are no better,
Let’s lighten the good ship.”

Hark! from the ship’s dark bosom,
The very sounds of hell!
The ringing clank of iron,
The maniac’s short, sharp yell!
The hoarse, low curse, throat-stifled;
The starving infant’s moan,
The horror of a breaking heart
Poured through a mother’s groan.



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Up from that loathsome prison
The stricken blind ones came:
Below, had all been darkness,
Above, was still the same.
Yet the holy breath of heaven
Was sweetly breathing there,
And the heated brow of fever
Cooled in the soft sea air.

“Overboard with them, shipmates!”
Cutlass and dirk were plied;
Fettered and blind, one after one,
Plunged down the vessel’s side.
The sabre smote above,
Beneath, the lean shark lay,
Waiting with wide and bloody jaw
His quick and human prey.

God of the earth! what cries
Rang upward unto thee?

Voices of agony and blood,
From ship-deck and from sea.
The last dull plunge was heard,
The last wave caught its stain,
And the unsated shark looked up
For human hearts in vain.

Red glowed the western waters,
The setting sun was there,
Scattering alike on wave and cloud
His fiery mesh of hair.
Amidst a group in blindness,
A solitary eye
Gazed, from the burdened slaver’s deck,
Into that burning sky.

“A storm,” spoke out the gazer,
“Is gathering and at hand;
Curse on’t, I’d give my other eye
For one firm rood of land.”
And then he laughed, but only
His echoed laugh replied,
For the blinded and the suffering
Alone were at his side.

Night settled on the waters,
And on a stormy heaven,
While fiercely on that lone ship’s track
The thunder-gust was driven.
“A sail! — thank God, a sail!”
And as the helmsman spoke,
Up through the stormy murmur
A shout of gladness broke.

Down came the stranger vessel,
Unheeding on her way,
So near that on the slaver’s deck
Fell off her driven spray.
“Ho! for the love of mercy,
We’re perishing and blind!”
A wail of utter agony
Came back upon the wind:

“Help us! for we are stricken



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With blindness every one;
Ten days we've floated fearfully,
Unnoting star or sun.
Our ship's the slaver Leon, —
We're but a score on board;
Our slaves are all gone over, —
Help, for the love of God!"

On livid brows of agony
The broad red lightning shone;
But the roar of wind and thunder
Stifled the answering groan;
Wailed from the broken waters
A last despairing cry,
As, kindling in the stormy light,
The stranger ship went by.

In the sunny Guadeloupe
A dark-hulled vessel lay,
With a crew who noted never
The nightfall or the day.
The blossom of the orange
Was white by every stream,

And tropic leaf, and flower, and bird
Were in the warm sunbeam.

And the sky was bright as ever,
And the moonlight slept as well,
On the palm-trees by the hillside,
And the streamlet of the dell:
And the glances of the Creole
Were still as archly deep,
And her smiles as full as ever
Of passion and of sleep.

But vain were bird and blossom,
The green earth and the sky,
And the smile of human faces,
To the slaver's darkened eye;
At the breaking of the morning,
At the star-lit evening time,
O'er a world of light and beauty
Fell the blackness of his crime.



June 22, Tuesday: Karl van Beethoven, nephew of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), was admitted to a residential school directed by Joseph Blöchlinger.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22nd of 6 M / This morning Our friend D Buffum, came to my Shop & requested me to go to the Court House with him, my reply was, my compliance depends on what the buisness is that we are going upon, on which he informed me, that Elizabeth Walker requested that the Governor, Senate & House of Representatives be invited to attend her meeting tomorrow, & that the ground of her concern was to see them at meeting. — This involved my feelings in no small measure of weight, but on being a little retired in my mind, & the first shock going off, I felt unity with the prospect & a willingness to go with David to the Court House, he having previously obtained the liberty of the Govoner



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*& Speaker. – on going into the upper House we were invited to take chairs, but We introduced our buisness, in a few words, which appeared to be properly noticed & a seeming willingness manifested to attend. -We then went into the House of representatives, where we were also noticed by the speaker & invited to seats. after setting a moment D Buffum communicated Elizabeths message & there also, a willingness was manifested to attend, particularly by some of the Members, who said they should attend the meeting whether the House would adjourn or not. –
This undertaking was one of no small magnitude to my feelings, but by a biding under the weight of it I found myself qualified with strength & had occasion required could have spoken myself, before the House*

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June 23, Wednesday: Under the pseudonym Geoffrey Crayon, [Washington Irving](#) put out the 1st American installment of his THE SKETCH BOOK, including “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.”²⁹⁸ In this text this racist author (the same racist author who announced that a Negro was “an abomination”) regurgitated our “Philip of Pokanoket” legend dating to “[King Phillip’s War](#)”, titillating us yet again with our very precious memory of a dead Indian chief.

READ THE FULL TEXT

At [Concord](#), John D. Folsom of Concord got married with Betsy W. Dakin of Concord.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 6th M 1819 / Our Meeting this Afternoon was a very triumphant one. Truth rose into dominion in a very remarkable manner. The meeting was as large as it ever is on first day at Yearly Meeting time, & more quiet than usual at that time. The Govoner of this state with both Houses of the Legislature attended & sat in a body. – Elizabeth first appeared in humble prayer, chiefly on behalf of those placed in Authority over us. Then in a very pertinent address to the members of the Legislature on the subject of intemperance & War. Then the current of testimony run chiefly to the female part of the

298. There is in [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s THE SCARLET LETTER a literary reference to Irving’s headless horseman figure:

THE SCARLET LETTER: Meanwhile, the press had taken up my affair, and kept me for a week or two careering through the public prints, in my decapitated state, like Irving’s Headless Horseman, ghastly and grim, and longing to be buried, as a political dead man ought. So much for my figurative self. The real human being all this time, with his head safely on his shoulders, had brought himself to the comfortable conclusion that everything was for the best; and making an investment in ink, paper, and steel pens, had opened his long-disused writing desk, and was again a literary man.



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Audience & lastly to an hardened, rebellious state which she felt to be present. & the latter part of her testimony in particular came with such living power & gospel Authority that it seemed to me, that had she preached before the Apostle Paul he would at least have qualified his charge, forbidding Women to "preach or to teach" &c. – The Audience was all attentive & many deeply impressed with the Power of her ministry, as was evident in many who took her by the hand at the close of the Meeting with tears in their eyes. – The Govoner observed that he never heard Such preaching before. –

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The Supreme Council of the Province of Texas declared the independence of [Texas](#) from [Mexico](#):

As all Governments were originally established by the will of the people for the benefit of society, whenever the existing Government, in any community, fails to effect the purposes for which it was instituted, it is competent to the community at large to rescind its express or tacit allegiance to the ruling power, and to organize a new constitution and form of government, more consistent with its interests, and more consonant with its feelings. In exercising this unquestionable right, an independent people have only to consult their own discretion. But, though amenable to no tribunal for its municipal acts, a free state, in claiming admission to the immunity of nations, owes of itself an exposition of the motives which have prompted it to the assertion of its rights, as well as of the principles which it assumes to vindicate. The citizens of Texas have long indulged the hope, that in the adjustment of the boundaries of the Spanish possessions in America, and of the territories of the United States, that they should be included within the limits of the latter. The claims of the United States, long and strenuously urged, encouraged the hope. An expectation so flattering prevented any effectual effort to throw off the yoke of Spanish authority, though it could not restrain some ineffectual rebellions against an odious tyranny. The recent treaty between Spain and the United States of America has dissipated an illusion too long fondly cherished, and has roused the citizens of Texas from [the] torpor to which a fancied security had lulled them. They have seen themselves, by a convention to which they were no party, literally abandoned to the dominion of the crown of Spain and left a prey not only to impositions already intolerable, but to all those exactions which Spanish rapacity is fertile in devising. The citizens of Texas would have proved themselves unworthy of the age in which they live, unworthy of their ancestry, of the kindred of the republics of the American continent, could they have hesitated in this emergency what course to pursue. Spurning the fetters of colonial vassalage, disdaining to submit to the most atrocious despotism that ever disgraced the annals of Europe, they have resolved under the blessing of God to be free. By this magnanimous resolution, the maintenance of which their lives and fortunes are pledged, they secure to themselves an elective and representative government, equal laws and the faithful

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administration of justice, the rights of conscience, and religious liberty, the freedom of the press, the advantage of liberal education, and unrestricted commercial intercourse with all the world. Animated by a just confidence in the goodness of their cause, and stimulated by the high object to be obtained by the contest, they have prepared themselves unshrinkingly to meet and firmly to sustain any conflict in which this declaration may involve them. Done at Nacogdoches, the 23rd day of June, in the year of our Lord 1819.

James Long, President of the Supreme Council
 Bis[en]te [sic] Tarin, Secretary

 June 24, Thursday: [Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#) was born in Chelmsford MA, the 4th and, surprisingly, the final child of [John Thoreau](#), Senior and [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#).



John in later years



Cynthia in later years

DUNBAR
FAMILY

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An intriguing factoid is that although this birth unlike David Henry's is on record in [Concord](#)'s town records, it is on record not as of this date but as of September 27th:

Births

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
THOREAU, John		1754	Concord		
THOREAU, Mary	F	1786	Concord	John	
THOREAU, Sarah		1791	Concord		
THOREAU, Helen L.	F	1813	Concord	John	Cynthia



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Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
THOREAU, John	M	1815	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, Sophia Elizabeth	F	Sept. 27, 1819	Chelmsford	John	Cynthia

Cynthia had her last baby at age 33 although, in the 18th Century, mothers usually had had their final pregnancy in their early 40s, presumably because, since the turn of the 19th Century, white women in New England towns had been having their final pregnancies at an earlier age in each decade, and in that way creating fewer children per family. In general, the number of children per white family increased as one traveled toward the frontier of white settlement, reaching seven or so in Illinois and Indiana; nevertheless the usual number in Massachusetts and Connecticut in the 1830s was still five or more, so the Thoreaus' four children, [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#), then [John Thoreau, Jr.](#), then [David Henry Thoreau](#), and then finally [Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#), would have been considered to be a small family or a family that was still being eagerly worked on.



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Walter Roy Harding's THE DAYS OF HENRY THOREAU: A BIOGRAPHY. NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1966:

"A Review From Professor Ross's Seminar"

WALTER HARDING'S BIOGRAPHY

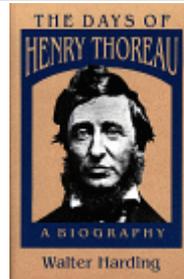
Chapter 1 (1817-1823) -Downing gives a cursory account of the Thoreau and Dunbar heritage and more fully traces the nature and movement of the Thoreau family in the first five years of Henry's life.

Thoreau's father, [John Thoreau](#), while intellectual, "lived quietly, peacefully and contentedly in the shadow of his wife," Mrs. [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#), who was dynamic and outspoken with a strong love for nature and compassion for the downtrodden.

- 1st [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#) -quiet, retiring, eventually a teacher.
- 2d John Thoreau, Jr. -"his father turned inside out," personable, interested in ornithology, also taught.
- 3d [David Henry Thoreau](#) (born July 12,1817) -speculative but not noticeably precocious.
- 4th [Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#) -independent, talkative, ultimately took over father's business and edited Henry's posthumous publications.

The Thoreau's constantly struggled with debt, and in 1818 John Sr. gave up his farm outside Concord and moved into town. Later the same year he moved his family to Chelmsford MA where he opened a shop which soon failed and sent him packing to Boston to teach school.

(Robert L. Lace, January-March 1986)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 6th M / With My H & John in a Chaise went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. Stopped on the way at Uncle Saml Thurstons & were soon joined by Elizabeth Walker & Company, after a little refreshment we went to meeting, which was a favord season, Elizabeth having much to communicate in the course of the public Meeting, & I have no doubt that the living Power of Truth rose into dominion in many minds present. - In the last meeting we had but little buisness, but the little that we had was pretty well transacted. - We dined at R Mitchells & towards night rode home. -

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 June 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27 of 6 M 1819 / In our mornng Meeting - H Dennis -Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in short lively testimony
In the Afternoon Anne Dennis, father Rodman & Jona Dennis said a few words - on the whole pretty good meetings.-*

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 July 1, Thursday: [John Keats](#) wrote from Shanklin on the Isle of Wight to Fanny Brawne:

My dearest Lady - I am glad I had not an opportunity of sending off a Letter which I wrote for you on Tuesday night - 'twas too much like one out of Rousseau's Heloise. I am more reasonable this morning. The morning is the only proper time for me to write to a beautiful Girl whom I love so much: for at night, when the lonely day has closed, and the lonely, silent, unmusical Chamber is waiting to receive me as into a Sepulchre, then believe me my passion gets entirely the sway, then I would not have you see those Rhapsodies which I once thought it impossible I should ever give way to, and which I have often laughed at in another, for fear you should [think me] either too unhappy or perhaps a little mad.

I am now at a very pleasant Cottage window, looking onto a beautiful hilly country, with a glimpse of the sea; the morning is very fine. I do not know how elastic my spirit might be, what pleasure I might have in living here and breathing and wandering as free as a stag about this beautiful Coast if the remembrance of you did not weigh so upon me I have never known any unalloy'd Happiness for many days together: the death or sickness of some one has always spoilt my hours - and now when none such troubles oppress me, it is you must confess very hard that another sort of pain should haunt me.

Ask yourself my love whether you are not very cruel to have so entrammelled me, so destroyed my freedom. Will you confess this in the Letter you must write immediately, and do all you can to console me in it - make it rich as a draught of poppies to intoxicate me - write the softest words and kiss them that I may at least touch my lips where yours have been. For myself I know not how to express my devotion to so fair a form: I want a brighter word than bright, a fairer word than fair. I almost wish we were butterflies and liv'd but three summer days - three such days with you I could fill with more delight than fifty common years could ever contain. But however selfish I may feel, I am sure I could never act selfishly: as I told you a day or two before I left Hampstead, I will never return to London if my Fate does not turn up Pam or at least a Court-card. Though I could centre my Happiness in you, I cannot expect to engross your heart so entirely - indeed if I thought you felt as much for me as I do for you at this moment I do not think I could restrain myself from seeing you again tomorrow for the delight of one embrace.

But no - I must live upon hope and Chance. In case of the worst that can happen, I shall still love you - but what hatred shall I have for another!



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*Some lines I read the other day are continually ringing a peal
in my ears:*

*To see those eyes I prize above mine own
Dart favors on another—
And those sweet lips (yielding immortal nectar)
Be gently press'd by any but myself—
Think, think Francesca, what a cursed thing
It were beyond expression!
J.*

*Do write immediately. There is no Post from this Place, so you
must address Post Office, Newport, Isle of Wight. I know before
night I shall curse myself for having sent you so cold a Letter;
yet it is better to do it as much in my senses as possible. Be
as kind as the distance will permit to your
John Keats
Present my Compliments to your mother, my love to Margaret and
best remembrances to your Brother — if you please so.*



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(The letter would be posted on the 3d.)

Dissension had developed in the Jerusalem, New York sanctuary of the followers of “Universal Friend,” [Jemimah Wilkinson](#), as she had become rather demanding of gifts and special treatment, and had come to institute various punishments for infractions of the rules of the Society of Universal Friends. Finally the community resolved its problem by erecting this two and a half story Federal-style mansion for its inspirational leader at some considerable distance from the other homes. It is now referred to as “Friend House” and is not open to the public:



After spending her last years in isolation, at the age of 67 the religious leader died (or “left time” as her followers described it), and would be interred in a temporary vault in the building’s cellar while her followers faithfully waited for her to come back into animation, and watched as signs of decay accumulated. As her will attests, she had never swerved from the pronouncement she had originally made under the oak tree in [Cumberland, Rhode Island](#) after recovering from [typhoid fever](#), that she had died and her spirit had been replaced with “Divine Spirit.” (Her Jerusalem community would, within the following two decades, entirely disperse. At some later date the decomposing body has been removed from its temporary vault for burial at an unmarked location on the property.)





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Last Will and Testament:

The last Will and Testament of the person called the Universal Friend of Jerusalem, in the County of Ontario, State of New York, who in the year 1777, was called Jemima Wilkinson, and ever since that time, the Friend, a new name which the mouth of the Lord hath named.

My will is that all my just debts be paid by my executors, hereafter named.

I give, bequeath and devise unto Rachel Malin and Margaret Malin, now of said Jerusalem, all my earthly property both real and personal; and that is to say all my land lying in said Jerusalem and in Benton, or elsewhere in the County of Ontario, together with all the buildings thereon, to them the said Rachel and Margaret, and their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally and amicably be shared between them, the said Rachel and Margaret - and I do also give and bequeath to the said Rachel and Margaret, all my wearing apparel, all my household furniture, and my horses, cattle, sheep and swine, of every kind, together with all my farming utensils, and all my movable property of every nature and description whatever.

My will is, that all the present members of my family and each of them, be employed if they please, and if employed, supported during their natural life, by the said Rachel and Margaret, and whenever any of them become unable to help themselves, they are according to such inability, kindly to be taken care of by the said Rachel and Margaret. And my will also is, that all poor persons belonging to the society of the Universal Friend, shall receive from the said Rachel and Margaret such assistance, comfort and support during their natural life as they may need; and in case any or either of my family, or others elsewhere in the society shall turn away, such shall forfeit the provisions herein made for them.

I hereby ordain and appoint the above-named Rachel Malin and Margaret Malin, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof, I, the person called Jemina Wilkinson, but in, and ever since the year 1777, known as the Public Universal Friend, have hereunto affixed my name and Seal, this 25th day of the 2d Month, in the year of our Lord 1819.

The Public Universal Friend [L.S.]

In the presence of, &c.

Be it Remembered - That in order to remove all doubt of the due execution of the foregoing will and testament of the person who before the year 1777, was known and called by the name of Jemima Wilkinson, but since that time, as the Universal Friend, do make, publish and declare the within instrument to be my Last Will and Testament, as witness my hand and seal, this 17th day of the 7th month, 1819.

Jemima Wilkinson X

Her Cross or mark,

Or, Universal Friend.

["Witness," &c.]



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That evening after sunset the [comet](#) that had passed unnoticed between the earth and the sun on or about June 26th, with its tail brushing over the earth also unnoticed, became visible low in the west. (So much for comets exerting a vast influence!)²⁹⁹

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 7th M 1819 / Our Meeting looked small in a great room, but I believe nearly all the members were present that are in ability to attend, & several that are not members. – I believe it was a comfortable season to some present, it was in good measure so to me. – Father Rodman delivered a short testimony

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July 3, Saturday: Dominique François Jean Arago (1786-1853) directed his newly developed polarimeter toward the [comet 1819 II Tralles](#) and observed its tail region through a doubly refracted prism. He detected that the light from the tail, unlike the light given off by stars, was slightly polarized — indicating that it was reflected rather than emitted light.

According to a list published in Boston in 1846, attributed to Professor [Benjamin Peirce](#):

129	1818	Feb.	25.95890	70	52	58	183	12	9	112	19	11	89	43	48	1.197764		D	Encke.	
130	1818	Dec.	4.09030	90	34	16	357	27	11	93	7	5	62	40	50	0.8479		R	Bessel.	
E	1819	Jan.	27.10423	334	44	5	156	40	5	181	56	0	13	42	30	0.335581	0.8567675	3.588	D	Encke.
			27.24564	335	9	34	157	31	50	182	22	16	13	38	42	0.333982	0.8490883	3.293	D	Encke.
131	1819	June	27.73993	274	8	25	287	39	1	13	30	36	80	43	56	0.3420005		D	Nicolai.	
132	1819	July	31.13915	114	57	18	291	6	9	176	8	51	11	16	53	0.70008	0.60353	2.346	D	Encke.
			18.90021	113	36	43	275	6	48	161	30	5	10	42	48	0.773638	0.7551903	5.618	D	Encke.

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The 1st savings bank in the USA, the Bank for Savings of New-York, opened its doors for business and received a total of \$2,807.⁰⁰ in deposits.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 7th M / A little precious favor this Morning, for which I desire to be thankful. –

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299. "GREAT COMET, (C/1819 N1=1819 II. Period of naked eye visibility spanned the month of Jul., T=1819 June 28. Also known as [Comet Tralles](#). Spotted on July 1st in the evening sky a little to the north of the Sun, the head being of about zero magnitude. Comet crossed eastern Auriga and was visible at both dusk and dawn for several weeks. At the end of the first week of July, 1st magnitude with a 7-8 degree tail. Comet faded rapidly as it moved toward the northeast, almost pacing the Sun. At mid-month situated in Lynx, an object of 3rd magnitude with a short tail. In the last few days of July the comet's brightness rapidly approached the naked eye threshold."



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Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Sunday: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 15th birthday.

Future governor of the state of New York Reuben Eaton Fenton was born to George W. Fenton and Elsie Owen Fenton in Carroll, New York.

At Fort Adams near Newport, Rhode Island, an extra gill of rum was dispensed to each soldier in honor of Independence Day. Then Private William G. Cornell went on guard duty at 8PM and was relieved at 10PM. While he was returning as part of the relieved guard to his quarters under the direction of a corporal, carrying his musket bearing a standard load of a ball and three buckshots, Private William Kane was standing in the doorway of the quarters laughing, and after the detail had passed, stepped out and stooped down and picked up a handful of gravel, advancing forward, and pitched it without much violence at the backs of the guard detail. Private Cornell turned and fired, hitting Private Kane just above the hip and severing an artery, causing his death in only a few minutes. A jury of inquest would be summoned on Monday and the accusation made that this was a wilful murder. After a confinement in the Newport County Jail on Marlborough Street, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Joseph Story would find Cornell guilty on November 18, 1819 (at that time there were no federal judges other than the nine who sat on the Supreme Court). Justice Story would hear an appeal for a new trial on June 15, 1820 and deny the appeal. Eventually Cornell would be pardoned by President James Monroe.

At Mossy Spring in Kentucky, something very unusual and strange, for the United States of America, happened: a woman (a "Mrs. Mead") was able to deliver an Independence Day oration. –This oration was, it goes without saying, delivered to a group of women.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 7th M / Our Morning Meeting was large, nearly all the usual attendants were there & a number, who are there but seldom & some strangers, which preety much filled the middle part of the house below stairs. David Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony & Susanna Bateman from [Greenwich](#) bore a short testimony.

In the Afternoon the Meeting was as large as usual & silent. - Abigail Robinsons was at meeting this fournoon, the first time in more than a Year, her infirmities of body being so great as to prevent her attendance I was glad to see heer seat again filled. -2nd day [Monday] 5 of 7 M / Independence has been celebrated in town today & yesterday on the Fort. - What excesses of drunkenness gluttony & vices of various Kinds does such cellebrations occasion - I have seen it perhaps today as conspicuosly as at any time within my recollection - I have observed many drunken men & some of them quite young - & yesterday a man was shot by a sentinel on the Fort in consequence of some affront. - This day a jury of inquest set & brought in the verdict of Willful Murder, - I feel strong desires that the observance of these days may go out of fashion or in some way surpressed, that the people may be preserved in Innocency. -

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 July 6, Tuesday: Realizing that the Viceregal capital of Bogota on the far side of the Andes less than 300 miles away was virtually undefended by the Spanish, Simón Bolívar had directed his 2,400 followers over the Páramo de Pisba pass and on this day the some 400 survivors of the trek arrived at the New Granadan village of Socha. Recruiting new soldiers from the population, he would set out for Bogota and on August 7th take its defenders entirely by surprise.

Above the Tivoli Gardens of Paris (where the Saint-Lazare train station is now located), [Marie Madeleine-Sophie Armand Blanchard](#) was launching fireworks from her balloon when its hydrogen ignited and craft descended (she rapidly dropping ballast) onto a rooftop of the Rue de Provence, with her become entangled in the netting that surrounded the balloon and falling to the street. She might possibly have still been alive for some ten minutes afterward. She was 41.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 7th M 1819 / The bustle of yesterday over, our streets again look dull, & how much better so than our bustling be indebted to drunken men & vain show. – The poor man committed to jail yesterday for murder, is much on my mind, reports of his conduct are much against him. I fear it must cost him his life.

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 July 8, Thursday: [John Keats](#) wrote again to Fanny Brawne:

*My Sweet Girl:
Your Letter gave me more delight than any thing in the world but yourself could do; indeed I am almost astonished that any absent one should have that luxurious power over my senses which I feel. Even when I am not thinking of you I receive your influence and a tenderer nature stealing upon me. All my thoughts, my unhappiest days and nights have I find not at all cured me of my love of Beauty, but made it so intense that I am miserable that you are not with me: or rather breathe in that dull sort of patience that cannot be called Life. I never knew before, what such a love as you have made me feel, was; I did not believe in it; my Fancy was afraid of it, lest it should burn me up. But if you will fully love me, though there may be some fire, 'twill not be more than we can bear when moistened and bedewed with pleasures. You mention "horrid people" and ask me whether it depend upon them whether I see you again. Do understand me, my love, in this. I have so much of you in my heart that I must turn mentor when I see a chance of harm befalling you. I would never see any thing but pleasure in your eyes, love on your lips, and happiness in your steps. I would wish to see you among those amusements suitable to your inclinations and spirits; so that our loves might be a delight in the midst of pleasures agreeable enough, rather than a resource from vexations and cares. But I doubt much, in case of the worst, whether I shall be philosopher enough to follow my own lessons: if I saw my resolution give you a pain I could not. Why may I not speak of your beauty, since without that I could never have lov'd you? – I cannot conceive any beginning of such love as I have for you but beauty. There*



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may be a sort of love for which, without the least sneer at it, I have the highest respect and can admire it in others: but it has not the richness, the bloom, the full form, the enchantment of love after my own heart. So let me speak of your beauty, though to my own endangering; if you could be so cruel to me as to try elsewhere its power. You say you are afraid I shall think you do not love me – in saying this you make me ache the more to be near you. I am at the diligent use of my faculties here, I do not pass a day without sprawling some blank verse or tagging some rhymes; and here I must confess, that, (since I am on that subject) I love you the more in that I believe you have liked me for my own sake and for nothing else. I have met with women whom I really think would like to be married to a poem and to be given away by a novel. I have seen your comet, and only wish it was a sign that poor Rice would get well, whose illness makes him rather a melancholy companion: and the more so as so to conquer his feelings and hide them from me, with a forc'd pun. I kiss'd your writing over in the hope you had indulg'd me by leaving a trace of honey. What was your dream? Tell it me and I will tell you the interpretation thereof.

Ever yours, my love!

John Keats

Do not accuse me of delay – we have not here any opportunity of sending letters every day. Write speedily.

(The letter would be postmarked from Newport on the Isle of Wight on July 10th.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 7th M / Our meeting rather Small & silent & a degree of favor witnessed. – Attended (this afternoon) the funeral of Jos Barker son of James & Mary Barker a child about 4 years old, their relations & acquaintances being large, there was a considerable collection of people. The Sitting was remarkably solid & towards the close of it D Buffum was concerned in a short but very solid & impressive testimony. – he observed that the time had about come for us to proceed to the buisness we had assembled for & believed it best for him to express the manner in which his mind had him occupied which was on the subject of the removal of little children from one state of existence to another. – his mind had been dipt into sympathy with those who had been deprived of near connections, & while thus reflecting, a passage or two of Scripture had been brought to his remembrance which was the saying of our blessed Lord "Suffer the little children to come unto me & forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven" & another which equally seemed obligatory to review was "Unless ye become converted & as little children ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of heaven" from this he said much doctrine might be drawn, but he had no prospect of many words, having had a desire that our minds might be stirred up, he wished us to bear in remembrance that it was from the highest Authority that "unless we become converted and as little children we shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of heaven his testimony appeared to



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have a solemnizing effect on the Minds of the Audience & I have no doubt it will be remembered by some when he may be no more numbered among Men

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July 11, Sunday: Susan Bogert Warner, who would write under the pen name “Elizabeth Wetherell,” was born into a wealthy New-York family.

Mary Minott Baker was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 7th M 1819 / Our Meeting this morning was largely attended by some that I never saw at it before – Our Fr D Buffum was engaged in a remarkable testimony, in which I thought the life & power rose to a degree I hardly ever felt in his communications before, it tended to illustrate the divine principle very clearly, he first observed that on the present occasion he could adopt the language of the Apostle “Thanks be to God for his unspeakable Gift” & pointed out the unspeakable gift to be the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, a measure & manifestation of Gods spirit in the heart of Man. he observed that he was sensible that the doctrine was one much exploded by many professing christians, & by them no other light admitted than that which cometh thro’ the Scriptures, but they only pointed to the way & were not the way themselves. as for instance, we might have the way to a certain city very accurately laid down, but we should never get there by reading the directions, but we must Set out on the journey & by attention to the directions & perseverance on the road we should reach the place & so it was in a religious sense we must follow the directions of the spirit of Christ in the hearts, follow him where he pleases to lead us so shall we arrive at that City that hath foundations whose builder & Maker the Lord alone is. – This is but a faint skeleton of the testimony but I felt concerned to preserve as much of it as I could, from the remarkable manner in which it was delivered & the effect on the Audience. – Silent in the Afternoon but a solid time – After tea with father Rodman. Called to see Abigail Robinsons & her Brother Thomas & his wife. –

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July 15, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)’s DON JUAN I-II was published anonymously and then, to Murray’s distress, pirated.

On this evening [John Keats](#) wrote again from Shanklin on the Isle of Wight to Fanny Brawne:

My love – I have been in so irritable a state of health these two or three last days, that I did not think I should be able to write this week. Not that I was so ill, but so much so as only to be capable of an unhealthy teasing letter. To night I am greatly recovered only to feel the languor I have felt after



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you touched with ardency.

You say you perhaps might have made me better: you would then have made me worse: now you could quite effect a cure: What fee my sweet Physician would I not give you to do so.

Do not call it folly, when I tell you I took your letter last night to bed with me. In the morning I found your name on the sealing wax obliterated. I was startled at the bad omen till I recollected that it must have happened in my dreams, and they you know fall out by contraries. You must have found out by this time I am a little given to bode ill like the raven; it is my misfortune not my fault; it has proceeded from the general tenor of the circumstances of my life, and rendered every event suspicious. However I will no more trouble either you or myself with sad prophecies; though so far I am pleased at it as it has given me opportunity to love your disinterestedness towards me. I can be a raven no more; you and pleasure take possession of me at the same moment. I am afraid you have been unwell. If through me illness have touched you (but it must be with a very gentle hand) I must be selfish enough to feel a little glad at it. Will you forgive me this?

I have been reading lately an oriental tale of a very beautiful color. It is of a city of melancholy men, all made so by this circumstance. Through a series of adventures each one of them by turns reach some gardens of Paradise where they meet with a most enchanting Lady; and just as they are going to embrace her, she bids them shut their eyes they shut them and on opening their eyes again find themselves descending to the earth in a magic basket. The remembrance of this Lady and their delights lost beyond all recovery render them melancholy ever after. How I applied this to you, my dear; how I palpitated at it; how the certainty that you were in the same world with myself, and though as beautiful, not so talismanic as that Lady; how I could not bear you should be so you must believe because I swear it by yourself.

I cannot say when I shall get a volume ready. I have three or four stories half done, but as I cannot write for the mere sake of the press, I am obliged to let them progress or lie still as my fancy chooses. By Christmas perhaps they may appear, but I am not yet sure they ever will. 'Twill be no matter, for Poems are as common as newspapers and I do not see why it is a greater crime in me than in another to let the verses of an half-fledged brain tumble into the reading-rooms and drawing-room windows. Rice has been better lately than usual: he is not suffering from any neglect of his parents who have for some years been able to appreciate him better than they did in his first youth, and are now devoted to his comfort.

Tomorrow I shall, if my health continues to improve during the night, take a look farther About the country, and spy at the parties about here who come hunting after the picturesque like beagles. It is astonishing how they raven down scenery like children do sweetmeats. The wondrous Chine here as a very great Lion: I wish I had as many guineas as there have been spy-glasses in it.

I have been, I cannot tell why, in capital spirits this last



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*hour. What reason? When I have to take my candle and retire to a lonely room, without the thought as I fall asleep, of seeing you tomorrow morning? or the next day, or the next – it takes on the appearance of impossibility and eternity – I will say a month – I will say I will see you in a month at most, though no one but yourself should see me; if it be but for an hour. I should not like to be so near you as London without being continually with you: after having once more kissed you Sweet I would rather be here alone at my task than in the bustle and hateful literary chitchat. Meantime you must write to me as I will every week for your letters keep me alive. My sweet Girl I cannot speak my love for you.
Good night! and
Ever yours
John Keats*

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th 7th M 1819 / Our meeting today was rather thin but we had the company of several who were not members, some of whom I believe suffer loss by standing without the pale of society. may the time come when they may come forward in usefulness among us. –it was a season of some favor & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & pertinent testimony.

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July 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17th of 7 M / Our Select Meeting held this day was a season of much solemnity. Hannah Dennis was engaged in fervant supplication - Anne Green revived her prospect of visiting the families of friends in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting & Hannah Dennis expressed her prospect of accompanying her in all or a part of the visit, both concerns were freely united with & they left at liberty to proceed as way may open. –
In the Afternoon I took John & went to Connanicut to attend the Meeting there Lodged at cousin Jos Greenes*

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“Jenny’s Account” of the mutineers of the *HMS Bounty* and their descendants on Pitcairn Island as it appeared on this day in the Sydney [Gazette](#):

*We have heretofore inserted an account of the Mutineers of the Bounty having landed on Pitcairn’s Island, where many of their descendants, from a number of women whom they took away from Otaheite, then remained. By the last arrival from the Society Islands a Gentleman of Sydney receives the following very recent account on this regretted subject.
Account of the Mutineers of the Ship Bounty, and their*

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Descendants at Pitcairn's Island-



The following account I have just received from a Taheitan woman, who was the wife of Isaac Madden, one of the mutineers. She has been apparently a good-looking woman in her time, but now begins to bear the marks of age. She is marked on the left arm AS (over) 1789 which was done by Adam Smith, to whom she attached herself at first, and sailed with him both before and after the ship was taken. She has lately arrived hither in the 'King George' from Nugahiva, at which place she was left by an American ship, the Captain of which took her from Pitcairn's Island to the Spanish main, and afterwards left her at Nugahiva. She has resided at Nugahiva about three months, and it is more than double that time since she left Pitcairn's Island. When Fletcher Christian cut his cable and left Taheite, the following persons were on board the Bounty: Fletcher Christian, John Main, Bill McKoy, Billy Brown, Jack Williams, Neddy Young, Isaac Madden, Matt or Matthew, and Adam Smith; nine Europeans. Teirnuu, Niau (a boy), & Manarii, (Taheitans). Tarara, (a Raiatean) & Oher and Titahiti (Tubuans).

The Taheitan's women were Mauatua (Christian's wife), Vahineatua (Main's wife), Teio (the wife of McKoy), who was accompanied by her little daughter Sarah, Teatuahitea (Brown's wife); Faahotu (William's wife); Teraura (Young's wife), Teehuteatuaonoa or Jenny (Madden's wife), before mentioned; Ohuarei (Adam Smith's wife); Tevarua (Matt's wife); Toofaiti (Tararo's wife); Mareva (common to the two Taheitans); and Tinafornea (common to the two Tubuans).

In their passage to Pitcairn's Island they fell in with a low lagoon island, which they call Vivini, where they got birds, eggs, and cocoa nuts. They also passed between two mountainous islands, but the wind was so strong they could not land.

When they arrived at Pitcairn's Island they ran the ship ashore. Fletcher Christian wanted to preserve the ship, but Matt said 'No, we shall be discovered' so they burnt her. The island is small; has but one mountain, which is not high but flat, and fit for cultivation. They put up temporary houses of the leaves of the tea, and afterwards more durable ones thatched with the palm, as at Taheiti.

They found the bread fruit there, and all were busily engaged in planting yams, taro, plantains, and aute, of which they made



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cloth. The account this woman gives of their proceedings in this new country is very amusing to the Taheitans. Neddy Young taught them to distil spirits from the tea root. They made small canoes, and caught many fish. They climbed the precipices of the mountain, and got birds and eggs in abundance.

In the mean time many children were born. Christian had daughter Mary; and two sons, Charley and Friday. John Main had two children, Betsey and John. Bill McKoy had Sam and Kate. Neddy Young had no children by his own wife; but by Tararo, the wife of the Raiotean, he had three sons, George, Robert and William. Matt has had five children, Matt, Jenny, Arthur, Sarah, and a young one that died when seven days old. Adam Smith has Dinah, Eliza, Hannah and George, by his wife. The Taheitans &c have left no children. Jack William's wife died of a scrophulus disease, which broke out in her neck.

The Europeans took the three women belonging to the natives, Toafaiti, Mareva, and Tinafarnea, and cast lots for them, and the lot falling upon Toafaiti, she was taken from Tararo, and given to Jack Williams. Tararo wept at parting with his wife, and was very angry. He studied revenge, but was discovered and Oher and him were shot. Titahiti was put in irons for some time, and afterwards released; when he and his wife lived with Madden, and wrought for him. Titahiti, Niau, Teimua, and Mavarii, still studied revenge; and having laid their plans when the women were gone to the mountains for birds, and the Europeans were scattered, they shot Christian, Main, Brown, Williams and Madden. Adam Smith was wounded in the hand and face, but escaped with his life. Ned Young's life was saved by his wife; and the other women, and McKoy, and Matt fled to the mountain.

Inflamed with drinking the raw new spirit they distilled, and fired with jealousy, Manarii killed Teimua by firing three shots through his body. The Europeans and women killed Manarii in return. Niau, getting a view of McKoy, shot at him. Two of the women went under the pretence of seeing if he was killed, and made friends with him. They laid their plan, and at night Niau was killed by Young. Taheiti, the only remaining native man, was dreadfully afraid of being killed, but Young took a solemn oath that he would not kill him. The women, however killed him in revenge for the deaths of their husband. Old Matt, in a drunken fit, declaring that he would kill F. Christian's children and all the English that remained, was put to death in his turn. Old McKoy, mad with drink, plunged into the sea and drowned himself. Ned Young died of a disease that broke out in his breast. Adam Smith therefore is the only survivor of the Europeans. Several of the women are also dead. Obuarei and Teverua fell from the precipices when getting birds. Teatuahitea died of the dropsy, and Vahincatua was killed, being pierced by a goat in her bowels when she was with child. The others were still alive when the women left.

The descendents of the Europeans, for there are no descendants of the natives, are very numerous. Of Christian's family, Mary Christian remains unmarried. Charley Christian married Sarah, the daughter of Teio. She has born him Fletcher, Charley, and Sarah and was with child again. Friday Christian has got



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Teraura, formerly the wife of Ned Young. She has born him Joe, Charley, Polly, Peggy, and Mary. All these descendants of Christian, together with Mauatua, or old Mrs. Christian, yet survive. John Main was killed by falling from the rocks. Betsey Main is the wife of young Matt, and has born two sons, Matt and John. Sam McKoy has taken Sarah Matt, and by her Sam and McKoy. Kate McKoy is the wife of Arthur Matt, and they have children Arthur, Billy, and Joe. Dinah Smith is the wife of Edward Matt by Teraura. She has a young son.

They have hogs and fowls, and are very diligent in cultivating the ground; they dress their food like the Taheitans, having no boilers. They make cloth, and clothe themselves like the Taheitans, the man with the maro and tibuta, the women with the paren and tibuta. They have sent away their still, the fruitful cause of so much mischief, in the American (ship) that called last; and they have obtained a boat from him, which greatly adds to their comfort. The women work hard in cultivating the ground &c. This woman's hands are quite hard with work. They have a place of worship, and old Adam Smith officiates three times every Sabbath. He prays extempore, but does not read. Their ceremonies of marriage, baptism, and at funerals are very simple. It does not appear that any of the people have learned to read. The first settlers discourage the Taheitan language, and promoted the speaking English. This woman, however, can speak neither English nor Taheitan, but a jumble of both. They speak of seeing two ships one years ago, which kept in the offing, and did not come near the island, except Master Folger as they call him, and the two King's ships; they have seen no ships till the American that brought away Jenny. Jenny says they would all like to come to Taheiti or Eimao. We were thinking that they would be a great acquisition at Opunohu alongside of the sugar works, as they have been accustomed to labour, for the Taheitans will not labour for any payment.



July 18, Sunday: Part of a pencil was missing at [Monticello](#). A search was made in the dome room. Tentatively it was hypothesized that one or another young gentleman, supposing it to be his own, might have carried it off.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First Day Met at the meeting House with about 20 others & I believe (tho' no vocal testimony or supplication was uttered) it was a season of favor to some present In first sitting down my feelings were pleasantly excited in observing some interesting countenances, but a leaness ensued which occasioned wrestling for the Blessing & in the conclusion was favor to experience an evidence of divine care which solemnized my spirit. - After tea came home in a Boat with a couple of black men. - This visit was a pleasant one to John as well as myself. -

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July 19, Monday: At a banquet in Dublin, the “Irish Friends of South American Independence” recruited young men to volunteer into John Devereux’s Irish Legion to fight in support of General Simón Bolívar (most of these recruits would die of tropical maladies before reaching battle).

Dr. Hildreth reported finding some metal objects near a body in an ancient mound in Marietta, Ohio:

Lying immediately over or on the forehead of the body were found three large circular bosses, or ornaments for a sword-belt or buckler; they are composed of copper, overlaid with a thick plate of silver.... Near the side of the body was found a plate of silver which appears to have been the upper part of a sword scabbard; it is six inches in length and two inches in breadth, and weighs an ounce; ... Two or three broken pieces of a copper tube were also found, filled with iron rust. These pieces from their appearance, composed the lower end of the scabbard near the point of the sword. No signs of the sword itself were discovered except the appearance of the rust above mentioned.... A piece of red-ochre or paint, and a piece of iron ore, which has the appearance of having been partially vitrified, or melted, were also found. The ore is about the specific gravity of pure iron.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 7 M / This Afternoon Alice & Rhoda Cuffee daughters of my late much esteemed friend [Paul Cuffee](#) of Westport called to see me – Their visit was very pleasant they are good countenanced young women & I feel desirous they may in their lives & conversation imitate the bright example of pious father, whose skin tho’ black rended him none the less acceptable to his Maker.

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July 20, Tuesday: A broadside bearing this date:



SLAVERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*3rd day 20th of 7th M 1819 / This forenoon about 1 / 2 past 11
OC Died Sally Cornell wife of our neighbour Job Cornell. She was
sister to Nancy Warren - I was acquainted with them when I was
a boy. The latter learned the Taylors trade of my father. -
Yesterday afternoon rec'd a letter from our Frd Wm Rickman dated
Providence, which was very sweet & Acceptable - this Afternoon
I have been writing an Answer to meet him in N York -*

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July 22, Thursday: The Reverend Elias Cornelius, who had been raising money for Indian missions and schools, became associate pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Salem, Massachusetts.

One of the early dates we have for the homophonic Christmas song "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" ("Silent Night! Holy Night!") is July 22, 1819, the date assigned to it in a church songbook prepared by Blasius Wimmer, organist and teacher of Waidring in Tirol in about 1825.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5 day 22nd of 7 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended on the
womens side of the house, but I thought the mens was rather thin
it was a season of leaness to me partly occasioned by
indisposition of body. - I suffer much with weakness & pain in
my back which from its long continuance I begin to fear well
terminate in something of a serious nature, tho' I hope for the
best. -*

*In the Preparative meeting there was no buisness ocured to send
forward to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -*

With my H & Sister Ruth set the eveng with Abigail Robinson

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July 24, Saturday: At [Concord](#), Samuel Whiting of Concord got married with Mary Ormsby of Concord.

[Josiah Gilbert Holland](#) was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts. The family was poor, although of American pedigree (the claimed ancestors John Holland and Judith Stevens Holland were supposedly members of a church that was organized before sailing from Plymouth in Devonshire, that had emigrated into the wilderness at Dorchester), and at an early age he would work in a factory. He would write the lyrics to the Methodist hymn "There's a Song in the Air," and many others.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 7 M / It seems to be a Solemn time among us at present - Sally Reed wife of John, died this eveng which makes with Sally Cornell, two in one house in four days. which with the general state of things is depressing, but may we place our dependance on the Lord. Oh Saith my soul may I lean on him, & rely on him in all things, for hither too he has been Kind, beyond my deserts, & I have cause to bless & magnify his holy name to the end of my days

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July 25, Sunday: On Sunday night [John Keats](#) wrote again to Fanny Brawne:



My sweet Girl – I hope you did not blame me much for not obeying your request of a Letter on Saturday: we have had four in our small room playing at cards night and morning leaving me no undisturb'd opportunity to write. Now Rice and Martin are gone I am at liberty. Brown to my sorrow confirms the account you give of your ill health. You cannot conceive how I ache to be with you: how I would die for one hour – for what is in the world? I say you cannot conceive; it is impossible you should look with such eyes upon me as I have upon you: it cannot be. Forgive me if I wander a little this evening, for I have been all day employ'd in a very abstract Poem and I am in deep love with you two things which must excuse me. I have, believe me, not been an age in letting you take possession of me; the very first week I knew you I wrote myself your vassal; but burnt the Letter as the very next time I saw you I thought you manifested some dislike to me. If you should ever feel for Man at the first sight what I did for you, I am lost. Yet I should not quarrel with you, but hate myself if such a thing were to happen – only I should burst if the thing were not as fine as a Man as you are as a Woman.

Perhaps I am too vehement, then fancy me on my knees, especially when I mention a part of your Letter which hurt me; you say speaking of Mr. Severn 'but you must be satisfied in knowing that I admired you much more than your friend.' My dear love, I cannot believe there ever was or ever could be any thing to admire in me especially as far as sight goes – I cannot be admired, I am not a thing to be admired. You are, I love you; all I can bring you is a swooning admiration of your Beauty. I hold that place among Men which snub-nos'd brunettes with meeting eyebrows do among women – they are trash to me – unless I should find one among them with a fire in her heart like the one that burns in mine.

You absorb me in spite of myself – you alone: for I look not forward with any pleasure to what is called being settled in the world; I tremble at domestic cares – yet for you I would meet



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them, though if it would leave you the happier I would rather die than do so.

I have two luxuries to brood over in my walks, your Loveliness and the hour of my death. O that I could have possession of them both in the same minute. I hate the world: it batters too much the wings of my self-will, and would I could take a sweet poison from your lips to send me out of it. From no others would I take it. I am indeed astonish'd to find myself so careless of all charms but yours – remembering as I do the time when even a bit of ribband was a matter of interest with me.

What softer words can I find for you after this – what it is I will not read. Nor will I say more here, but in a Postscript answer any thing else you may have mentioned in your Letter in so many words – for I am distracted with a thousand thoughts. I will imagine you Venus tonight and pray, pray, pray to your star like a Heathen.

*Your's ever, fair Star,
John Keats*

My seal is mark'd like a family table cloth with my Mother's initial F for Fanny: put between my Father's initials. You will soon hear from me again. My respectful Compliments to your Mother. Tell Margaret I'll send her a reef of best rocks and tell Sam I will give him my light bay hunter if he will tie the Bishop hand and foot and pack him in a hamper and send him down for me to bathe him for his health with a Necklace of good snubby stones about his Neck.

(This letter would be postmarked on the 27th.)

A hurricane began along the gulf coast of the North American continent. It would continue for four days.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 7th M / Our Meeting this Morning was silent –In the afternoon a short pertinent & sweet testimony from Father Rodman. – Rather barran time tho' I believe a degree of Divine favor was witnessed

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July 28, Wednesday: Since Sunday the 25th a hurricane had been pounding the southern coast of the continent, from Louisiana to Alabama. New Orleans had been merely on the fringe of the storm and suffered no severe damage. The full force of the storm had hit Bay St. Louis. Ships at Balize (Pilottown) had experienced 24 hours of strong gale winds but only 3 of them had gone aground. Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne rose 5 to 6 feet. Of the crew of the schooner *USS Firebrand*, a 150-ton gunship lying off the west end of Cat Island, 41 had perished.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 7 M Went this eveng with Br D Rodman to See Saml Almy who lays apparantly drawing his last breath He died about 1/2 past 10 OC this evening –

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 July 29, Thursday: John Duffield, age 46 or 47, Josiah Wilkes, age 52, and Thomas Earp, age 29, for the coining of counterfeit shillings, were convicted of high treason by a jury at Stafford and sentenced by the judge to be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution and there to be **hanged** by the neck. Afterward the court would take mercy on Wilkes and Earp and re-sentence them to life imprisonment among the some 650 prisoners held aboard the convict hulk *Leviathan* in Portsmouth harbor (normally such prisoners did manual labor in guarded gangs ashore during the day).



(I don't know which of the above hulks was the *Leviathan*.)

Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 7th M 1819 / Our meeting was a solid time to me
In the first Hannah Dennis appeard in a solid & to my feelings
pertinent testimony. – In the last (Monthly) we had considerable
buisness, & some of it of a weighty & important nature, which I
thought was moved in with care & a good degree of circumspection.
–Uncle Peter & Aunt Wait, Anne Anthony & Jacob Mott dined with
us. –*

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August 1, Sunday: King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia and King Friedrich August I of Saxony met in reconciliation at Pillnitz.

The India Company had, on the island of St. Helena in the south Atlantic, 700 to 800 [Chinese](#) workmen. They had divided into factions and began to struggle among themselves, with the whites on the island presuming this to amount to some sort of religious dispute. They formed, near Plantation House where [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) was being kept, into three or four bands of about 150 each, and arming themselves with bamboo sticks, spears, knives, etc., “rushed upon each other with frightful ferocity ... uttering piercing cries.” The post at High Knoll despatched “some St. Helena sharp-shooters, for the most part drunk, all young lads who were impatient to finish the affair, and who, without waiting for anybody’s orders, started shooting wildly. There were some killed and a good many wounded. The commanding officers will be courtmartialed.”

[Herman Melville](#) was born as “[Herman Melvill](#)” at 6 Pearl Street on Manhattan “Island of the Hills,” in New-York, to importer Allan Melvill and Martia Gansevoort Melvill, daughter of Revolutionary War general Peter Gansevoort.³⁰⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st of 8 M 1819 / Our Meeting was solid & D Buffum was favor'd in a lively & pertinent testimony to the efficacy of the Truth
In the Afternoon J Dennis Anne Greene & H Dennis were all engaged in short testimonies*

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August 4, Wednesday: A will was recorded in Brown County, Ohio that divided 1,197 acres into 31 lots and assigned them to “150 Negroes who were emancipated by the will of Samuel Gist.”³⁰¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4th of 8th M / With my H & John rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#) - left them at Uncle P Lawtons & went to the Meeting House to Attend the Select Quarterly Meeting which was a season of favor, precious favor & encouragement to the hearts of some present, under a sense that Israels Shepherd was extending help & strength to the Church, & tho' the hands of some may hang down yet holy truth was spreading in this land - We lodged at Uncle Peters & next Morning We attended the Quarterly Meeting at large. -
In the first Meeting Thos Anthony was engaged in a lively powerful testimony which I have no doubt reached the witness in many minds present Anne Almy followed in a lively & pertinent Supplication & the meeting concluded after a Short testimony from Wm Almy. - In the last Meeting our frd Thos Anthony spread a concern before us to pay a religious visit to several Quarterly Meetings in N York State which was united with - We dined at Anne Anthonys & toward night rode home*

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300. See Jay Leyda's THE MELVILLE LOG: A DOCUMENTARY LIFE OF HERMAN MELVILLE, published in 1951.

301. [Samuel Gist, Esq.](#) of Virginia and London (1717-1815) had owned a [slave](#) plantation in Hanover County, Virginia before returning to England during the Revolutionary War. In England he had done well in business. In his will the 98-year-old had freed perhaps 350 slaves and provided funds for their relocation, the building of homes, and the establishment of schools and homes. His executors would make similar purchase of land elsewhere in Ohio, for the benefit of other contingents of his [manumitted](#) slaves.



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 August 8, Sunday: John Fauchereau Grimké died while seeking medical treatment in Philadelphia. Alone, the only mourner, his daughter [Sarah Moore Grimké](#) would follow the coffin to the grave. During her voyage home to Charleston, the grieving girl would make the acquaintance of a [Quaker](#) family, and they would present her with a copy of the memoirs of Friend [John Woolman](#). Back at home in South Carolina, she would find no consolation in her mother and in her family's black service staff:



Tears never moistened my eyes; to prayer I was a stranger. With Job I dared to curse the day of my birth. One day I was tempted to say something of the kind to my mother. She was greatly shocked, and reproved me seriously. I craved a hiding-place in the grave, as a rest from the distress of my feelings, thinking that no estate could be worse than the present. Sometimes, being unable to pray, unable to command one feeling of good, either natural or spiritual, I was tempted to commit some great crime, thinking I could repent and thus restore my lost sensibility. On this I often meditated, and assuredly should have fallen into this snare had not the mercy of God still followed me.

The father's will would leave \$10,000 to each child, an amount that at that time was quite enough to guarantee that they would be able to live very comfortably their entire lives off a safe annual dividend of approximately \$600 without ever dipping into the principal amount.³⁰²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 8 M 1819 / Our Meetings were both silent & to me seasons of mental labor – In the evening called to See Edw W Lawton I wife, a visit of sympathy to them in the loss of a child this morning about 16 Months old...

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 August 10, Tuesday: Kantate zum Geburtstag des Sängers Johann Michael Vogl D.666 for mixed voices and piano by Franz Schubert to words of Stadler was performed for the initial time, at the home of Josef von Koller, in Steyr.

At [Harvard College](#)'s Divinity School, Mr. Andrews Norton was inaugurated as the Dexter Professor of Sacred Literature. His full service as Dexter Lecturer and then as Dexter Professor would amount to eleven years. Before autumn of this year, at the [Harvard Divinity School](#), no distinction of classes had existed. At this point the students were divided into a 1st-year class, a 2d-year class, and a 3d-year class.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Ravenna for Bologna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 8 M / Attended the funeral of Edw W Lawtons child

302. Inheriting \$10,000 then would be the equivalent of today becoming a millionaire by inheritance — except that today there would be federal capital-gains taxes, and state taxes, and sales taxes, whereas there were not then any such things. Therefore perhaps we should say that inheriting that sum of money would be the equivalent of having today a safe gross disposable income for the duration of one's life of some \$90,000 annually, \$30,000 of which would be eaten up by today's taxation and merely \$60,000 being actually available for one's annual disposable income.)



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the funeral was after the manner of Friends, & I thought the sitting was favor'd with a good degree of solemnity. – he was once a member & both he & his wife attenders of friends Meeting

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August 11, Wednesday: Martin Johnson Heed (Martin Johnson Heade) was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. At an early age he would be placed under the instruction of a neighbor who painted coaches and signs, Friend [Edward Hicks](#).

[Thomas Nuttall](#) and a trapper guide set out from Three Forks across the Oklahoma prairie, on horseback. The guide, Mr. Lee, said he had trapped in and about the Oklahoma wilderness for about a decade interacting extensively with the Cherokee and Osage, and had ascended the Canadian, Cimarron, and Arkansas rivers nearly to their western sources.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 8 M / Attended the funeral of John Goddards child he & his wife are attenders of our Meeting & bury in our Ground. –She was once a member & daughter of the late Daniel Gould of Middletown. – Oh that those who know the Truth may be obedient to its dictates, thereby they would know their Stakes Strengthened & cord lengthened Disobedience make a long Wilderness, but Obedience make the Work Short. – We took tea at Father Rodmans in company with a couple of young men from Wilmington Delaware

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August 14, Saturday: Apparently, according to a report which appeared in the [American Journal of Science](#), between 8PM and 9PM on the previous evening two women of Amherst MA had observed “a brilliant white light resembling burnished silver” which they supposed to descend slowly from the sky as a ball onto their front yard. At one point this light was bright enough for them to see it reflect upon or cast a shadow against a nearby wall. The next morning, according to a report from a Professor Rufus Graves, the man of the house, an Erastus Dewey, noted that there was in his yard, some 20 feet from the doorstep, a “circular form, resembling a sauce or salad dish bottom upwards, about eight inches in diameter and one in thickness, of a bright buff color, with a fine nap upon it similar to that on milled cloth.... On removing the villous coat, a buff colored pulpy substance of the consistency of good soft soap, of an offensive, suffocating smell appeared; and on a near approach to it, or when immediately over it, the smell became almost insupportable, producing nausea and dizziness. A few minutes exposure to the atmosphere changed the buff into a livid color resembling venous blood. It was observed to attract moisture very rapidly from the air. A half-pint tumbler was nearly half filled with the substance. It soon began to liquefy and form a mucilaginous substance of the consistence, color, and feeling of starch when prepared for domestic use.” Whatever this material was, within two or three days it would evaporate, leaving only some sort of dark-colored residue upon the sides and bottom of that tumbler. It would be noted that when they then rubbed some of this dried residue between their fingers, it became a fine, odorless ash.

SKY EVENT

Samuel Cabot reported his attention to have suddenly been arrested by an object emerging from the sea about



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100 to 150 yards from him, “which gave to my mind at the first glance the idea of a horse’s head.... I perceived at a short distance eight or ten regular bunches or protuberances, and at a short interval three or four more.... The Head ... was serpent shaped it was elevated about two feet from the water ... he could not be less than eighty feet long.”

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS

After some passage of time, Friend [Moses Brown](#) wrote again to Sophronia N.J. Forster of Weare, New Hampshire, expressing continued interest in her teaching at Yearly Meeting School.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) had a conversation with a local [Jew](#) and was reassured about the superiority of [Quakerism](#):

7th day 14th of 8 M / Rec'd two letters from Wm Rickman in N York one of them mentioned that Wm Foster of England had obtained a Certificate from Friends there to pay a religious visit to friends in this Country & expected to embark next spring – This Afternoon my mind was struck in conversation with Moses Lopez a Jew, by a remark of his he was speaking of religion & giving some of his views on the subject & observed that was he to change his religion he should turn [Quaker](#) & remarked that there were some of our manners & customs that he approved beyond others & even some of his own – he Said he was once in [New Bedford](#) & was invited to dine at the house of Our friend Sam Rodman, who provided a good Salt Fish dinner for him & when they set down to the table he observed a profound silence which seemed very strange to him & was at an entire loss what to think or how to account for it but after a few moments, Socobility was resumed & things went on in their usual order, at tea he remarked the same pause, when, (to use his own expressions) he considered it must be some of our ceremonies, & he could but approve of it, being much more solemn in its effects than a prayer rabbled over with apparant feeling or sensibility, he remarked that it was their practice to say a short prayer after dinner, but he says I like Your mode best being more Solemn. now I have no doubt but this poor son of Israel was Struck with real religious feelings on the occasion, which from the dark state of his mind he would not fully comprehend. – This circumstance may tend to confirm Friends of the necessity of such pratices. – we know not the effects of them, if attended too with reverance they may reach the hearts of some, when we are not aware of it ourselves,



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& perhaps most effectively when nothing may be uttered



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August 15, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 8 M 1819 / Our Morning Meeting was a season of some favor. – Father Rodman was concerned in a few lively expressions. Silent in the Afternoon & small being rainy. – After tea took a walk to the lower end of the Street, up thro' Pope Street thro' Spring street home. John was with me who united in the enjoyment of the pleasant round. –

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August 19, Thursday: In Cambridge, Massachusetts, with great pomp and ceremony, the graduation ceremonies for [Harvard College](#) were taking place.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 8th M 1819 / Our meeting silent & to me a season of some favor, & I have no doubt was a solemn Season to many for the times are solemn, there is much sickness in town and an unusual number of Deaths. –The fever that prevails is very mortal & the appearance of the Town seems gloomy, however, my mind is quiet under the prospect, not knowing how soon it may be my turn to experience sickness in our own family. – Our friends Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis were at Meeting having finished their Religious visit to families in [Portsmouth](#) & Middletown & have commenced in [Newport](#) this morning. –i

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 August 20, Friday: In Toronto, Canada, the agricultural statistician [Robert Fleming Gourlay](#) was again found guilty of sedition under the Alien Act for asking too many pointy questions (he would be banished to the United States).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 8th M / Spent this day in company with our friends Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis, in visiting familys & called at the following places Dorcas Earls - Betsy Buffum & Sisters Robert Lawton, father Rodmans Patience Frickers David Rodmans David Bowens & Jonathon Bowens, They labourd faithfully & I have no doubt the visits were Satisfactory with the Visitors & the Visited

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 August 21, Saturday: At about 6AM service commenced in the chapel at Stafford, which, with the administration of the holy sacrament, occupied the time till near 8AM, when the tolling of the bell announced the approach of the horse-drawn hurdle conveying John Duffield, who was to be [hanged](#) (such a hurdle was usually fashioned from thin interwoven branches to which the prisoner was tied). When the horse reached the foot of the ladder of the town's portable gallows structure, Duffield stated with great composure, "I am going to Heaven." Ascending the platform with steady step, he stood quietly as the executioner adjusted the rope about his neck. He was allowed to spend some five minutes in fervent prayer before the signal was given and the drop fell. The [Wolverhampton Chronicle](#) would report that "On Saturday morning, about half-past eight o'clock, John Duffield underwent the awful sentence of the law at the front of the county gaol at Stafford, for counterfeiting, at Darlaston, the coin of this realm called a shilling, of which he was convicted (with Josiah Wilkes and Thos. Earp) at our late assizes." The news account informs us that the hanged counterfeiter had left seven children.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 8 M / Father Rodman attends Anne & Hannah today they Dined with us & had a sitting in the family & when Anne Carpenter came in & joined us....

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 August 22, Sunday: At his home in Waltham, Massachusetts, the [Reverend Convers Francis, Jr.](#) delivered a sermon based upon Isaiah 40:31, "[On religious perseverance.](#)"

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 8 M / Our Morning meeting was in good measure favord - Jonathon Dennis Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis were engaged in testimony - In the Afternoon father Rodman & David Buffum were engaged in testimony, the latter was to considerable length for him - & very lively - I have at seasons secretly rejoiced that there are left among us those who publish the gospel in the Spirit of it. - a lively ministry is a blessing to a meeting. & May there be some raised up & cloathed upon to stand as Aarons to the people. - how are they needed in this day - we who live in it can see & do Know -5th day 26th of 8th M 1819 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with

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Sister Ruth & attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively testimony. - In the last we Rec'd Freeborn Chase into membership. She is a young woman who has been long an attender of our Meetings & of a religious life & conversation, has for some years believed it would be right for her to join our society, but thro' weakness has defer'd it till now, when she is far gone in a [consumption](#) & not expected to remain but a short time in mutability. Friends rec'd her as with open Arms, as I hope we shall all who request on right grounds. - We dined at Anne Anthonys -

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August 23, Monday: Captain [Oliver Hazard Perry](#), sent with the USS *John Adams* to Venezuela on a diplomatic mission, died at sea of the [yellow fever](#), and would temporarily be interred at Port of Spain, Trinidad. (In 1826 his remains would be removed with great pomp and ceremony to [Newport, Rhode Island](#).)



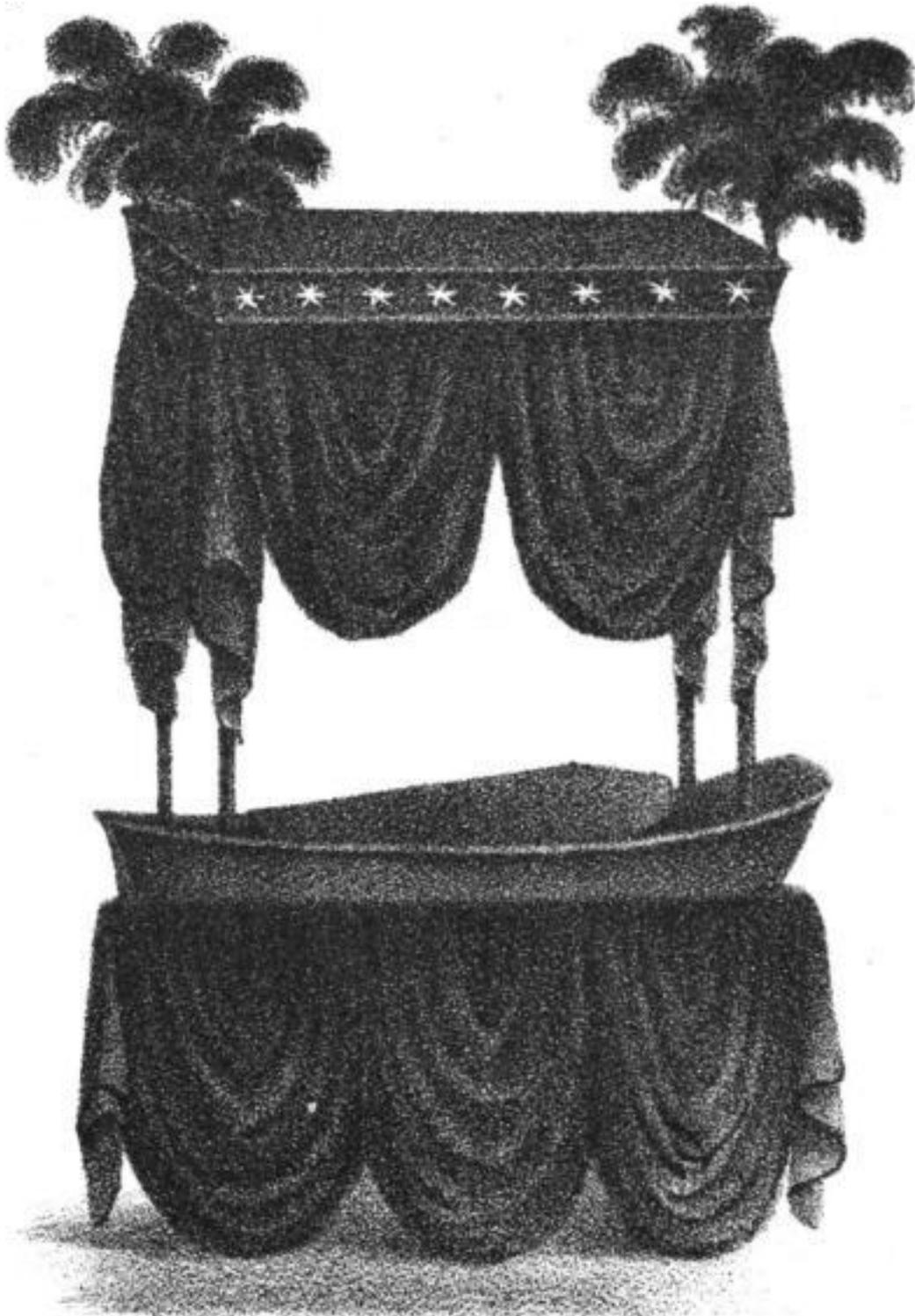
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Funeral Car of the Hero of Erie.

Interred at Newport 1826



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August 29, Sunday: On the basis of an inscription found carved at breast level into the 20-inch base of a pine tree near the Mystic River, "J.O.R." above "AUG. 29. 1819" in Roman capitals and Arabic numerals, Superintendent Philetus W. Norris would in 1881 reasonably infer that another white men had been in the Yellowstone wilderness some 62 years before him.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 8th M / In our Morning Meeting the London general Epistle was read & D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony. -In the Afternoon we were silent, but to me a pretty good meeting. - About 20 Minutes past one OClock Our Aged friend Robert Lawton departed this life in the 87th Year of his Age. -

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August 31, Tuesday: The revenue cutters *USS Alabama* and *USS Louisiana*, while sailing the Gulf off southern Florida, sighted and gave chase to the schooner *Bravo*. When they came within range there was a brief gunnery duel, and then the vessel was boarded and its crew surrendered. The vessel had been sailing without a letter of marque. It was Jean La Farges, a lieutenant of Jean Lafitte. We can presume that all these [pirates](#) would [hang](#).

"Variations on Non più mesta accanto al fuoco" was performed by [Nicolò Paganini](#), probably for the initial time, at the Teatro dei Fiorentini of Naples.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

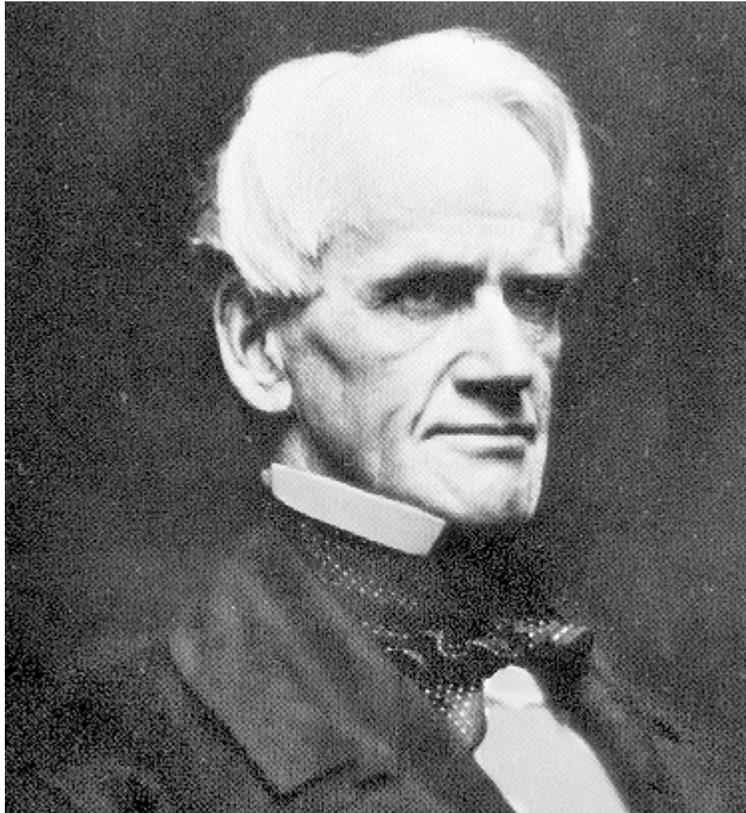
3rd day 31st of 8 M / This evening Sampson Sherman son of Job departed this life. I was called in & assisted in laying him out. he had enterd his 16th Year - with him "The summer has past" & who will close with the Autumn, is known only to Him who giveth life & taketh it away at his Will. - May all that is alive within me bow in his presence in thankfulness for the many favors vouchsafed. - In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Robert Lawton which was large. -

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 September 1, Wednesday: Horace Mann, Sr. graduated as valedictorian of his class at [Brown University](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), delivering the sort of orotund speech on behalf of progress which one might have expected on such an occasion.



Here is Horace as he would eventually be memorialized by his widow Mary, perhaps with some degree of



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nostalgic exaggeration:



September 2, Thursday: Surgeon John Stokoe of *HMS Conqueror*, having treated [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) three times, had formed the opinion that the prisoner was suffering from “liver disease.” Napoléon’s jailer Sir Hudson Lowe had been offering a different diagnosis, so he had ordered a court-martial by a council of war on board the Admiral’s ship. After four sessions at which the surgeon attempted to represent himself since he was denied counsel (his defense being to confess that he must have been to some degree insubordinate or impolitic but despite this had not allowed himself to become any sort of accomplice to the enemy), the panel unanimously declared him guilty of insubordination and condemned him to be dismissed but –in consideration of his former services– with a recommendation for half-pay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 9 M / Sampson Shermans funeral went to meeting which occasioned a pretty large gathering. Hannah & Jonathon Dennis were engaged in testimony & our friend D Buffum was very lively & pertinent. Abigail Sherman also Said a few words –After meeting the Corpse was decently interd in the upper burying Ground in the Medow field. –

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 September 5, Sunday morning: About 1AM, John Howard discovered that the pantry of the *Phoenix*, adjoining his stateroom, was on fire. When the flames reached the engine in the middle of the boat, all communication between the two ends of the boat was cut off. The starboard boat made for Providence Island in Lake Champlain, the nearest land, with 20 passengers, but the larboard boat, the larger of the two, got cut loose with only 14 passengers of the remaining 25 people aboard, leaving 11 to swim for it with any material they could find that would float. Five people would drown. Captain Richard W. Sherman would be the last to leave the burning ship and would be plucked from the water near Stave Island when sloops came out from Burlington, Vermont in the morning.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 9th M 1819 / In our morning Meeting father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony. The meeting was as large as usual & to me a hard time
Silent Meeting & to me a hard time again –
After we had done tea, Prince Gifford Jr & his Wife from Falmouth C Cod having been on a visit to their son in Law in New Jersey, & on their return, met a head wind & put in to this harbour for Shelter. They came on shore & spent about an hour with us & took a little refreshment. - Their company was pleasant, they feeling like a Brother & a Sister*

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 September 6, Monday: [Thomas Blanchard](#) patented a copying lathe for the turning of irregular forms such as gunstocks (similar to today's key-copying machine, although on a larger scale).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 6th of 9th M / Prince Gifford & wife are still detained by the wind & dined with us. –
This Afternoon Joseph Lancaster, the celebrated lecturer on education, called to see us & set an hour his company was pleasant & tho' he has passed thro' great adulation as the founder of a new system of education & done some things which has occasioned him to be disowned from our Society in England, Yet I was glad to feel that there is Yet a little life in him. – he has the appearance of tolerably plain friend, quite portly & of a florid countenance, about 40 years of age.
This evening attended J Lancasters lecter at Elton Martens House. There was much valuable information in it, but according*



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*to my mind he does not conduct it in the best way in all aspects
& if I see him again shall suggest my views to him
May he preserve the good remaining in him, but how subject is
poor man to be carried off the ground by flattery. –*

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September 7, Tuesday: Stephen Long's expedition up the Missouri River in the *Western Engineer*, the initial steamboat to navigate there, arrived at the mouth of the Platte River. Long considered the land to be "almost wholly unfit for cultivation," destined to be "the abode of perpetual desolation."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 7 of 9 M / This morning J Lancaster called & took
breakfast with us & took leave bound for Bedford. The time here
he was here afforded an opportunity to Express all I thought
proper to say tho' not all I felt towards him & I believe the
acquaintance has been proffitable between us.*

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September 9, Thursday: [William Godwin](#) wrote his daughter [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) after her loss of her child:

*Skinner Street,
Sep. 9, 1819.*

My dear Mary

*Your letter of August 19 is very grievous to me, inasmuch as
you represent me as increasing the degree of your uneasiness &
depression.*

*You must however allow me the privilege of a father & a
philosopher, in expostulating with you upon this depression. I
cannot but consider it as lowering your character in a memorable
degree, & putting you quite among the commonalty & mob of your
sex, when I had thought I saw in you symptoms, entitling you to
be ranked among those spirits that do honour to our nature. Oh,
what a falling off is here! How bitterly is so inglorious a
change to be deplored!*

*What is it you want that you have not? You have the husband
of your choice, to whom you seem to be unalterably attached, a
man of high intellectual endowments, ~~whatever I & some other
persons may think of his morality, & the defects under this last
head, if they be not (as you seem to think) imaginary, at least
do not operate as towards you.~~ You have all the goods of fortune,
all the means of being useful to others, & shining in your proper
sphere. But you have lost a child: & all the rest of the world,
all that is beautiful, & all that has a claim upon your kindness,
is nothing, because a child of three years old is dead!*

*The human species may be divided into two great classes: those
who lean on others for support: & those who are qualified to
support. Of these last some have one, some five, & some ten
talents: some can support a husband, a child, a small but
respectable circle of friends & dependents, & some can support
a world, contributing by their energies to advance their whole*



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species one or more degrees in the scale of perfectibility. The former class sit with their arms crossed, a prey to apathy & languor, of no use to any earthly creature, & ready to fall from their stools, if some kind soul, who might compassionate, but who cannot respect them, did not come from moment to moment, & endeavour to set them up again. You were formed by nature to belong to the best of these classes: but you seem to be shrinking away, & voluntarily enrolling yourself among the worst.

Above all things I intreat you, do not put the miserable delusion on yourself, to think there is something fine, & beautiful, & delicate, in giving yourself up, & agreeing to be nothing.

Remember too that, though, at first, your nearest connections may pity you in this state, yet that when they see you fixed in selfishness & ill humour, & regardless of the happiness of every one else, they will finally cease to love you, & scarcely learn to endure you....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 9th M 1819 / Our Meeting was rather small & to me rather low, tho' I have no doubt some life was experienced among us. -- Abigail Sherman was concerned in a few words. -- This evening after a few days illness of a fever Lemuel Bailey departed this life, he was a fine boy, & promised usefulness, but alas he has made his escape from a troublesome World & I trust is at rest. Such was his uprightness promptness & faithfulness in every respect in Br D Rodmans buisness as greatly endeared him to the family, & Such his natural urbanity & Kindness to all with whom he had any concern or acquaintance, that no boy was better beloved, it may be well said that he left a good report behind him.--

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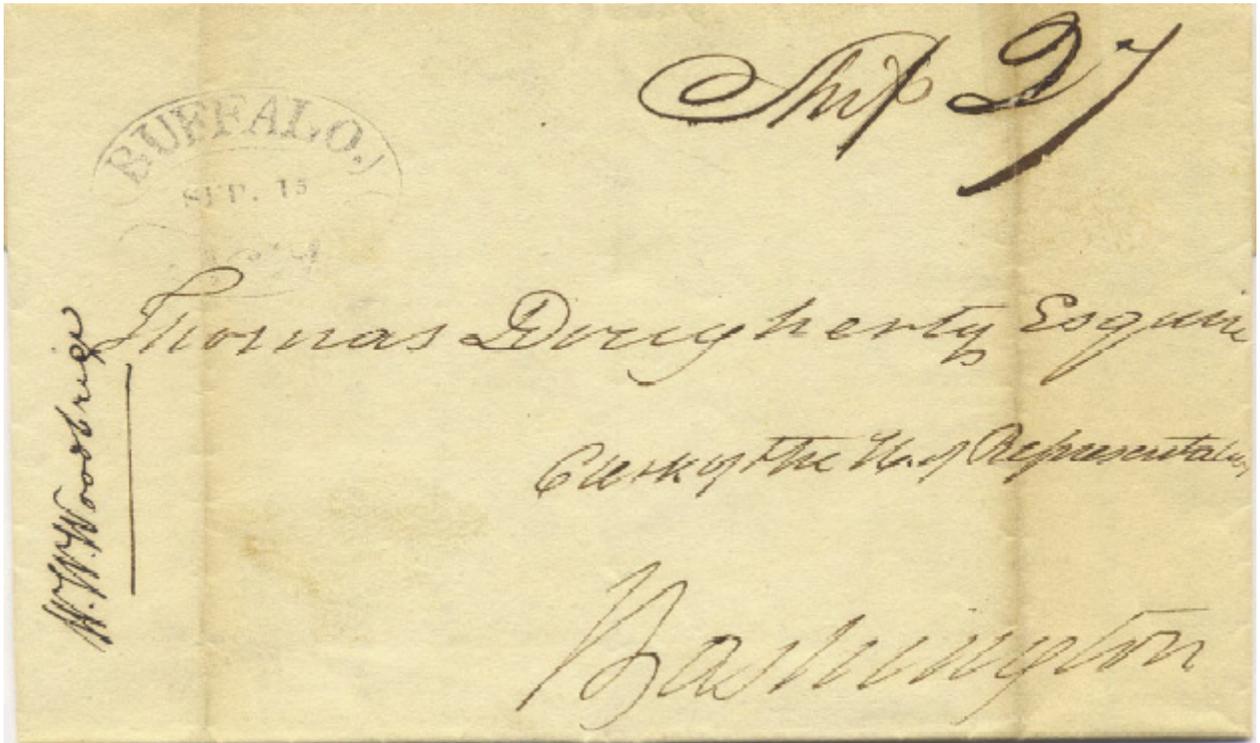


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September 11, Saturday: A letter was posted in Detroit that would travel on Lake Erie aboard the steamboat *Walk-in-the-Water* by way of Buffalo, to Washington DC. The typical transit time between Detroit and Buffalo by sailing vessel was 7-9 days. As you can see from the BUFFALO postmark, the letter would be received there on September 15th — transit time only 4 days (you can also see that there was a 2-cent ship transport fee).



A Genoa court ordered seizure of the assets of [Nicolò “Deep Pockets” Paganini](#), against the settlement he had yet to pay to the widow of Ferdinando Cavanna (plus accumulating interest).³⁰³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 9th M / It is a melancholy time in Town, there are a number of people Sick with a malignant fever & two lays dead. — “When the Lords judgements are abroad in the Earth my the inhabitants thereof learn wisdom”. — we are in his hands, & may our dependance be on him alone

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September 12, Sunday: Joaquín José Melgarejo y Saurín, duque de San Fernando de Quiroga replaced Manuel González Salmón y Gómez de Torres as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12th of 9th M / Our Morning meeting was large & solemn. father Rodman in his testimony adverted to the present Awful dispensation of sickness that prevails in the Town & D Buffum was engaged in testimony towards the cluse of the Meeting. —

303. You understand, this sort of continuous scandal publicity must have been performing wonders for the “gate” at the box office for the virtuoso’s solo performances: “Oh, Niccolò, make my body sob like your violin!”



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September 16, Thursday: [Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla](#)'s [Grito de Dolores](#) ignited an insurrection led by [Ignacio Allende](#), that would produce both their deaths promptly and, after eleven years, the independence of [Mexico](#).

Frederic Tudor wrote to Samuel Parkman, who had made his nut in real estate, that he also was beginning to consider himself a rich man. Owning four icehouses worth \$40,000 (not counting the value of their extensive real estate) can do that to you! This year he had already sold \$30,000 worth of ice and expected to sell \$6,000 or \$8,000 more.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 16th of 9th M 1819 / Our meeting was rather small
J Dennis & father Rodman appeared in short testimonies, & to me
it was a season of but little life, tho' I thought in the
forepart of it there was a little life & perhaps closed with a
little. -*

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 September 17, Friday: A Vienna court accepted the resignation as guardian over Karl van Beethoven of Councillor Mathias von Tuscher and ruled that [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s nephew be placed with his mother and a court-appointed guardian, Leopold Nussböck (a city official).

The 1st whaling ship arrived in the Hawaiian Islands.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 9th M / This morning Br Isaac with Uncle & Aunt Stanton arrived from N York. Our hearts are glad to see them & thankful we are in the enjoyment of health so as to be able to receive them, but the Hand of the Lord is upon us. There is much sickness prevailing both of fever & the Disentary, which casts a gloom over poor [Newport](#)

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 September 18, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Teresa left Bologna together for La Mira, near [Venice](#).

[Jean-Bernard-Léon Foucault](#) was born (in 1851 his pendulum would demonstrate the rotation of the earth).

Le testament et les billets-doux, a comédie mêlée de chant by Daniel François Esprit Auber to words of Planard, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 9 M / Uncle & Aunt Stanton with my Mother dined with us. After Dinner Took Chaise with Uncle Stanton & rode to [Portsmouth](#), set a little while at his cousin Stephen Slocum then



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Called at Uncle Thurstons & took tea. -

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 September 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 9 M / At meeting a solemn impressive testimony from D Buffum "Steward give an acct of thy Stewardship for thou may be no longer Steward." Silent in the Afternoon & with me no dew nor rain. - very barran & hard time. -

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 September 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 9th M / Uncle Stanton having a mind to go to [Portsmouth](#) to visit several places with a view to make a Purchase & settlement I felt it my duty to accompany him, tho' the contest of feeling between going & Staying to attend meeting was strong, & occasioned an exercise which I could not get rid of all Day. - We went to several places in the course of the Day, but none seemed to suit except Abner Cundels & he seemed to be at present unwilling to Sell. we called to see our Aged Cousin Elizabeth Chase & at J Weedens to look at his place, & returned with but little Prospect of a Purchase

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 September 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 9th M 1819 / At Meeting this morning father Rodman appeard in a short testimony -- In the Afternoon it being a violent storm of Wind & Rian the gathering was very small & not a Woman ventured out, silent but I thought a degree of favor was witnessed. - About Eight OClock this morning Uncle Stanton sailed for NYork in the New Sloop Herald Capt Bliss. if they did not make a harbor in season, they must have had a very perilous day & evening. -

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 September 30, Thursday: Louis Spohr's resignation as Director of Opera in Frankfurt went into effect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 9 M / Hannah Dennis, David Buffum & father Rodman bore solemn testimonys, & it was a solemn meeting. -- In the last we had considerable buisness but tho' there was considerable expression & some different views harmony & love was preserved. -Jonathon Dennis obtained liberty & a copy of a minute to accompany our friend Thomas Anthony in his religious visit to Several Quarterly Meetings in N York State.

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October 2, Saturday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) moved to [Firenze](#).

[Alfred Hawkins](#) got married with a Martha Peterson or Patterson at the Anglican Cathedral of [Québec](#). The gazette for October 13th would report: "Married, at [Québec](#) on Saturday evening 2nd instant, by the Rev. G.J. Mountain, Mr. [Alfred Hawkins](#), wine merchant, to Miss Patterson, daughter of Mr. James Patterson, of the same place."

The nation was learning that Commodore Oliver Hazard "We Have Met The Enemy And They Are Ours" Perry, hero of the [War of 1812](#), had in Venezuela succumbed to the [yellow fever](#):



land whale.

BOSTON,
SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 2, 1819.

Postscript to the last National Intelligencer.

Death of Commodore Perry.
NORFOLK, SEPT. 25.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT!
The Hero of Lake Erie, the gallant OLIVER H. PERRY, is no more!

THE United States' Corvette *John Adams* arrived in Hampton Roads yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, from Port Spain, (Trinidad) from which place she sailed the last of August. From Lieut. Commandant CLAXTON, who at present commands that ship, we have received the following communication respecting the death of this distinguished officer.

[COMMUNICATED]

Died, on the 23d August, on board the U. S. schooner *Nonsuch*, at the moment of her arrival at Port Spain, in the island of Trinidad, Commodore OLIVER H. PERRY. He was taken with the yellow fever on his passage from the town of *Angustura*, and although he was attended by two able physicians, he was reduced to the greatest extremity on the fourth day of his illness. Sensible of his approaching dissolution, he called his officers together, and communicated his last wishes.

He retained his faculties to the last; was perfectly collected and resigned, and submitted to his fate with great resolution and fortitude.

His remains were interred at Port Spain, on the 24th August, with naval and military

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 2nd of 10 M 1819 / This Afternoon Attended the funeral of My Cousin Ruth Marsh, she departed this life last evening about a quarter past 8 O'clock. I returned to the House & took tea with the family she being the last of her generation, & to take my leave of a house where I took much pleasure & derived much benefit in my youth from the proffitable conversation of her Sister Mary & Brother Jonathon. The estate will be divided into so many divisions that it is Probable it will now soon go out of the name & the house so old that it must be Pulled down. - from the best information I can obtain the Marsh House on the east side of Thames Street was built by Walter Clarke & given to one of his daughters who married a Gould & their daughter Mary Married Jonathon Marsh the father of Ruth aforementioned & has been regularly inhabited by Friends to the present day & she is the last of our society that will probably have any claim to it. -- The fashon & all things in this World change. - while sitting in the Room at the funeral my mind was lead into a very serious train of reflection, on the many changes I had seen in that House & now it seemed as if the final change had come to it. - May I proffit by the feelings which I experienced while commemorating the past hours spent with the past inhabitants of that house, & I am Sure I felt much more that I have here conveyed.

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October 3, Sunday: The common wisdom is that the bondage of the kapu system was broken in the Hawaiian Islands when white Christian missionaries cast out idolatry.

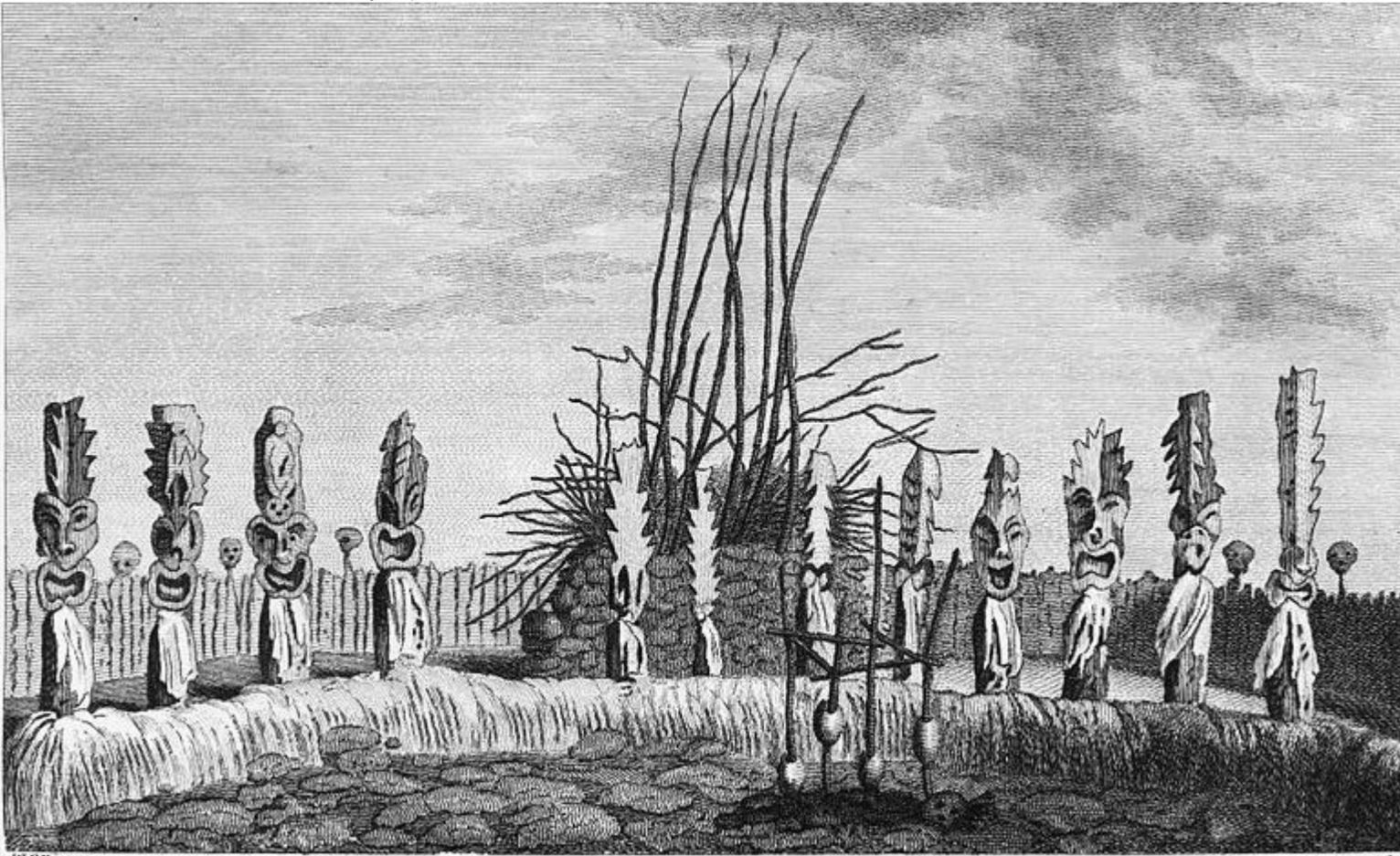


However, it was on this day, six months after the death of Kamehameha the Great and actually prior to the sailing from Boston harbor on October 23d, for its 164-day voyage to Kailua, Hawaii, of the first white Christian missionaries aboard the *Thaddeus* (the [Reverend Asa Thurston and Mrs. Lucy Goodale Thurston](#), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chamberlain and five children, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whitney, the [Reverend and Mrs. Hiram Bingham I](#) and the four young Hawaiians Thomas Hopu, William Kanui, John Honolii, and George Tamoril), that the bondage of the kapu system was broken. This day was the first kapu day announcing the coming Makahiki, the sacred days of Lono, the God of Peace. The two wives of Kamehameha the Great, Ka'ahumanu and Ke'opuolani, and their new king, Liholiho (Kamehameha II), openly broke the kapu by eating together at a formal state occasion. This sent an unmistakable message to the common people of Hawaii: the kapu system was no longer being honored either by their three highest ali'i or by their new king.

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These ali'i were supported by the prime minister Kalaimoku, and by the highest kahuna Hewahewa, a direct descendant of Pa'an. The new King Kamehameha II sent out messengers to all the districts of Hawai'i having heiaus, that they immediately desecrate these sacred precincts and topple their idols. Therefore the old idols had been lying about on the ground for fully six months when the good folks aboard that missionary ship *Thaddeus* caught their first glimpse of looming mass of the Mauna Kea volcano on the Big Island above them in the dark on the night of March 30, 1820 (and would be granted permission by the monarch to remain at Kailua there for one year)!



A View of a Morai at O'whyhee.

Published Decr 14, 1781, by G. Robinson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 10th M 1819 / Our morning meeting was a season of some favor, before meeting as I was walking back & fourth in the Room my mind was turned toward our meeting & reflected on the number of respectable young people that attended, desires were raised in my mind for their furtherance & advancement in the Truth & while this exercised it passed my mind that as the morning was pleasant it was probable there would be a good many present & I sould feel glad if David Buffum could find it in his mind particularly to address them. The subject went from me & I



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*hardly thought of it again till towards the close or past the middle of the meeting he rose & observed that tho' he felt but feeble both in body & mind, Yet he believed it right for him to address the Young & rising generation, when those expressions were uttered, my morning feelings were revived – he went on & delivered a testimony of much weight & life, greatly to the comfort & refreshment of my mind, affording a renew'd belief in the Truth of immediate revelation, & sympathy of feeling
In the Afternoon father Rodman, was concerned in a lively testimony. – After Meeting with my H attended the funeral of the Widow Avis Carpenter aged 80 Years. She was a friendly Woman of a remarkably meek & quiet spirit & a dilligent attender of our Meetings. She was Buried in the Ancient Clifton Burying ground belonging to Friends. –*

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October 6, Wednesday: Returning to his find of February 6th, merchant captain William Smith landed on Desolation Island in the South Shetlands and planted a British flag, claiming the islands for Britain. This would mark the beginning of a massive program of seal hunting in the South Shetlands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th M 6th 1819 / This evening with my H took a Walk out to D Buffums & set with him & his wife very agreeably. –

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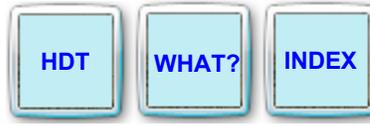


October 7, Thursday: ADDRESS, DELIVERED BEFORE THE WORCESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 7, 1819: BEING THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY CATTLE SHOW AND EXHIBITION OF MANUFACTURES, by [Levi Lincoln](#), Governor of Massachusetts from 1825 to 1834 (Worcester: Printed by Manning & Trumbull).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th M 7th / Our meeting was Silent & I have no doubt was attended with Solemnity on many minds as well as my own. – it is a Season of much depression, sickness continues among us, Several are now down & we know not whose turn it will be next. May our confidence be in the Lord alone & not in our own understanding. –I have within a few days read & thought much of the account given by Wm Edmunson in his journal in the Year 1676 when at [Newport](#) when many friends died in three or four days Sickness & but few families on the Island but lost some. – Tho' friends have yet been greatly Spared, Yet the inhabitants have suffered much & who is to be brought low next is known only to HIM who knows all things & does all things right & to his



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righteous decision may we all bow in mercy or judgement as he sees meet

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 October 10, Sunday: Two months after Simón Bolívar and his army captured Bogotá, sparing the lives of 38 captured royalist officers, his Vice-President Francisco Santander, left in control of the city, had them all executed in front of the Cathedral.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 M 9 1819 / This Afternoon attended the funeral of Robert Brayton, he had desended from a family of Friends in his fathers & Mothers line. Old Susannah Freeborn was great Aunt to him. - he attended friends Meetings & was interd in our ground. -

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 October 12, Tuesday: The [Reverend Asa Thurston](#) got married with [Lucy Goodale](#) of Marlborough, Massachusetts (she was a cousin of a classmate — perhaps at Yale College, perhaps at the Andover Theological Seminary).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 10 M / Spent last night in watching with my intimate friend James Taylor who has been quite sick with a havy cold suceeded with fever -

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 October 14, Thursday: The Spanish Inquisition had taken Maria Martinez taken into custody “for propositions” (whatever that might have amounted to). On this day they agreed that she had not erred in the matters charged, or in anything else, but nevertheless they reprimanded her, and warned that the tribunal would henceforward be keeping its eye on her.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 10 M / My H Watched last night with Mary Williams wife of David who is very low of a complaint which produces great distress for Breath & will probably soon close her life - Our meeting was small & silent & I believe generally a poor time among us. - Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from my friend John Heald of Fairfield Ohio, dated the 2nd of this M which was very acceptable.

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October 15, Friday: In the vestry of Park Street Church in Boston, a company of 7 missionaries with their wives and children (the [Reverend Asa Thurston and Mrs. Lucy Goodale Thurston](#), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chamberlain and five children, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whitney, and the [Reverend and Mrs. Hiram Bingham I](#)), along with three “natives of Owhyhee” (as in “Hawaiian Islands”) were “formed into a Church of Christ” to travel to the opposite side of the Northern Hemisphere of the globe and attempt to persuade the heathen into knowledge of the Truth.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 10 M / This morning I went in according to my usual practice to set a few minutes With my dear Mother She was speaking of the difficulty of the time & said that she believed there never was more difficulty to obtain lively hood since the revolutionary War, but she had a faith that she should never want, having been carried thro' many & great streights & now but a short space remains between her & the grave & observed that she had been hundreds of times greatly comforted from a recollection of her father Stephen Wantons expressions on his death bed She said it was the practice of her & her Mother to sit with him till late at night & sometimes till near morning, a night or two previous to his final close she & her mother as usual was Sitting by his side, he appeared to wake out of sleep & said to them "I am sorry you are up I have been very quiet. I have been uneasy at the thought of leaving you Knowing that I have nothing to give you, but this night I have rec'd a full Assurance that none of mine should Want bread. This declaration of his, on a dying bed she sayed, had proved deeply consoling to her in many gloomy & dark seasons, which she has had to Pass through, & sometimes when ready to repine or sink under the weight of discouragement would rush on her mind in the most consoling manner. -

She also related that the day her father died his old friend Capt Wickham called to see him who observed to him "That it was hard to die," on which grandfather Wanton reply'd "No I do not find it so. I found it much harder to live than die" & these were nearly his last words for before capt Wickham had got to the great door he was gone.

I believe I have before somewhere in my journal inserted the foregoing circumstance. -

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October 16, Saturday: [John Keats](#) wrote from Wentworth Place to his sister Fanny Keats (not to Fanny Brawne).

At a special assembly in the Park Street Church in Boston, one of the Hawaiian Islanders, the native Hopu, addressed the assembly.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 10th M 1819 / Our Select meeting held this day was to my mind a season of solemnity. I was lead secretly to



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*pray for holy help in the discharge of the important duties which devolve on those who are brought into the more conspicuous duties of society / Oh that I may so conduct as to be found worthy of the divine presence. –
Benjn Freeborn & wife Dined with us. –*

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October 17, Sunday: At Park Street Church in Boston there was a farewell sermon for the missionary families departing for the Hawaiian Islands. This was a crowd-pleaser: more than 500 people received Holy Communion.

R. Marsh wrote from Westleigh to Viscount Sidmouth, pleading for military protection for property and for persons of property in that vicinity against the depredations of starving weavers. He enclosed a petition under oath with which his own opinions perfectly coincided, “signed by most of the respectable inhabitants of the town of Leigh”:

The acerbation of temper among the weavers, or, as they style themselves, the reformers, produced by severe privations from the lowness of wages, and infuriated by seditious publications and cheap pamphlets, industriously circulated amongst them, has prepared them for the perpetration of the most atrocious crimes; and they openly declare their intention, by a simultaneous movement in the night, to seize property wherever they can find it, and destroy the possessors thereof; and it is added, that the period is not far distant.

I beg leave to state, that a single troop of horse would, in my humble opinion, be adequate to the purpose, provided it was stationary for a few months; as it would enable us to put the Watch and Ward Act in force, which, in the present state of things, I do not deem practicable.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17th of 10th M 1819 / This morning went with Jont Dennis to [Portsmouth](#) before meeting stoped at P Lawtons - We had a pretty good meeting & A Sherman delivered a short testimony - We dined at Geo: Dennis's & then went to see Parker Hall, the object of our visit was to inform him that he was disowned from society in consequence of his having married out of the order of society. -we requested to have the whole of his family together & after a little Seasonable & I believe well adapted counsil to his children on whose accounts our minds were deeply interested, we requested them to leave the room & we then endeavoured to Convey to him the object of our visit in the presence of his wife, & offred such other advice as seemed necessary & to me it was a season of remarkable favor & whether our visit to them was of any use or not. I am clear it was to my mind & I desire to be thankful for it. -it is often the case that we see but little a head & this was the case with me for in going I was so striped that I admired at it, being unable to feel any good till I entered the room. -
We returned to cousin Elizabeth Chases where we took tea & lodged*

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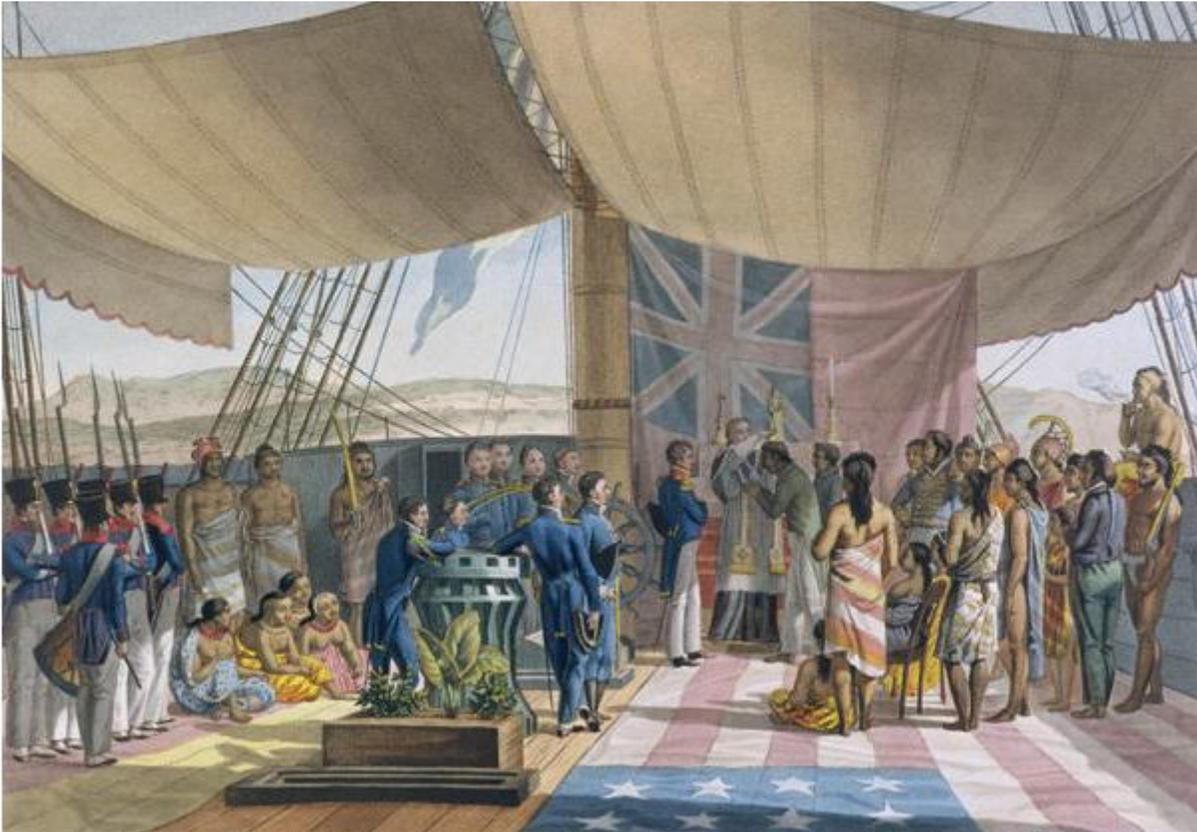
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- & spent 2nd day [Monday] forenoon & after dinner walked home.
 -I was very glad to see my aged cousin & she was to see me, it seemd like a renewal of Ancient love between us -

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October 21, Thursday: [Captain Louis-Claude de Saulces de Freycinet](#) christened the nearly square small islet of about 14 acres on the coral atoll known to Polynesians of Samoa as Motu o Manu, “island of seabirds,” with the name of his wife Rose, who was traveling with him aboard *L’Uranie*, as “Rose Atoll.”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

21st of 10 M / A short meeting & a short but awakening testimony from father Rodman which I thought savor'd of life. -

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October 24, Sunday: In [New Bedford](#), Nathan Johnson married with the widowed Mary J. Mingo Durfee (Mary “Polly” Johnson). We do not know at what earlier point Nathan had arrived in that town.

La donna del lago, a melodramma by Gioachino Rossini to words of Tottola after Scott, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 24th of 10th M 1819 / Attended Meeting in the forenoon & set it thro' in much pain of Body Father Rodman, Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis weere engaged in short but lively testimmonys. Being much unwell & in pain from a disorder which rendered setting very trying, thought best to stay at home My H & John went.

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 October 25, Monday: The Principality of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen signs a treaty with Prussia adhering to the Prussian tariff system. This was seen as the beginning of the [German Zollverein](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 10 M / I am better today, but not well -

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 October 28, Thursday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#) got married with Ann W. Watson of Milledgeville, Georgia. The couple would produce five children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 10th M Took the stage this morning & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - In the first meeting, I was under considerable pain of body & could not sit as still as I desired, hence the mind could not be as quick as Was desirable there were two public appearances the first was by a member he spoke setting & I could not follow his communication tho' the Scripture he expressed was good "Unless the Lord Keepeth the City the watchman waketh but in vain" but those who undertake to preach must make their lives a model of their Doctrine. - the next towards the conclusion of the Meeting A Doctor Richardson Stood up twice & expressed a few words, he is not a member of our society tho' a dilligent attender of our meetings. his life & conversation also has not been considered a Moddle of christianity, which raised a doubt of his commission. -

In the last meeting the buisness went on pretty well. - [] Gifford a woman who lives at [Bristol](#) ferry requested the care of friends & Peter Chase was restored to membership. -These were encouraging circumstances, evidence in my mind that the Heritage is not forsaken. -

I dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & after dinner he brought me more than half way home. - Thus I am helped along

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 October 31, Sunday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) appealed the ruling of the Vienna court of September 17th that his nephew Karl be cared for by his mother under a court-appointed guardian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 10th M 1819 / Being unwell with a complaint which



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rendered sitting exceedingly painful, was unable to attend our Meetings today.

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 November 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 11th M 1819 / Several friends have set out for the Quarterly Meeting at Swansea - My mind is much with them this evening, but see no way to go, tho' I am about & may look pretty well in the face yet I am under considerable bodily weakness & am disposed to believe some complaints which I have may in time produce dissolution of the body - May I be prepared for the Solemn event - Oh May I be prepared for the Solemn event, be it sooner or later

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 November 4, Thursday: An Austrian magistrate denies the appeal by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) against the order of September 17th that his nephew Karl be cared for by his mother under a court-appointed guardian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 11th M / Father Rodman was twice engaged in testimony at Meeting, but Alas for me I sat in so much pain that I had but little enjoyment of the opportunity, tho' faoved with a little spark of life - a number of our friends are gone to attend Quarterly Meeting at Swansea & our gathering small This day Benjamin Gardiner of Middletown departed this life at the house of the late Silas Casey in Boston Neck.

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 November 7, Sunday: The missionaries aboard the *Thaddeus* at Latitude 38.23 and Longitude 42.54 enjoyed a blessed Sabbath worship: “*Favored again today with divine services on the quarter deck, which was conducted by Brother T. (singing and prayer, sermon, prayer, singing, blessing).*”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 11 M / Our Meeting this morning was large. Hannah Dennis, father Rodman & D Buffum were large & very lively in testimony & I believe it proved a preciousy favord opportunity. -In the Afternoon a small testimony by father Rodman. -

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 November 8, Monday: In an event similar to the famous [“Dark Day” of May 19, 1789](#) on which candles had been required from noon on between Portland, Maine and New Jersey (but not in Philadelphia) on account of a huge forest fire in what has now become Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada, and similar to the high-altitude smoke that would pass over Virginia during August 1831 and would be interpreted by Nat Turner as a “black hand” across the sun, forest fires in northern Ontario and Québec again blackened midday skies between Québec City and Kingston.

Clearly this phenomenon did not reach as far south as [Rhode Island](#), for Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) did not mention such a phenomenon in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 11th M / This afternoon Our friend John Wilbour & Abel Collins appointed a Meeting at the School house in [Portsmouth](#) near Richard Mitchells. - David Buffum took me in his Chaise, no meeting was ever held there by friends before & the House was full & more than could be acommodated with Seats Abel first appeared in supplication, then John in a long doctrinal testimony, in which life rose, then David Buffum was engaged in a very lively testimony in which life rose into dominion. he was followed by a very fresh testimony by Hannah Dennis & the meeting concluded in humble supplication by J Wilbour, & on the whole it appeared to me it was a meeting wherein Truth gained ground & I was glad I was there. -We took tea with the friends at Richard Mitchells & roder home. -

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 November 11, Thursday: Three white families from Rockaway, New Jersey arrived at the [Cherokee](#) Mission at Brainerd on Chickamauga Creek, near the border between Georgia and Tennessee, to help maintain that settlement: the family of Abijah Conger, the family of John Vail, and the family of John Talmage.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 11th M 1819 / Our meeting was pretty well attended, to me a season of not so much sensibility as at some times yet no so hard as I have experienced - A few words were spoken in the ministry - the propriety of which I hardly dare judge of. -

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 November 13, Saturday: From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

The journey to-day, though over high hills and tremendous rocky ways, has been one of the pleasantest drives we have experienced: the clouds were just sufficiently broken to throw as they flew, endless and varied light and shade over the most beautiful and extensive views; rocks of various forms presented their rugged surfaces amongst the thick growing Pines and Oaks which, though small and stunted compared to those in the Western country, are not on that account the less picturesque; and though the land is also equally inferior, yet such scenery, healthy air, and good water, must I conceive render [Maryland](#) a desirable residence to the man of refinement and property, in preference to any part that I have seen.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 11th M This morning Uncle Stanton arrived from NYork & in the Afternoon I took him in a Chaise to Abner Cundels in [Portsmouth](#), where we took tea, & they made a bargain together for the farm.

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November 14, Sunday: Caleb C. Billings (the 2d infant so named, presumably “Junior” or “IId,” the 1st such namesake born to the original wife having survived but five months back in 1815) was born to Caleb Callender Billings and his new wife, Betsey Brown Hammond Billings. He would reside in Bangor, would never marry, and would die on March 25, 1868.

From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

A day more beautiful never opened or continued throughout. The national road not being finished we had twelve miles of the old track yet to pass, over rocks and gullies. [Maryland](#) is a country of high narrow ridges, much rock, and but little land of prime quality; the timber, chiefly pine and oak, is small, – the rock which on this route everywhere abounds, is much of it strongly impregnated with iron; there is also much of it limestone and granite. Ridge after ridge we passed, rewarded by many an extensive and beautiful view, until at length after an hour's toil up Sidling Hill we entered upon the new road and bowled along down to the small town of Hancock near the Potomac, skirting that beautiful river to Fredericktown.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 11th M / Our meetings were pretty well attended & excepting a few words in the morning by father Rodman were Silent
Mother & Uncle Stanton Set the evening with us –*

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November 17, Wednesday: The *Thaddeus* was rounding the Horn: “Still watching for favorable winds, yet without prepining. Capt. B. tells us that in his last voyage he crossed the line in less time from Boston than we have now been out: But it is now the fourteenth night that we have been driven up and down like Paul in Adria, between the parallels of Lat. 38. 35 and 37. - We have been tossing rolling on an uncommonly rough sea, according to the account of the best seamen on board, 24 days, and yet have proceeded but 5 and a half degrees toward the equator. We cannot but conclude that He who controls the winds and the waves, and conducts all the affairs of nations is either kindly withholding us from dangers and disasters at Cape Horn or operating changes in the Sandwich Isles favorable to the introduction and success of our enterprise. He is kindly inuring us to a life of toil and hardship. He spreads our table on the face of the boisterous deep, gives us now the comfort of returning health, teaches us to sit with meekness at his feet and to trust in his all sufficient grace.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 11th M / After Dinner took John with Uncle Stanton



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& Thos Goddard & went to Coasters Harbor to see the New Asylum that the Town is building there this is the first time I was ever on the Island – It is just 180 years Since Nicholas Easton first landed on it, & gave it the Name it bow bears.

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November 18, Thursday: The *Thaddeus* was rounding the Horn: “*We have new occasion to sing of mercies, favorable winds, safe progress, returning health to the body and thought and life to the soul demand our elevated praise.*”

The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown, Massachusetts exchanged pulpits for the day with the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) of [Concord](#). His prooftext for the afternoon sermon was Matthew 9:5 and his topic was “The Gospel Preached to the Poor.”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 11 M / Meeting pretty well attended. In the last (Preparative) no buisness excepting a request for a removal Certificate.

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From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

Fredericktown stands in a good situation, having a fine view of the ridges of hills immediately west of it. The place is about half the size of Lexington (Kentucky): the inhabitants seem to be rich, having erected many good buildings both public and private, the latter very tastefully and expensively furnished. The Court-house, a handsome building, stands in a square which is yet to be gravelled; on one side we remarked a lofty shed under which were hung an enormous pair of scales, seemingly typical of the purposes to which the central building is devoted. Churches are plentiful, nine in number and some of them well built. Talbot's tavern excellent and good attendance, but charges, as they are every where on this road, very high. This is a Slave State; an institution hateful to English ears; yet I will observe again that after travelling through three slave States, I am obliged to go back to theory to raise any abhorrence of it: not once during the journey did I witness an instance of cruel treatment, nor could I discover anything to excite commiseration in the faces or gait of the people of colour



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– they walk, talk, and appear at least as independent as their masters; in animal spirits they have greatly the advantage: doubtless there may be instances of cruelty, but I am inclined to think that such are of rare occurrence, and this for other reasons, as before remarked, besides those of humanity. Upon the question "What is the proper place of the Black in the order of creation?" (a subject which, after so much has been said on both sides, yet remains in dispute,) the tendency of the above observations may seem to place him subordinate to the white – the next link in that chain of gradation, almost imperceptible to us, which nature exhibits throughout all her works: yet is the man of colour in general orderly in his conduct under the every-day duties of life, and also instances are not wanting of superior abilities among them, though they have not had perhaps fair-play shewn them in this respect. I may have occasion to observe more hereafter on this subject, mean-while let it console the philanthropist, that if the black is not in his proper place, yet he possesses comforts, and appears very contented.



November 19, Friday: Das Dörfchen for male voices by Franz Schubert to words of Bürger was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna home of Ignaz von Sonnleithner.

From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

On leaving Baltimore about half a mile, a large burial ground presents itself on the road side: the Americans inclose these places with little or no fence, and very frequently bury their dead with little or no ceremony; – as we passed this ground a man within it was carrying a child's coffin under his arm, which he was going to inter apparently by himself. – Mr. Birkbeck mentions the summary method in the western country of felling a tree across the spot where they inhume a body: but the tree had some-times been removed, and we frequently drove over hillocks in the wilderness under which lay the bones of the departed. The road now led along the western edge of the grand bay of Chesapeak, of which we caught frequent and delightful views – here indeed may America justly pride herself; her bays and rivers stretching to a great distance from the coast – surely nothing in nature can exceed for grandeur or utility. Havre de Grace at the mouth of the Susquehannah is a small place, but beautifully and healthfully situated: it was burned by us during the last war, they say upon very small provocation, which has given a blow to the little prosperity it enjoyed; and a bridge now building at a short distance up the river, by rendering the ferry useless and turning the present road, will further hurt it. One of the greatest dainties, the canvas-back duck, is here obtained in great numbers and sent to Philadelphia and Baltimore markets; though this was the season for them, we were not so fortunate as to feast upon the delicacy. The Susquehannah is navigable for large vessels to the bridge, and for small craft, I was informed, for near five hundred miles up the country. The tavern at Havre de Grace is far better than that on the



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opposite shore; we had good beds and attendance. The ferry, about a mile wide, is well managed; on landing, we drove on through Elkton, Christiana, and Newport to Wilmington, a large town near the Delaware, and a place of some trade: the State Bank is a good building. At night reached Chester; the first inn was quite full and the next nearly so, which appeared very unaccountable; but on enquiry learned that it is the chief retiring place for Debtors, where in about five weeks residence they get cleared of the Dun disease and come out themselves again.



November 21, Sunday: A meteor fell during the evening in Chester County, Pennsylvania. "While standing in the open air, we were surprized by a sudden flood of light sufficient to enable us to read the smallest print. We soon discovered a fireball in motion in a direction east northeast, and 50 or 60 degrees above the horizon. It passed a little to the south of our zenith, towards the opposite point of compass, and about 30 degrees above the western horizon it became invisible. This body was, perhaps, about two seconds in progression, before we saw it; from which we infer, that it first appeared about 30 degrees above the eastern horizon; hence it travelled, whilst within view, about 120 degrees in the heavens, and in a period, we believe, of not less than five nor more than ten seconds. The size of the body, when first observed, might be about half that of the full moon. The tail which projected from it was of a conical shape, well defined, and extending from the ball to the apex, about 4 or 5 degrees. No sparks were observed. The whole appeared to be a compact mass of fire, in which was combined all the redness of Mars, and the softer light of the moon. The whole appearance was sublime, beyond description. At about 30 degrees from the zenith, westward, it began rapidly to decline, and in two seconds became, to appearance, extinct; its tail, in the mean time, lengthening to 10 or 15 degrees, forming a narrow red streak of evanescent fire. About three minutes after it had disappeared, a noise was heard resembling cannon, or distant thunder, and in *a westerly direction*."

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 11th M / Meeting full & D Buffum & father Rodman engaged in lively testimonys. – Silent in the afternoon Was so unwell & sitting painful that I had but little enjoyment & concluded I was but little more use in the Meeting than one of the Posts

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November 25, Thursday: In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, Cyrus Warren got married with Nancy Bacon of Bedford.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 11 M 1819 / Our friend Micajah Collins was at Meeting & engaged in a very lively instructive & well connected testimony. – In the last Meeting (Moy [Monthly]) The buisness was conducted pretty well. – seven of our friends dined with us

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 November 28, Sunday: “I passed a very pleasant day, & in the evening returned.” The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown, Massachusetts exchanged pulpits for the day with the Reverend [Ezra Ripley of Concord](#). His prooftext for the Concord morning service was Matthew 16:24 and his topic was “On Self Denial.” His prooftext for the afternoon service was Psalm 119:60 and his topic was “On Delaying Repentance.”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 11th M / Our friend Micajah Collins attended both our meetings which was large & he much favord in testimony. The gospel was largely & clearly preached in the power of it - to Some I believe I may say to many it was a season of rejoicing -He with his wife Hannah Dennis & sister Ruth took tea with us & set part of the evening & then went to See Avis Mumford who has been some time confined by sickness, & had a pleasant opportunity with her in her Chamber

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 December 2: Abraham Lincoln’s father, Thomas Lincoln, married a widow, Sarah Bush Johnston, and became stepfather to her three children. Abraham would develop much more affection for his stepmother than he would ever display for either his birth father or his birth mother. Indeed, while his father lay dying, the son would refuse to visit the father, nor would he make himself available for his father’s funeral. There is no published work of Lincoln in which he ever had anything favorable to say about his father or, for that matter, anything favorable to say about his birth mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Such remarks as he would be willing to put on the record would be quite critical, such as that this couple had done “absolutely nothing” to incite in their offspring any “ambition for education.” —But toward his stepmother Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln at least, he would feel affectionate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 12th M 1819 / Our Meeting was rather larger than common, several came in to sit with us in conformity & recommendation of the General Assembly of this as a day of Thanksgiving. Father Rodman had a few words very appropriate on the occasion, which I thought seasonable & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a very lively gospel testimony & I have no doubt truth was in good measure exalted. - to me it was a season of favor

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December 5, Sunday: Joseph Lane, son of Caleb Lane of Gloucester, drowned at sea.

[The Reverend Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D.](#)'s A SERMON, PREACHED AT DORCHESTER, ON THE LORD'S DAY AFTER THE INTERMENT OF MR. NATHANIEL TOPLIFF, WHO DECEASED 4TH DECEMBER, 1819 (Boston: Printed by S. Phelps, 1820).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 12 M / In the morning a short testimony from father Rodman & in the Afternoon Silent - both meetings season of some favor to me, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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December 8, Wednesday: [Anne Caroline Coleman](#), scion of one of the wealthiest families in America, had graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She and another graduate of that college, James Buchanan, had become involved.



James had set himself up as a member of the Lebanon County Bar Association, and as an Assistant Prosecutor for Lebanon County. James had an eye disorder that caused him to cock his head to the left and close an eye. He had become a frequent visitor in the Coleman home in Lebanon. He had been born in a log cabin and was a fortune seeker unacceptable to the father, [Robert Coleman](#), who was a wealthy iron manufacturer producing such items as cannonballs and shot and had made himself Pennsylvania's first millionaire. When, over and above her father's disapproval, Anne found out that her cocky fiancée had paid a visit to the wife of a friend, she broke off their engagement.

At noon ... I met this young lady on the street, in the vigour of health, and but a few hours after her friends were mourning her death. She had been engaged to be married, and some unpleasant misunderstanding occurring, the match was broken off. This circumstance was preying on her mind. In the afternoon she was laboring under a fit of hysterics; in the evening she was so little indisposed that her sister visited the theatre. After night she was attacked with strong hysterical convulsions, which induced the family to send for physicians, who thought this would soon go off, as it did; but her pulse gradually weakened



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until midnight, when she died. Dr. Chapman, who spoke with Dr. Physick, says it is the first instance he ever knew of hysteria producing death. To affectionate parents sixty miles off what dreadful intelligence – to a younger sister whose evening was spent in mirth and folly, what a lesson of wisdom does it teach. Beloved and admired by all who knew her, in the prime of life, with all the advantages of education, beauty, and wealth, in a moment she has been cut off.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 12th M / Rose early this morning & after breakfast Walked out to Richd Mitchells & with him rode to meeting, & After meeting in company with the rest of the committee had an opportunity with Sarah Brownell, who has requested Membership. We heard her request found ourselves involved in much exercise on the subject & after imparting to her the little we seemed quallified to say at that time we separated, concluding to have it refered for consideration. – Went back & Dined with R M & his son Richard brought me homeward as far as his Gate –

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December 9, Thursday: [Anne Caroline Coleman](#), scion of one of the wealthiest families in America, had at the age of 23 become frantic after cutting off relations with her fiancée James Buchanan and, it seems, committed suicide by means of an overdose of laudanum.



James would be refused permission by the father [Robert Coleman](#)³⁰⁴ to attend the funeral, would keep her love letters with him during his period of service in the White House, and would instruct that they be burned upon his death.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9th of 12 M 1819 / Our meeting to me was a season of
little life - it passed in silence. -*

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December 12, Sunday: Joseph Lane, son of Joseph Lane and Elizabeth Lane of Gloucester, 17 years of age, drowned at sea.

In [Concord](#), the jail (a stone building erected in 1788) took fire but the fire was extinguished.

Provision Against Fire. - The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.³⁰⁵

304. It would seem that this father, an inordinately wealthy man, also would produce the suicide of his other daughter, Sarah, after she fell in love with a rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster with whom the father had argued about the holding of worship services in the evening.



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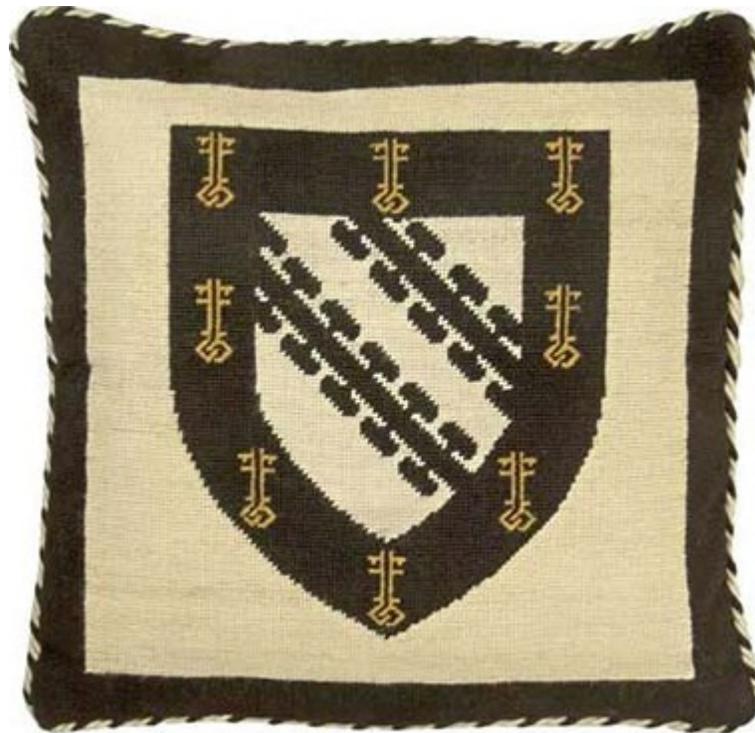
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 12th M / Our morning meeting seemed like a season of some favor, at least it was so to me D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony towards the conclusion of the meeting. – In the Afternoon We had three testimonys all of them short, but Oh the responsibility of Elders. – when I consider the responsibility of my standing in society, I see the necessity of deep waiding, of near living to the Truth of Holiness of life & conversation

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December 16, Thursday: At Exeter College, Oxford, Charles Lyell graduated BA 2d class in Classics (although the lectures of Dr. Buckland had drawn him into the study of geology, and although he had been elected a fellow of the Linnaean and Geological Societies, he would be entering Lincoln's Inn to study for the law).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 12 M / Silent meeting excepting a few words droped by a friend. –

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305. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835
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 December 19, Sunday: The Requiem of Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) was performed for the initial time in Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 12 M / Was so unwell that I did not think it best to attend meeting this forenoon, understood however that our fr D Buffum was largely engaged in testimony on the subject of Election & Reprobation. –
In the Afternoon I went to meeting & set in pain, but at intervals was easy & had some good sensations. –
Set the evening at home. –*

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 December 23, Thursday: The legislature of Virginia received a petition from Judith Hope, who had been born in about 1803 to the [slave](#) Tenar Hope—and had therefore been born a slave— but then both she and her mother had been purchased by her father Caesar Hope, an emancipated black man who worked as a barber, and then Caesar had died leaving under Virginia law this child as the slave of its own mother. Despite the statute that an emancipated slave needed to leave the state within 12 months or their new freedom would be forfeit, she desired that there not be “a separation from every friend and natural connexion upon earth” when and if her mother and slavemaster would provide her with [manumission](#) papers. (Judith would petition the legislature four additional times and although the legislature seems never to have acted on any of these petitions, would be emancipated by her mother in 1828 and yet manage somehow to live out her life in Virginia as a free woman of color.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 12 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended & to me a season of some favor & I believe most present was sensible of some solidity & reverence. – A few words towards the close were delivered by a new beginner – Richd Mitchell & wife dined with us. –

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 December 26, Sunday: [Pietro il Grande zar di tutte le Russie](#) or [Il falegname di Livonia](#), an opera buffa by [Gaetano Donizetti](#) to words of Bevilacqua-Aldobrandini after Duval, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Samuele, [Venice](#).

[Gioachino Rossini](#)'s melodramma [Bianca e Falliero](#), ossia Il consiglio dei tre to words of Romani after Arnault, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, [Milan](#). It was received indifferently.

Emma Dorothy Eliza Nevitte (Emma Southworth, also known as Mrs. E.D.E.N. Southworth) was born in Washington DC.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 12 M / Both meetings pretty well attended & except a few words in the Afternoon, were silent. –

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 December 29, Wednesday: Jedediah Morse died at Woodstock, Connecticut at the age of 93 (this must have been the grandfather rather than the father of Samuel F.B. Morse, because the father, the reverend of the same name, would not die until 1826 and is buried in New Haven).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 12 M / Attended the funeral of Anthony Dixons wife - J Dennis & Hannah Dennis both preached. -

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 December 30, Thursday: [George Thomas Downing](#) was born in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 12 M 1819 / I am this Day 38 Years of Age. -Took Chaise & with Sister Ruth rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, sitoped at Uncle Thurstons to warm ourselves, being exceedingly Cold - Meeting was silent excepting a short but unsavory offring. - In the last we had but little buisness, or rather we did but little - After the meeting it was a severe Snow Storm. - We Dined at R Mitchells & rode home in an increasing Snow Storm, but did not suffer so much as we did with the cold in going out. -

Times & seasons are not at our command of ourselves we can not raise our hearts in prayer for help or scarcely think a good thought - for several weeks past when looking forward to this day as my Birth Day I have felt much under an humbling sense of my short comings & desired that the feelings might be renew'd, but it has been a day of leaness & Poverty & with a few short intervals of tenderness, how dry & barran. - May the circumstances prove an incentive to renew'd labor

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 December 31, Friday: The belfried wooden [Town School](#) structure on Monument Square in the Center District of [Concord](#), that had been using for 20 years as a grammar schoolhouse,  burned to the ground. It would be replaced during the following year by the brick Masonic Hall, built in part through a contribution from the Corinthian Lodge. School would be taught on the lower level, and the Masons would meet upstairs. (In this schoolhouse [Henry David Thoreau](#) would for a brief period in 1837 teach.) Primary schoolhouses were also constructed in 1820 on sites near the New Hill Burying Ground, opposite the Emerson House, and on Sudbury Road.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*12 M 31 - 1819 / I close this year under an humbling sense that another has fled & that the grave is so much nearer. - May then next be better improved, & may I render unto God the humble tribute of thanksgiving for his many favors & mercys bestow in the past **AMEN.** -*

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 THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1820. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Hugh H. Brown.

THE RHODE-ISLAND REGISTER AND UNITED STATES CALENDAR FOR 1820. [Providence](#): Hugh H. Brown.

This new series started by the publishers of the Bickerstaff series continued for 12 years.

 The Reverend [John Lauris Blake](#) returned from [Rhode Island](#) to New Hampshire, and took charge of the Episcopal churches in Concord and in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. He also organized a school for young ladies in Concord, New Hampshire.

 Gas street lighting was quite common in central north London (but not until the 1860s would gas be widely distributed for domestic purposes).

The streets of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) (population 11,745), such as Town Street and Back Street, began to be furnished with lamps.

1820. Population of the town, 11,745. The streets were furnished with lamps, and a spirit seemed to be awakened for public improvements. The melancholy tidings of the death of James Burrill, Jr. U.S. Senator from this State, were received here on the 30th of December, and cast a deep gloom over the whole community. On Sunday, the 31st, the unwelcome news was announced from the pulpits of all the churches, and at the close of morning service, the bells commenced a tolling and continued till night, and the flags at half-mast were displayed on the numerous flag-staves through the day. He was a citizen justly honored and esteemed, and went off in the height of his useful Senatorial career. The newspapers, which had a few days before recorded his eloquent speech on the Missouri question, were now shrouded in mourning at the irreparable loss.

306. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835
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 [Zachariah Allen](#) began, on a worn-out plot of 40 acres in [Smithfield, Rhode Island](#) which he was unable to lease any longer even as pasture, an experiment in silviculture that now seems to us to have been the first such attempt in New England and perhaps in the entire United States (this woodlot has become part of the present-day Lincoln Woods State Park). He planted trees and began a 67-year period of keeping careful track of expenses. The cost of planting these trees was \$45 and the plot had been appraised to have a value of \$600.

At about this time, the American potato and eggplant members of the nightshade family (*Solanacea*) already having gained a widespread acceptance, the [tomato](#) (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) member of that family was also beginning to gain acceptability in the USA as a food for civilized people. In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Michel Felice Corne again attempted to grow the tomato in his garden – and this time, unlike in his Salem MA garden in 1802, the plant would grow very well and produce a succulent harvest. Soon his neighbors would be planting tomatoes as well! During this decade, several cookbooks would be including tomatoes in recipes. William Cobbett, your ordinary journalist with a penchant for fighting lost battles, having lost the bones of Tom Paine (!), decided to warn against the influence of the [potato](#). Nobody, of course, paid the slightest attention, not because he had lost his hero's bones, nor because over-reliance on a single staple crop can't be an exceedingly risky business proposition — but because you've got to join them you simply can't fight them.

FAMINE

THOMAS PAINE

THE NIGHTSHADES (SOLANACEAE)

- — [Solanum tuberosum](#)
- — [Tomato Lycopersicon esculentum](#)
- — chili peppers
- — eggplant
- — deadly nightshade
- — [Nicotiana tabacum](#)
- — henbane
- — Jimson weed
- — petunia
- — plus some 2,000 other species grouped into 75 genera

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➡ At some point during this decade the author of a number of travel books, Anne Royall, visited the campus of [Brown University](#) and expected some rather particular attention but did not attract it. She recorded that: “I called several times at the house of the President, but never found him in.” (I decided to check this out, and during the Winter/Spring 2000 semester several times stopped by the home of the President of Brown University, Gordon Gee, a gregarious man in a bow-tie well known to the student body, at random intervals, and indeed I also never found him in.)



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NOBODY HOME

➡ An editorial in the [Manufacturers' and Farmers' Journal](#) predicted that immigrants would choose to remain in the New England states rather than journey on to the west, because of the certainty that in New England they would be able to find gainful employment for all their healthy children seven years of age and older. According to the DIGEST OF MANUFACTURES, in this year in the textile mills of Massachusetts, 43% of the employees were children. In Connecticut an even higher percentage, 47%, were children. The highest percentage of child labor was of course in [Rhode Island](#), where more than a majority, 55%, of the workers in the textile mills were children.³⁰⁷ (Never mind, during this decade the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations would be creating a historical society — and this historical society would devote itself to pointing out to all posterity the errors and imperfections of Rhode Island ways. ;-)

307. It was perhaps not in this year, but we know there were “whipping rooms” in the mills, and one overseer reported whips in [Rhode Island](#) that were “strips of leather 14 inches long and four inches wide and three-eighths of an inch thick.” This overseer reported having seen such whips into which tacks had been inserted. You may have heard of such rooms used in regard to the motivation of recalcitrant slaves. If so, you may extend your concept to include the motivation of recalcitrant children.



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The Formation of Historical Societies

1791	Massachusetts Historical Society
1804	New-York Historical Society
1812	American Antiquarian Society
1820s	Maine and Rhode Island Historical Societies
1830s	Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut, and Georgia Historical Societies
1840s	Maryland Historical Society
1845	New Jersey Historical Society
1849	Minnesota Historical Society
1850s	South Carolina Historical Society
1859	Historical Society of the Territory of New Mexico



"The chief practical use of history is to deliver us from plausible historical analogies."

— James Bryce, 1888



Here is what [Henry Thoreau](#) would make of this historical-society phenomenon:

A WEEK: Strictly speaking, the historical societies have not recovered one fact from oblivion, but are themselves, instead of the fact, that is lost. The researcher is more memorable than the researched. The crowd stood admiring the mist and the dim outlines of the trees seen through it, when one of their number advanced to explore the phenomenon, and with fresh admiration all eyes were turned on his dimly retreating figure. It is astonishing with how little co-operation of the societies the past is remembered. Its story has indeed had another muse than has been assigned it. There is a good instance of the manner in which all history began, in Alw kidis' [??] Arabian Chronicle: "I was informed by *Ahmed Almatin Aljorhami*, who had it from *Repha Ebn Kais Al miri* [??], who had it from *Saiph Ebn Fabalah Alchtquarmi*, who had it from *Thabet Ebn Alkamah*, who said he was present at the action." These fathers of history were not anxious to preserve, but to learn the fact; and hence it was not forgotten. Critical acumen is exerted in vain to uncover the past; the **past** cannot be **presented**; we cannot know what we are not. But one veil hangs over past, present, and future, and it is the province of the historian to find out, not what was, but what is.

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 Mary E. Miles was born in [Rhode Island](#), to free parents of color, of moderate means.³⁰⁸ It is presumed that she attended public schools in Rhode Island and did some teaching before she entered the Massachusetts State Normal School of which the Reverend Samuel Joseph May was the principal.

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 The African Freedmen's Society of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) had become the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. At first the Bethel group had met in the homes of members and in the meetinghouse of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) at the corner of North Main Street and Meeting Street (when the white [Quakers](#) were not in the building, the black folks were of course allowed to sit anywhere they pleased, even downstairs rather than in the building's dilapidated "pigeon loft"; the unused segregated seats would be torn out in a building renovation in 1822). Such churches were disapproved of by the white community, but as one



meeting place had been removed by the authorities, it had been replaced by another, and sometimes two or three. In the previous year members of the local black community had met at the 1st [Baptist](#) Church, the nation's oldest Baptist church, to discuss their need for an African Meeting House. In this year the African Union Meeting and School House Society's new facility was erected at Meeting Street and Congdon Street

308. It is not known that this Miles family was related to the John Miles who was of [Concord](#), Massachusetts in 1637, as no connection to [Rhode Island](#) appears within the first three generations. They are more likely to have acquired this name by way of a white servant of John Hill named Alice Miles who, on March 10, 1661/1662, court records indicate, having been found guilty of "fornication with a Negro," had been sentenced to be whipped "till her backe be bloody."

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(this currently houses the Congdon Street Baptist Church). At this point the congregation purchased a lot on top of College Hill on Meeting Street, and they would be constructing a building on this lot in 1866. (In 1961 the building would have become so shaky that the congregation would sell the plot to Brown University in order to purchase their current Bethel Church on Hope Street at the intersection of Rochambeau Avenue.)

Early in this decade [Rhode Island](#)'s black citizens would be being stripped of their hard-won voting rights, and segregated in the public schools. White rioters would be destroying property in [Providence](#)'s "Hard-Scrabble," the 1st separate black neighborhood, off what is now North Main Street near University Heights.

At about this point, down in [Little Rest](#) (now [Kingston](#)), [Rhode Island](#), [Cato Pearce](#) was being hired as a farm worker by Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior, at his farm homestead. (Potter was a state Representative who had recently run unsuccessfully for Governor, and his political attitudes might be said to be somewhat to the right of unreconstructed since he favored, for instance, that the bankrupt be thrown in debtors' prison; the son Potter, Junior would attempt to follow in his father's political footprints, with a more liberal bent, but would have his greatest success as a scholar.³⁰⁹)



The efforts of [Cato](#) to make a personal contribution were being supported by, among others, two white men, elders in the Quiddneset [Baptist Church](#) of [North Kingstown](#), William Northrop and Thomas Cole.

(It seems clear that there was a reason why Cato could not affiliate with the Quakers of North Kingstown, in his desire to preach. Although Quaker practice would have allowed him to rise during silent worship and speak, in fact it seems there were only a couple of men attending the Quaker meeting in that town at that time, and they weren't offering words to each other but simply sitting in silence.)

It was in about this year that the significant event occurred, which would cause us to retile Cato Pearce's 1842 autobiography, when it eventually came to be republished, as "JAILED FOR PREACHING." The event is of

309. For instance, EARLY HISTORY OF NARRAGANSETT WITH AN APPENDIX OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MANY OF WHICH ARE NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLISHED. Providence RI, 1935



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significance to us not so that we can experience a sense of outrage, senses of outrage being easy enough to arrange, but so that we can get an approximation of what real human life amounted to in southern Rhode Island during the early years of the 19th Century. It is noteworthy, for instance, that despite the fact that Joshua Pearce, Cato's former master, had beaten him as a child, and despite the fact that as a young man he had had the first mate of Captain Rogers's schooner lay him over the capstan and go after him with the end of a rope, in these goings-on in about 1820 the plantation manager Elisha Potter did not actually put into play the horse-whip he held in his hand. It had been used as a prop, to threaten but not to inflict injury. Most likely, by this point in time the tenor of life on the former slave plantations of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations had changed somewhat. It had become socially unacceptable for a white man to thus administer lashes to a now-"free" person of color. The reason why Cato was put in jail was, Potter needed to resolve upon some alternative punishment. Thus it was that, rather than risk social disapprobation by whipping Cato, Potter "got the officer — the jailer — and put [Cato] in jail." Cato had committed no crime and Potter held no official town or state government post such as sheriff or judge, that would legally permit him to commit a person to incarceration; nevertheless, Potter's informal power in the community was so great that he could use it to have the local jailer take a free man into the jailhouse merely for having failed to abide by his wishes. And Potter felt no inhibitions about treating a free black man the way Cato's slave parents would have been treated by their white masters.

When Mr. Potter had done his breakfast he come out with his horse-whip in his hand. Says he, "Why wa'nt you here last night to do the chores." I told him I hired some body. He said he wouldn't have him on his place. He said he hired me. He said he didn't understand why I went away to preach. Says he, "I won't have no nigger preachers — I'll horse-whip you;" and he swore. Says I, "Don't strike me, Mr. Potter...." Well he said they had a good minister there, and they wouldn't have no nigger preachers, and said he would put me where he could find me. So he went and got the officer — the jailer — and put me into jail.

Cato was incarcerated in the jail for "two nights and parts of two days...." Fortunately, the county court was in session.

Sheriff Allen and a number of the great men came in to visit them that was in prison, and asked me what I was put in for. I told 'em for preachin' — but yet I couldn't help weepin'. [One of the visitors] said, "You won't stay here but a few minutes — he had done perfectly wrong — we will have you out in a few minutes." Then they gave me some money and went out and told Elisha Potter they would give so long to take me out [or] they was goin' to prosecute him if he didn't. About half an hour after that, I could see Elisha Potter through the grate, comin' up the back side and in the back way, and [he] got the jailer to talk with me while he stood down to the bottom of the stairs. And the jailer took me in another room and told me that Mr. Potter said I might go every Saturday night and stay till Monday mornin' and have meetins where I was a mind to. I told the jailer I had nothin to do with Elisha Potter. "If he had put me in here, amen — if I have got to stay here and die, amen to it: I have nothin' to do with him. I never have stole nor cheated nor done any thing wrong to him.... I said I hadn't nothin' 'gainst Elisha Potter: I loved him as well as ever. At that Elisha Potter come up stairs and said I had better go to work — he liked me well, and I might go to meetin' when I was a mind to. I told him I didn't calculate to work for him any more. Then he told me to go and git my things, and I come out.



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We notice that the situation in Rhode Island had even changed to such a degree by this point in time that once prominent whites visiting Little Rest learned of Potter jailing Cato, they became so upset that they threatened to prosecute Potter, the most important personage by far in that entire district. Then, it was an act of repentance and humility for Potter to invite Cato to continue to work for him and to offer that in the future he would have the weekend off to attend Sunday services. Then, it was an act of dignity as well as independence, that Cato rejected the offer, wanting “nothin’ to do” with Elisha Potter in the future.

 For some two decades the US customs collector at [Bristol, Rhode Island](#) had been a brother-in-law of [James DeWolf](#) who had a major investment in the illicit [international slave trade](#), an official who could be counted on not to interfere with the importation of generations of fresh slaves from Africa into the United States of America. In this year, however, that convenient arrangement came to an end. –No more [slaves](#) were to be disembarked in broad daylight at this New England port!

 January 1, Saturday: Spanish army units in Cádiz, destined for America, revolted against the Bourbon monarchy (the revolution would spread through the country so quickly that the king would be forced to summon the Spanish Parliament on March 7th and restore the constitution of 1812).

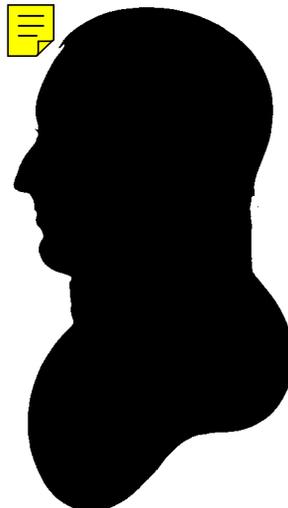
The New-York [Evening Post](#) published an interesting piece of doggerel about the sad condition of the national economy:

Old “Uncle Sam,” in chasing bubbles,
Has jump’d into a peck of troubles,
Troubles, ’tis said, which sorely vex him,
and which ’tis feared will much perplex him.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 1st M 1820 / The Year begins with the end of the Week. — May this year prove to me a year of improvement May my life be renewedly increased in religion. —³¹⁰

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January 2, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) had been married to Penelope for five years but they both realized their union had been an unhappy one:

ON MY WEDDING-DAY.

Here's a happy new year! but with reason
I beg you'll permit me to say —
Wish me many returns of the season,
But as few as you please of the day.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 1st M / Our Meetings were both silent & pretty well attended. — particularly in the Morning my mind was favor'd with sweetness & religious sensibility, for which I desire to be thankful

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January 6, Thursday: In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*This evening we arrived at Mr. Daniel's, an industrious farmer, and provided with a rough-looking, but comfortable winter cabin. About two miles from hence, Mr. D., who lives upon a confirmed Spanish right, had erected a grist mill. Saw-mills were also about to be built at the Cadron, and two or three other places. The establishment of a town was now contemplated also at the Little Rock, by colonel Hogan, and some others. They had not, however, sufficient capital, and no doubt expected to derive some adventitious wealth from those speculators who were viewing various parts of the newlyformed territory.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 1st M / Sat meeting under solemn reflections, arising from the Circumstance of the Sudden exit of Gilbert Chase who Died this morning about 2 OC after laying about 33 hours in an Apoplectic Fit. — Daniel Swinbourne also Died suddenly this morning, he had been complaining some Months, but rose & ate his breakfast as well as for some time, but in a few minutes after expired. — Last evening died at [Portsmouth](#) Phebe Barber she was a member of Society & a relation in the Mott family

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January 8, Saturday: In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*To-day we passed seven bends, making about 28 miles. The water at this, its lowest stage, appears to be perfectly navigable for the larger boats from the Little Rock to the Mississippi. By the cane which occurs in all the bends, and indeed by the apparent elevation, there are here great bodies of good land, free from inundation. The soil in some of the banks consists of an uncommonly rich dark Spanish brown loam.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 1st M / This day has been a day of seriousness, having to feel in carious subjects, which now seem to be pending. — how do I feel the force of the language "Have Salt in

310. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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 January 9, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner got married for the 2d time, with Eugenie Franziska Jaeggi, an accomplished pianist, daughter of a valet, in Pressburg.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*This forenoon we passed the fourth Pine Bluff, at the base of which we observed abundance of earthy iron ore, in flattened, contorted, and cellular masses, scattered about in profusion; much of it appeared to be pyrites, other masses more or less argillaceous and siliceous. Here, on the portions of the high bank which had sunk down by the undermining of the current, we saw the wax-myrtle of the Atlantic sea-coast.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 10th [?] of 1st M / At the hour appointed the funeral of Gilbert Chase met at His House & proceeded to the Meeting House, the gathering was large & D Buffum & H Dennis were engaged in solemn & impressive testimonys. –
In the Afternoon Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a rather short, but lively & to my mind pertinent testimony.*

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 January 13, Thursday: Documentation of the [international slave trade](#), per W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: “Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting ... Information in relation to the Illicit Introduction of [Slaves](#) into the United States, etc.,” –HOUSE DOCUMENT, 16 Cong. 1 sess. III, No. 42.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*The weather still freezing. In the evening we passed Mr. Harrington’s, a farmer in very comfortable circumstances. Betwixt Morrison’s and this place, the river makes two cuts, through two bends of about eight miles each.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 1st M 1820 / Our first meeting was silent but to my feelings was attended with a good degree of solemnity
In the last which was our Select Meeting, so held according to a conclusion at the last, the usual buisness was transacted & to my feelings a goodly concern was manifested for the right ordering & managing the Affairs of Society in general, but perhaps less solid weight experienced than at some other times. –*

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January 16, Sunday: Johannes Rebmann was born at Gerlingen near Stuttgart, [Germany](#). He would become the initial European to sight the snows of Mount Kilimanjaro — and be ridiculed.

[Commodore James Barron](#) wrote a [duel](#) challenge letter to [Commodore Stephen “Our Country Right or Wrong” Decatur](#): “*Sir: Your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have received. In it you say that you have now to inform me that you shall pay no further attention to any communications that I may make to you, other than a direct call to the field; in answer to which I have only to reply that whenever you will consent to meet me on fair and equal grounds, that is, such as two honorable men may consider just and proper; you are at liberty to view this as that call. The whole tenor of your conduct to me justifies this course of proceeding on my part. As for your charges and remarks, I regard them not, particularly your sympathy. You know no such feeling. I cannot be suspected of making the attempt to excite it.*
I am, sir, yours, etc.,
James Barron.”

Two Russian vessels, the *Vostok* and the *Mirny*, Captain Mikhail Petrovich Lazarev, in expedition led by Thaddeus von Bellingshausen, reached 69° 25 minutes South and 1° 11 minutes [West?] and were halted by the Fimbul Ice Shelf. They sighted the Antarctic continent on their horizon, the 1st human beings to do so.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*Interest, curiosity, and speculation, had drawn the attention of men of education and wealth toward this country, since its separation into a territory; we now see an additional number of lawyers, doctors, and mechanics. The retinue and friends of the governor, together with the officers of justice, added also essential importance to the...*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 [?] of 1 M / The Morning meeting was silent till near the close of it when our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short & very lively testimony & the meeting closed under a good savor. – Silent in the Afternoon. – Anne Dennis came home with is & took tea & set the evening, her company was very pleasant. –

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January 20, Thursday: At a party thrown by [Lady Caroline Lamb](#), Lady Charlotte Bury was introduced to an artist named [William Blake](#). She said, later, that this “eccentric little artist by name Blake” whom she had encountered had “appeared gratified” to be able to talk with “a person who comprehended his feelings.” She also commented that he had appeared “careworn.”

Friedrich VI replaced Friedrich V as Landgrave of Hesse-Homburg.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 1 M / Our meeting rather small but to me a season of some life & favor, tho' previous to going, was very lean but by turning the mind inward & humbly craving help, I experienced the cloud raised a little, for which I desire to be thankful - in the last (Preparatory) we had no buisness but the usual. –

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 January 23, Sunday: Edward Augustus Hanover, Duke of Kent and Strathern, 4th son of [King George III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King of Hanover](#) and father of the princess who would become [Her Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India](#), died of pneumonia in Woodbrook Cottage at Sidmouth in Devon, England. The princess would be raised by her mother.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 1 M / Our Morning was pretty well attended by male & female considering that the ground is coverd with Snow Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged in lively testimonys. –Silent in the Afternoon, but I believe true Worship was performed.

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 January 26, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) moved to [Pisa](#).

New York's J.W. Taylor proposed a amendment to the Maine statehood bill, prohibiting [slavery](#) in Missouri.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 1 M / Have been much engaged this week in taking the Inventory of Gilbert Chases personal effects, & in consequence of the illness of Benjamin Hadwen I am under the necessity of receiving the Town & State Tax for him which occupies my time & my mind - but I hope to receive no hurt. –

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 January 27, Thursday: While making its 2d circumnavigation of the globe at high southern latitudes, the Russian expedition led by Thaddeus von Bellinghausen first sighted the Antarctic mainland.

Le bergère châtelaine, an opéra comique by Daniel-François-Esprit Auber to words of Planard, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

On the island of St. Helena, [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), who had been shooting chickens that invaded his garden, shot a goat that turned out to be Mme. Bertrand's favorite goat.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*The whole country, generally speaking, along the river, appears uninhabited, though vast tracts of cane land occur in the bends. I am, however, informed that the cane will withstand a partial inundation. Since we left Point Chicot the river presents us with several magnificent views, some of 8, some of 12, and even 15 miles extent; but the absence of variety, even amidst objects of the utmost grandeur, soon becomes tiresome by familiarity. As above the Arkansa, the river still continues meandering. The curves, at all seasons washed by a rapid current, present crumbling banks of friable soil more or less mixed with vegetable matter. By the continued undermining and removal of the earth, the bends are at length worn through, the former tongue of land then becomes transformed into an island, and the stagnation and*



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partial filling of the old channel, now deserted, in time produces a lake. Some idea of the singular caprice of the Mississippi current may be formed, by taking for a moment into view the extraordinary extent of its alluvial valley, which below the Ohio is from 30 to 40 miles in width, through all which space it has from time to time meandered, and over which it will never cease to hold occasional possession. On the opposite side of all the bends there are what are called bars, being platforms of sand formed by the deposition of the siliceous matter washed out of the opposite banks by the force of the current. These sand flats, sometimes near a mile in width, are uniformly flanked by thick groves of willows and poplars, the only kind of trees which survive the effects of the inundation to which these bars are perpetually subject.”

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 1st M 1820 / Our first meeting was silent in the last (Monthly) I served as scribe to my mortification -buisness however I thought was conducted with as much weight as usual - Several of our friends Dined with us While at meeting My old mistress Mary Williams wife of David Williams departed this life after a protracted illness of a very distressing Nature of seven or eight months continuance. -

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 January 29, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29th of 1st M / Attended the funeral of Mary Williams, a considerable number of friends & others were there, but not as many as would have been had the weather been good - I served as a bearer. - Serious reflections, & my mind was lead to examine many subjects. - Mary Was a woman capable of great usefulness, "fitted to shine." & was useful in many respects. -

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Upon the 8:32PM demise of the demented [King George III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King of Hanover](#) at Windsor Castle, [George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales](#), who had been serving as Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland since 1811 due to his father the king's incapacitation, became [George IV, King of Hanover and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland](#). Ever the fancy dresser (if you can imagine this, he had attended his first House of Lords debate in 1783 attired in a black velvet suit embroidered with gold and pink spangle, with a pink satin lining, accessorized by high-heel pink footwear), his coronation crown was to sport 12,314 diamonds. The new king, obese, was possibly addicted to laudanum. He would become seriously ill and would reign only a decade before his own demise. His coronation would need to be postponed on account of his official wife Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbützel, Princess of Wales](#), a squat lady who was refusing to bathe or to change her underwear, who would manage despite discouragements to make her way to London — and would be greeting enthusiastic crowds.

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January 30, Sunday: Sent south on a private venture by Captain Shireff, R.N., [Captain Edward Bransfield](#), in command of the British merchant ship *Williams*, sighted and landed on the Trinity Peninsula on the northern tip of Graham Land.



Bransfield and Smith sighted the Antarctic Peninsula to the south of the South Shetlands.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 30th of 1 M / Our Morning Meeting was hurt by too much preaching. – In the Afternoon a short offering to pretty good acceptance. –

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 January 31, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31st of 1 M / Have debated in my own mind pretty much all day about Quarterly Meeting & finally conceded this eveng to go. –it seems as if I am now able to go tho' exceedingly inconvenient & we know not how long we will be held in the way of our duty. –

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In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “The cliffs of Natchez appear more elevated than those of the Petit Gulf. The lands, of an inferior soil, are also remarkably broken and deeply undulated. The crumbling precipice, of about 150 feet elevation, is continually breaking, by the action of springs and rain-water, into gullies and frightful ravines; the whole visible matter which composes the hills consisting of clays, ferruginous sand, and quartz gravel. A few years ago, the undermining of the current swept down a considerable part of the bank with several houses upon it. From the irregularity in the thickness of this ancient maritime alluvion, arises the great difference of depth at which water is here obtained. In the same vicinity water has been found at 35, and then again at 110 feet from the surface.”

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 February: At the [Rhode Island](#) general assembly, George Field of Cranston introduced a bill for the establishment of a free school system throughout the state. After a brief discussion, the matter was postponed to a future session so that the assemblymen might sound out their political supporters in regard to such an innovation.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

 February 1, Tuesday: Under a plan of the economist David Ricardo the Bank of England began issuing gold ingots, for use by merchants making foreign payments (this would prove successful).

Adrien Boieldieu was named Professor of Composition at the Paris Conservatory.

Gaspere Spontini took up his position as Generalmusikdirektor in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 2 M 1820 / Tho' it is very cold this morning the thermometer only at six above 0, I set out [from [Newport](#)] in a sleigh with Isaac Mitchell & sister E Rodman for [Providence](#). On our arrival at [Bristol](#) ferry found several friends in weighting but the Wind so very high that there was no prospect of going over, so we set out to go round over the Stone Bridge, & got to Abraham Barkers to dinner, from thence crossed at Slaid's ferry & reached the hospitable Mansion of our venerable friend [Moses Brown](#) about 1/2 after 6 OC in eveng who very kindly received us out of the Wind & cold & administered both to the



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necessities of ourselves & horse, all much fatigued. – here we lodged & found several friends whose company was very agreeable. – After breakfast the next morning we rode to the Yearly Meeting school House,³¹¹ spent a little time & from thence to Providence & attended the Select Meeting which was small in consequence of the travelling - I was the only member present from our Meeting. I dined at Obadiah Browns & spent the Afternoon & evening at Joseph Anthonys where I also lodged - in the evening we were joined by several Rhode Island friends who crossed at Bristol. –

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 February 3, Thursday: John Keats's hemorrhaging began. Trained in medicine, he recognized the blood as arterial and understood that this indicated that his disease was terminal.³¹²

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day attended the Quarterly Meeting at large, in the first meeting we were burdened with several appearances from Micah Ruggles who I desire & pray may experience deeper Wisdom than he has yet known Thos Anthony was engaged in a lively testimony -there were several other appearances of which I can say but little.- –

In the last meeting there was but little buisness & the heft of the first meeting remained I dined at Moses Browns, spent the remainder of the Afternoon & evening, in a very agreeable & edifying conversation with Moses & several friends there –lodged & next morning rode again to Providence & set out for home over India Bridge - we dined at James Maxwells in Warren & proceeded to Bristol Ferry but found Ice obstructed so that it was not

311. This new school was on what was then rural land, Friend Moses Brown's farm on Providence Neck northeast of what was then the city of Providence.

312. He would succumb at the age of 25, four months after his engagement to Fanny Brawne as depicted in the Jane Campion movie "Bright Star" — Fanny's loveletters would be placed in the coffin.



Fanny would not languish forever in grief, but would marry with Louis Lindon, Esq. and bear him three children and lead a long life.



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prudent to cross & we returned to [Warren](#) & lodged at James Maxwells who very kindly entertained us. – 7th day, This Morning set out from [Warren](#) to Sleids ferry where we crossed in season to get to Abraham Barkers to dinner & got home before night. This little journey tho' attended with considerable bodily & mental suffering I trust has been a proffitable one to me – I was impressed with a belief that it was best for me to go being in health & not knowing how soon it may be otherwise with me. – time is both short & Uncertain many of my towns men & women have been removed the last year, some of whom promised a long & useful life. –1st day [Sunday] 6th of 2nd M 1820 / Our Meetings were both silent & to me seasons of labor. –

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[Elisha Kent Kane](#) was born in Philadelphia.

[Elisha Kent Kane](#) passed a relatively unremarkable childhood. A first-born child, his family moved several times as it grew, within the precincts of Philadelphia, finally moving to an estate named Rensselaer. According to his contemporaneous biographer, William Elder, Kane was an average student, who was accepted at the University of Virginia. In his second year of college he contracted rheumatic fever. This event, more than any other was to configure the rest of his life. The first outcome of his illness was his attraction to the world of medicine. Upon his graduation from the University of Virginia, Kane began the study of medicine in Philadelphia. By twenty-two, he had published a study of early pregnancy detection in the American Journal of Medical Sciences. More profound than this was the effect of the resulting terminal endocarditis on his world view. In the present time, of course, the existence of antibiotics would make short work of a chronic infection of the cardiac lining. In the early 19th century, however, it was a death sentence. Perhaps a couple of years would pass, perhaps a few decades, but the sentence was final. Kane set out with a vengeance to live a life that would be remembered. Joining the US Navy, he set out to discover the world. Finding himself in the South Pacific, he descended into the crater of an active volcano to retrieve water samples, much to the dismay of his companions, who fled the scene in mortal fear. Travelling to China, he practiced medicine on a hospital ship for several months before setting off to the west through India and Egypt, Athens and Paris. Two more tours of stultifying naval duty sent him to the White House to beg for a more exciting tour of duty. President Polk assigned him to an extremely dangerous mission: carry a message to the commander of American forces in Mexico during the Mexican-American War. After saving a Mexican general from being murdered by the mercenaries hired to escort him to Mexico City, Kane emerged as an important figure at the international level. Once again bored by navy duty, he wrote the Secretary of War, proposing a mission to the Arctic to rescue a missing British explorer, Sir John Franklin. Two weeks later



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began the most incredible chapters in this man's life, as he set off to Baffin Bay, between Canada and Greenland. Three out of the next five years were spent locked in pack ice, under unendurable conditions. After the incredible feat of leading eighteen of his twenty men to safety on foot, Kane wrote the largest selling book in American history about his adventures. Although largely forgotten today, Elisha Kent Kane was a hugely popular figure in the latter half of the nineteenth century. It has been said that, if homesteaders heading west across the United States' frontier carried two books, one was certainly by Dr. Kane; the other was probably a Bible. His rescue missions to the Arctic were widely regarded as suicidal. Inasmuch as his missions were validated by the scientific goal of the discovery of the Open Polar Sea (a popular theory among scientists of the era,) his was a scientific as well as a cultural mandate. His published accounts held a nation spellbound. The efforts connected with the writing of the account of his second mission (abetted by the "dragon within" of his chronic endocaditis) eventually killed him. Upon his death in Havana at the age of thirty-seven, the Governor of Cuba personally escorted the cortege as far as New Orleans. From New Orleans to Cincinnati, the banks of Mississippi were lined with mourners, and the train trip from Cincinnati to Philadelphia took nearly four days because of the throngs on the tracks. His funeral was the largest in American history, eclipsed only by Lincoln's a decade later. Culturally, Kane was the embodiment of Patricia Limerick's "sustainable American hero," representing the ascent of American Science and Technology to the stature of the European Renaissance and Enlightenment movements of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.



February 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 2 M / Meeting small but to me a season of some favor for which I desire to be thankful. - there was much Snow on the ground & travelling bad yet about 14 Woman attended Meeting & but few more men -

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On about this day [John Keats](#) wrote to Fanny Brawne:

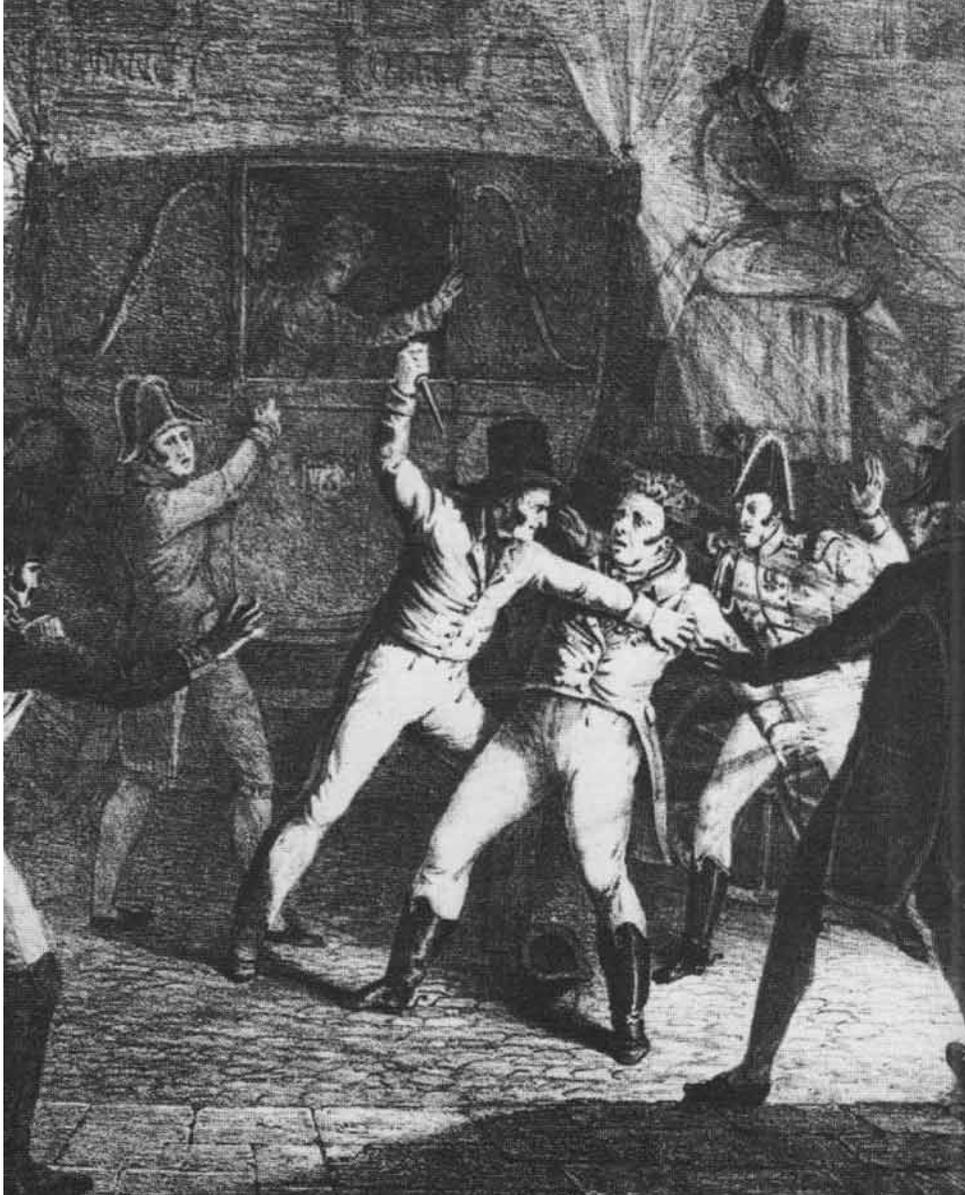
I can do nothing say nothing think nothing of you but what has its spring in the Love which has so long been my pleasure and torment. On the night I was taken ill when so violent a rush of blood came to my Lungs that I felt nearly suffocated - I assure you I felt it possible I might not survive and at that moment though[t] of nothing but you...

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February 13, Sunday, night: On the street outside the Paris Opéra, in an attempt to extinguish the Bourbon line, [Louis Pierre Louvel](#), a saddler, an admirer of [Napoléon](#), stabbed [Charles Ferdinand d'Artois, Duc de Berry](#), nephew of [King Louis XVIII](#), as he was departing with his wife at about 11PM, leaving his dagger in his right chest. The duc, who anyway had never been in the line of succession, breathed his last the following morning (subsequent to this incident, the Paris Opéra would relocate from the Salle Montansier, its home since 1794, to the Salle Favart).



While the reaction was at its height after this murder and the failure of the government of prime minister Élie, Comte de Decazes, [Professor François Pierre Guillaume Guizot](#) was deprived of his post as general director of communes and departments in the French ministry of the interior.

The assassin would be sentenced to death on June 6th and beheaded on June 7th, and the dagger has been



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deposited in the National Archives. [François-Auguste-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand](#) would soon publish [MÉMOIRES, LETTRES ET PIÈCES AUTHENTIQUES TOUCHANT LA VIE ET LA MORT DE S.A.R. MONSEIGNEUR CHARLES-FERDINAND D'ARTOIS, FILS DE FRANCE, DUC DE BERRY; PAR M. LE VICOMTE DE CHATEAUBRIAND.](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 2 M 1820 / Meetings silent walking very bad & but few women gathered - The Men however attended & I thought some zeal was manifested by some who were not Members - as low as things are, yet there is certainly something among us which attracts Some & induces them to attend our meetings - May Our conduct be such as to evince that we live conformable to our profession -

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 February 15, Tuesday: At the age of 92, [William Ellery](#) was found collapsed in his chair in [Newport, Rhode Island](#). He had been perusing Tully's offices in Latin. He was still serving as the Collector for the port. When given a sip of wine and water, he revived, and so he was put to bed, still reading. In the morning they would find him dead. The body would be buried in the Common Burial Ground on Farewell Street.



**IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM ELLERY
BORN DECEMBER 22 1727
GRADUATED HARVARD COLLEGE 1747
EARLY IN THE CONTEST BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND HER AMERICAN**



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**COLONIES, HE LEFT THE PRACTICE OF LAW TO REPRESENT THIS STATE
IN CONGRESS**

**HE WAS AN ACTIVE AND INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THAT BODY FOR
MANY YEARS AND ONE OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE.**

**HE DIED AFTER AN ILLNESS OF FOUR DAYS FEBRUARY 15 1820
HE WAS IN FULL POSSESSION OF HIS POWERS TO THE CLOSE OF HIS
LONG LIFE**

**RARELY UNFITTED BY DISEASE FOR STUDY, SOCIETY OR OFFICIAL
DUTIES**

AND WAITING FOR DEATH WITH THE HOPE OF A CHRISTIAN.



February 17, Thursday: The US federal senate passed the Missouri Compromise.

At the Old Bailey in London, five of the six trials on this day ended with a death sentence. One of the death sentences was handed down in the case of a 9-year-old, Charles Elliott, who had stolen six handkerchiefs, worth five shillings each, from Martha Blakeman's shop on Oxford Street on February 8th. (Since we have no record of a hanging, we can presume that this sentence would have later been commuted to transportation to Australia — the youngest person we know of who was actually hanged in Britain in the 19th Century was a John Bell in 1831 who at the age of 14 committed murder.)

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th 1820 / The Walking exceedingly bad & our meeting was attended by but few women - R Mitchell came along & kindly took my H in his sleigh & a sufficient number got to the meeting house to Make a Preparative Meeting. - The men turned out with pretty good example. - In the first meeting we had a lively testimony from father Rodman. - & to me it was a season of favor & I believe the solemnity coverd most minds present for which I desired to be thankful.

My time of late had been much occupied in buisness for the support of the body & yet I may thankfully add, I have at seasons a comfortable evidence of the continuance of divine regard & the extension of life & love in my heart - may I ever keep this object in view thro' all & over all

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February 20, Sunday: A revolt began at Santa María Chiquimula in Guatemala.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 2 M / Our Meetings were again Small & silent. Some life experienced & I trust spred over the gatherings. - The walking has been a long time quite bad, but it is comfortable to observe as much care as is manifest amongst us in getting to



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meeting. – Some who are not members appear very careful in that respect. –

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 February 24, Thursday: Arthur Thistlewood was apprehended by London police on suspicion of treason.



The New Jersey legislature enacted “An act for the gradual abolition of Slavery, and other purposes respecting Slaves,” repealing earlier [slavery](#) laws but essentially continuing the procedure for [manumission](#) then in effect (P.L. 1820, p. 74).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 2nd M 1820 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this Day held at [Portsmouth](#), the travelling & other circumstances prevented my going. – only two went from the compact part of the town, who inform me that there was but little buisness & the Meeting short. –

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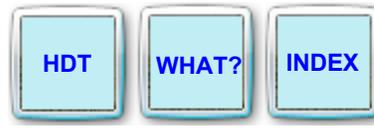
 February 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27 of 2 M / Both meetings were Silent & to me seasons of some favor. – the numbers present were as large as usual at this season of the Year
Set the eveing at David Williams –*

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At sea, aboard the *Thaddeus*, the Christian missionaries were preparing themselves to confront the heathens:

*Lords Day. – This morning our little church solemnly renewed their covenant with God and with one another.
At 12, Brother Thurston preached, on deck from Ps. At 4 P.M., after a sermon from Br. B. from Matth. 25: 26, 27, 28, on the*



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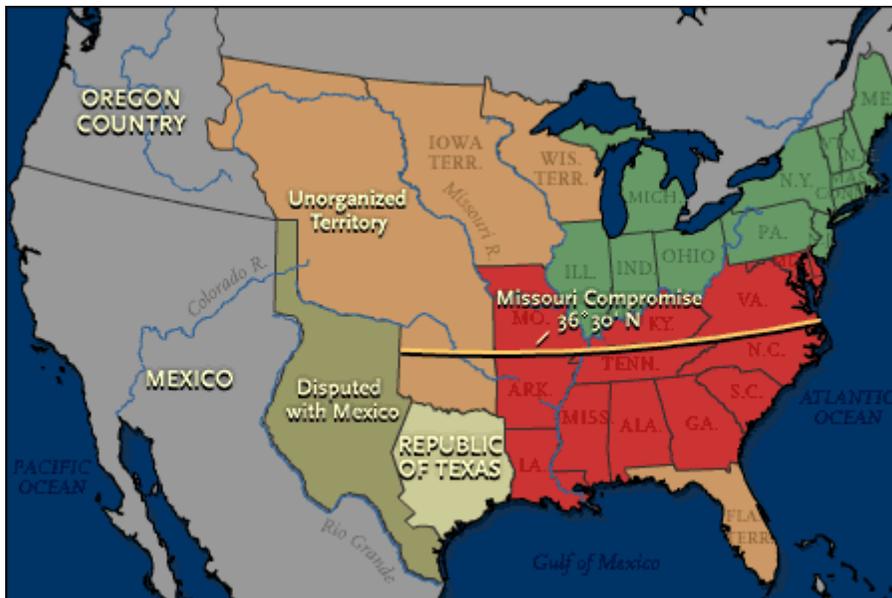
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significancy, the nature, and the tendency of that holy ordinance, the church was allowed to sit down at the Lord's table, and to commemorate his dying love in the communion of his body and blood. It was a favored season. The day was truly interesting and happy. Seldom if ever have we been invited to this supper under circumstances more truly interesting and affecting. We chose the cabin where our little church of 17 members were like the family of Christ at the institution of the supper, furnished with comfortable seats around a large semicircular table, on which the elements and covenant vessels were placed and easily passed round, while the light propitious breeze bearing us gradually onward with the unsearchable riches of Christ, the peaceful sea, and the very gentle motion of the vessel could scarcely be considered as the least inconvenience. We have reason to believe that he who thus kindly ordered every circumstance was graciously present at his table and granting us answers to the prayers of sister churches in America, and also to our unworthy petitions. A lecture on self-examination preparatory to the celebration of the supper had been given Friday evening preceeding from I Cor. 11:28, and it is believed that every member made special efforts to be in readiness and we hope it will promote our growth in piety, cement our union and increase our strength and our preparation for our work which seems now ready to employ our hands. Our next communion may be in the midst of the worshipers of Akooah. May they soon be prepared for a worthy participation.

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➡ March 2, Thursday: According to the “Missouri Compromise” arrived at on this day, Maine was to enter the union as the 23rd state, a non-slave state, and balance the admission of Missouri in the following year as the 24th state, a slave state. The balance would stand at 12 slave and 12 free, providing equal numbers of votes in the US Senate. Supposedly, the deal was that slavery was to be considered to be outlawed north of latitude 36° 30' although it was left completely unresolved what was to happen when a Southern slavemaster traveled in the North accompanied by his slave retinue.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd 3 M / 1820 / A Small but favord meeting – Father Rodman was concerned in a Short but I thought living testimony

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➡ March 5, Sunday: The Dutch city of Leeuwarden prescribed that its 600-700 Jews might not attend at their rebuilt synagogue on the Sacramentsstraat on Sundays.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 3 M / In the forenoon meeting our frd David Buffum was engaged twice in lively testimony & it was a Season of favor. – In the Afternoon our friends Ruth Spencer in company with her Husband, her father David Anthony & her Sister Remember Anthony attended with us & Ruth was lively in testimony. – They went out & lodged at D Buffums. –

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➡ March 6, Monday: Louis Spohr appeared as soloist in a concert with the Philharmonic Society Orchestra that had been delayed due to the death of King George III. He was acclaimed one of the great violinists and composers of the age.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 6th 3rd / This evening we were called on by our friend Royal Southwick from [Smithfield](#) who came to town on buisness. – he Set the evening with & his company was very pleasant & acceptable – he left at 9 OClock & lodged at his friend Thos Bush's –

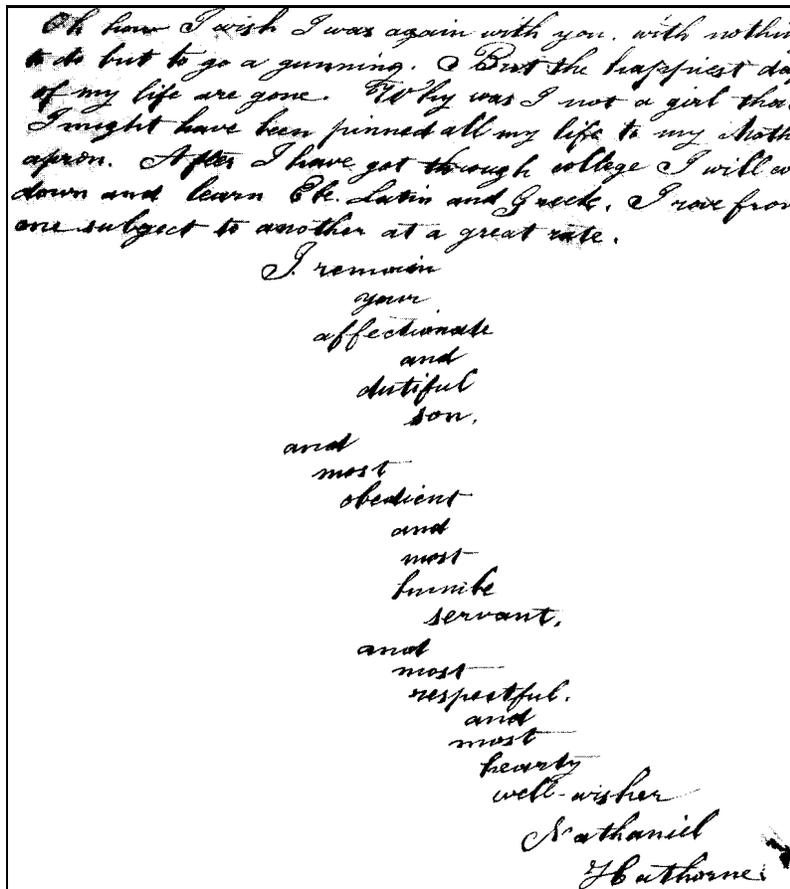
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March 7, Tuesday: King Fernando VII of Spain accepted the Constitution of 1812 and abolished the Spanish Inquisition.

Three days after his sister Fanny, [Felix Mendelssohn](#) began writing down his compositions in his new music album.

Even at what was for him a quite early age, [Nathaniel Hathorne](#) knew something about writing to please an audience:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 3rd M / This day Ruth Spencer & company went to Connanicut & apointed a Meeting & her father Daniel Anthony remained in town & spent the eveing & lodged with us. –



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4th day our above said friends returned & took tea with us

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 March 9, Thursday: One of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s most loyal patrons, Archduke Rudolf, was installed as a cardinal in Olmütz (the composer intended his Missa Solemnis for the occasion, but had not finished it).

The government of the Philippines began a campaign to purge the island chain of foreigners (the death toll would reach about 125 by the 11th of the month).

In the White House in Washington DC, President Monroe's daughter Maria had her wedding ceremony.

On the island of St. Helena, [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) was observed by the English watchers for the Plantation House to undress at 6AM in his garden and plunge himself into its stone reservoir. Count Montholon was with him, as were two servants who dried the General and assisted him in dressing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 3 M / Ruth Spencer was at meeting & had much to communicate her father Daniel Anthony also had two short testimonys. -

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 March 10, Friday: Some sources indicate that [Harriet Tubman](#) was born on this date. She, and we, know only that she was born between 1820 and 1825, probably between 1820 and 1822, most likely 1821, on the plantation of Edward Brodas near Bucktown in Dorchester County, [Maryland](#) (the precise dates of slave births have almost never been recorded, and we have no particular reason to credit the sources that specify this day). Both her father and mother were slaves, and her mother's name was Harriet. She would be one of eleven children and would, until she assumed her mother's given name, be known as Aramenta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of widow Elizabeth Willcox Anne Davis deliverd these few & savory words "Mourn not for the dead, but mourn for the living - for blessed are the dead that die in the Lord - Jonathon followed in a short testimony & Ruth Spncer in a long one all to pretty good satisfaction. -

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Letter to Dr. James Carmichael & Son of Fredericksburg, Virginia from Gawin Corbin of Kilmarnock House in Lancaster Ct.:

*Dr Sir
I have been confined for these three months unable to assist myself in any manner what ever, and in want of almost of everything that might contribute to my relief. I have now to request the favor of you to send me by the post 4 oz [opium](#) for such a thing cannot be procured here. In order that I may be sure of Receiving it you will direct to Mr. John Hull Kilmarnock*



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*Lancaster, and on the inside cover to me to the care of as above.
I am unable to sit up longer. With the mo Sincere Respect I am
DSir
Yours Mo Sincerely
Gawin Corbin
God grant I was near you*

 March 12, Sunday: [Alexander Mackenzie](#) died at the age of 56 of what was then known as Bright's disease, a morbid kidney condition. The body would be placed in the old Avoch parish churchyard, on the Black Isle of the Moray Firth in Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 3 M / In our morning Meeting Our frd D Buffum was very lively in a short testimony – In the Afternoon Silent & to me a very poor meeting tho' favord with some ability to wrestle against obtrusions –
This day about One OClock departed this Life Eliphal Jernagan an old friend & acquaintance in my Mothers family – in the early part of her time she was addressed by my Mothers brother Samuel Wanton, who went to Sea & on the passage home was taken sick & died & was brought home a corpse & interd in the Clifton burying ground & near his remians it is concluded to inter Eliphal
About two years ago She had a cancer extracted from her breast & has remained in a very feeble state ever since tho' She got out once & attended Meeting*

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 March 15, Wednesday: [Roualeyn George Gordon-Cumming](#) was born as the 2d son, and therefore not to be entitled, of William Gordon Gordon-Cumming, 2d Baronet.

The citizens of the Maine region had been demanding separation from Massachusetts control ever since the [War of 1812](#), and such separation had been agreed to in principle by Massachusetts in 1816. At this point a deal was struck preserving the balance between free states and slave states in the federal congress, whereby Maine was able to become the 23d state of the federal union, a free state, while Missouri was also admitted, as a [slave](#) state. (The reason why Canada is still a separate country –and I bet you don't know this– is that no such deal was ever possible, admitting its provinces as free states of the federal union while simultaneously admitting more slave states in order to preserve the balance between slave and free in our federal congress.) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 3M / Attended the funeral of Elaphal Jernagan She was buried after the Manner of Friends in the Clifton Burying ground near the Wanton family – Abigail Sherman had a short testimony –

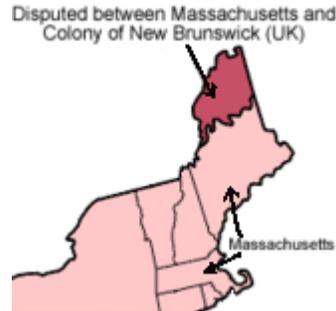
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 March 16, Thursday: The final papers were signed at Jameson Tavern in Freeport, for the Maine District of Massachusetts to be split off and admitted as the 23rd state, Maine.



The ship *Islington* was lost near Cape Hatteras off the coast of North Carolina.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 3rd M 1829 / Our meeting was silent to me a pretty good time -

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 March 19, Sunday: Aboard the *Thaddeus*:

Lord's Day. - Favored with the privilege of public worship on deck. The attentive audience listened to a discourse from Luke 23: 39-43, in which the prominent and distinguishing doctrines of grace were illustrated by Br. B. Our only hope with respect to the seed sown is in God who giveth the increase. Tamoree absented himself from public worship as he often does from our family devotions. He has, to our grief, expressed some skeptical views respecting Christianity. His intercourse with a Deist on board has been no serious advantage to him. We still hope the Lord will save him from the power of the enemy and make a blessing and not a curse to his countrymen.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was large & Silent -in the Afternoon also pretty well attended & N Dennis's testimony was lively "Children have ye any meat" - this inquiry seemed peculiarly necessary for me having suffered great barraness in both metings 'tho I labored for life & did experience a little -

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March 23, Thursday: Congressman Samuel Chandler Crafts, a future governor of Vermont, wrote to Joseph Warren Scott about the outcome of the duel between [Commodore Stephen "Our Country Right or Wrong" Decatur](#) and [Commodore James Barron](#): "A circumstance happened yesterday which has created a very great sensation here — Commodore Decatur & Commodore Barron have fought a duel in which they both fell — Decatur was shot through the body and is since dead — Barron was shot near the top of the hip and the ball is still in him — it is thought however that he will recover — Decatur has been the pride of the navy and has done more to raise it to its present high standing than any other — he was one of the navy commifsioners and his lofs is as much regreted here, as the lofs of any other man could be. Mr Randolph made a motion in congrefs this morning, that Congrefs adjourn until after the funeral, which will take place tomorrow, and wear crape during the remainder of the sefsion out of respect to his memory — but the motion was opposed, on account of the manner of his death — and was afterwards withdrawn — Randolph then motioned to adjourn (leaving out the wearing crape) which was decided against the motion by nearly 2 to 1 — we sit from five to six hours each day but after all do not make much progrefs — I think we will adjourn in about 4 weeks."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 3rd M / The celebrated LORENZO DOW attended Meeting with us, a very considerable number of people of other societies also came in hopes to hear him preach among us but he kept silence, & David Buffum was engaged in a short lively testimony on the subject of true faith & Ann Dennis spoke a few words & with that exception & a short disturbance from a crazy man we had a solid meeting. The circumstance of Lorenzo's being present drove[?] some of us to the center - I have no doubt he is a religious man & this Sentiment is confirmed, by a Short interview I have had with him since dinner to request him to appoint a time when he will See our friend David Buffum who has a mind to have an opportunity with him tomorrow morning about 9 OClock is agreed upon. -

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➡ March 24, Friday Gioachino Rossini's *Messa di gloria* was performed for the initial time, in San Ferdinando, Naples.

Marche funebre et De profundis for chorus and orchestra by Fromental Halévy was performed for the initial time, in the rue Sainte-Avoye synagogue, Paris. The work was part of nationwide mourning over the murder of the Duc de Berry.

Nearly 80% of the entire population of Washington DC was in attendance at the funeral of [Commodore Stephen Decatur](#), some 10,000 persons including such personages as President James Monroe, cabinet members, Senators, Congressmen, justices of the Supreme court and just about everyone of influence in Washington (perhaps with the exception of [Commodore James Barron](#)). The pall bearers were five commodores (Rodgers, Chauncey, Tingey, Porter and Macdonough) plus two naval captains (Ballard and Cassin) supplemented by a naval lieutenant (Macpherson).



Our hero dies, and yet his name emblazoned
 on the naval role of fame
 Shall live till yonder bright star to seamen dear
 Shall cease to brighten the northern sphere
 Till winds no more shall rage nor fires roar
 And freedom's sun shall rise to set no more.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 3rd M / This morning according to appointment called with D Buffum to see Lorenzo Dow - The opportunity (tho' not [?] much was said) was attended with a considerable feeling on my part. I have no doubt he has known much of religion, but it is attended with a mixture with which Friends cannot fully unite. There Yet remains in him the whirlwind & the fire, & withall the Small still voice is heard in a degree. -

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March 26, Sunday: On or about this [date](#), on a morning of beautiful clear weather during maple-sugaring, [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) probably had his initial vision experience of the Father and the Son. He would later explain,

I retired to a secret place in a grove and began to call upon the Lord. While fervently engaged in supplication my mind was taken away from the objects with which I was surrounded, and I was enwrapped in a heavenly vision and saw two glorious personages who exactly resembled each other in features, and likeness, surrounded with a brilliant light which eclipsed the sun at noonday. They told me that all religious denominations were believing in incorrect doctrines, and that none of them was acknowledged of God as his church and kingdom. And I was expressly commanded to "go not after them," at the same time receiving a promise that the fulness of the gospel should at some future time be made known unto me.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 3rd M 1820 / Our Morning Meeting was very full & nearly silent. towards the close father Rodman expressed a few words very pertinent & truly on the subject of silence & true worship. -
In the Afternoon we were silent & both to me were pretty good meetings. - Attended the funeral for Richard Barker, he was once a member of our Society.*

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March 30, Thursday: The hard-line French government of Armand du Plessis, duc de Richelieu reinstated press censorship.

That night, the Congregationalist missionaries aboard the *Thaddeus* a third of the way across the wide Pacific Ocean sighted something toward the western horizon — a shadow. It was the Mauna Kea volcano of the Big Island of Hawaii, which they knew to possess “a height of nearly three miles,” looming above them in the darkness because coated in snow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 3rd M / Our Monthly Meeting held this day in Town was large & very solid. Our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short but very lively testimony "Come brother come Sister let us go up to the mountain of the Lords house &c."
In the last we had but little business, & the meeting broke by two O'clock - A committee was appointed to open a Meeting at Jamestown when way might open & to close when they think proper. This seems very desirable for tho' the members are few in Number, & mostly old & infirm yet there are some tender minds who attend & it seems hard to relinquish a meeting at a place where one has been so long established. -*



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Uncle & Aunt Thurston only dined with us. -

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 April 2, Sunday: [Thomas Brown](#) died while on a trip to London taken at the advice of his physician.

Day Two of Scotland's "[Radical War](#)": In Glasgow on this Easter Sunday, people were reading the placards and reacting to them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 M 2nd 1820 / Rode with John this morning to [Portsmouth](#), attended meeting - a very considerable number of serious & well disposed people attend that meeting & some of them of the younger class - it was solid & silent & the secret language of my mind was "Gather Home". The witness for God placed in every heart. - After meeting we dined at Uncle Thurstons, & then rode to Abner Cundels & looked round the farm & house a little, & attended to a little other buisness, then to Ruth Mitchells, took tea & came home. -

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 April 5, Wednesday: A setting of the Agnus Dei by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, as part of Carlo, a play by von Blankensee, in Berlin.

Day Five of Scotland's "[Radical War](#)": some gunfire, some arrests.

The British officer assigned to watch [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) on St. Helena reported to London that "General Bonaparte remained out until two o'clock yesterday and finished the sod wall. The four [Chinese](#), who have been constantly employed in the garden, got angry at the General having given a bottle of wine to each of the Chinese that are employed in the house and did not give them the same indulgence. They therefore refused doing what the General wanted them to do, which put him in a great rage, and he ordered them off instantly. General Bonaparte is hard at work this morning in the same garden. He has cut a large hole like an embrasure in the sod wall facing my side window, in which they are now fixing a large tub, half up the wall, to form a sort of cascade into the long tank in the garden."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 5 of 4 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness went to A Cundels & showed her the Farm Uncle Stanton has Bought & dined & spent the Afternoon at Anne Anthonys -

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 April 6, Thursday: Day Six of Scotland's "[Radical War](#)": random disturbances.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 4th M 1820 / Our Meeting was small & a season of Labor to me & for my labor I had some reward, in that I experienced some good to arise. - but in the committee which met at the close to consider of Jamestown Meeting I was very



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destitute of that qualification to act & judge which I really craved to feel & which I believe I have felt at seasons on the very subject in question. – In the meeting father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony.

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 April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 4th M / Our Morning Meeting was large solid & quiet Our friend D Buffum was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony. Jonathon & Hannah Dennis a few words acceptably. – In the Afternoon we were Silent – After meeting attended the funeral of the Widow Phebe Stanton Aged about 89 Years.–

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 April 13, Thursday: Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) was hard at work revising the Gospels. He wrote to William Short –his secretary and protégé– about [Jesus](#) Christ, that:

Among the sayings and discourses imputed to him by his biographers, I find many passages of fine imagination, correct morality, and of the most lovely benevolence; and others, again, of so much ignorance, so much absurdity, so much untruth, charlatanism and imposture, as to pronounce it impossible that such contradictions should have proceeded from the same being.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 4th M 1820 / Our first meeting was silent & to me a pretty good season. – At the close of it was held our Select Meeting for Ministers & Elders, which was to me a Solemn time, especially towards the close, when some feeling & pertinent remarks were made on the State of Society by our friends D Buffum



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& Hannanh Dennis - Our friend Abigail Robinson attended the first meeting but was unable from her delicate state of health to sit in the last & this is the first time she has been out to meeting since last summer. - Susannah Hathaway dined with us

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April 15, day: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15th of 4th M / Went After dinner with the committee to Connannicut to visit the few friends there to consult with them on the Subject of having a Meeting opened there this Summer, found them all willing to do what they can, but being only six in Number, & three of them from Age & other circumstances seldom able to attend, make the prospect a little trying -we spent about an hour & an half with them collected a ? Joseph Greens - & returned to tea. -

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April 16, Sunday: According to the British officer assigned to guard [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) on St. Helena, Captain E. Lutyens of the 20th Regiment, "About seven o'clock last night General Bonaparte was walking in the gardens with Count Montholon, when he discovered some cattle belonging to the farm in the outer garden. He immediately ordered his two fowling-pieces to be brought, loaded with ball, both of which he fired, and killed one of the oxen. I believe there is another slightly wounded in the leg. Count Montholon mentioned to me that he saw the cattle come in at the outer garden gate. The gates are the only way the cattle could enter, the fence being perfectly secure; and the gate must have been left open by some of the establishment, for they never think of closing them when they pass in or out. Count Montholon said the General was determined to adopt the same plan if he again saw the cattle in the garden. I told him that it was very dangerous firing ball in the garden, and that General Bonaparte might have killed one of the sentries; upon which he said the General took the precaution of going round, and firing toward the house. Which must have been the case, from the way the animal was wounded and fell. It lays upon its right side, at the foot of the little mound that is surrounded with a myrtle hedge."³¹³

In [Concord](#), Zilpah White died. A former [slave](#), a regular church lady, she had been considered by white Concordians a loony. During the [War of 1812](#) while some captured English soldiers were residing in Concord "on parole," they had for a prank torched her home in Walden Woods.

313. The officer added, in a footnote, that killing such an animal in such a manner was a very serious offense on this island, and that anyone other than the general would have been prosecuted. He instanced, as an example of this, that he personally had had a Newfoundland dog that killed a sheep — and that for this the Magistrate at St. James had condemned his dog to death and had it executed.



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WALDEN: Here, by the very corner of my field, still nearer to town, Zilpha, a colored woman, held her little house, where she spun linen for townfolk, making the Walden Woods ring with her shrill singing, for she had a loud and notable voice. At length, in the war of 1812, her dwelling was set on fire by English soldiers, prisoners on parole, when she was away, and her cat and dog and hens were all burned up together. She led a hard life, and somewhat inhumane. One old frequenter of these woods remembers, that as he passed her house one noon he heard her muttering to herself over her gurgling pot, -"Ye are all bones, bones!" I have seen bricks amid the oak copse there.

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ZILPAH WHITE

The Concord Female Charitable Society had been providing "tobacco for Zilpah."³¹⁴



"In those parts of the Union in which the negroes are no longer slaves, they have in no wise drawn nearer to the whites. On the contrary, the prejudice of the race appears to be stronger in the States which have abolished slavery ... and nowhere is it so intolerant as in those States where servitude has never been known."



– Alexis de Tocqueville

Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 4th M / This morning being under the necessity of attending **Portsmouth** Meeting took my H in a Chaise & went thither.*

The Meeting was silent but a remarkably Solid, quiet season & I have no doubt divine favor was extended to many minds present.

– After meeting with the others of the committee had an opportunity with Sarah Brownell on the subject of her request to be admitted a member of Society - it was a season of much feeling, but way did not open either to go forward or to dismiss the subject, & we concluded to ask to have it continued for three months longer --

*We dined & spent the remainder of the Afternoon with Uncle Peter Lawton & family, where we had an opportunity of being in company with several **Portsmouth** folks but little known to us. –*

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April 20, Thursday: Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 4th M 1820 / Our Meeting was Silent but to me a solid time in the last (Preparative) being before the Quarter previous to the Yearly meeting, all the Queries were answered & a considerable scrutiny took place, I hope in the minds of

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individuals, as well as by those who were engaged in making the remarks. – After both meetings the committee on Jamestown Meeting met, & conversed on the subject, but came to no conclusion, but agreed to meet again at the close of the next first day Meeting.

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 April 22, Saturday: The obituary of former [Concord slave](#) Zilpah White appeared in the Middlesex [Gazette](#).

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 4th M / Favor'd this morning with precious sensations for which I desire to be Thankful

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Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote about the Missouri Compromise, without calling it that, and the Negro Problem, without calling it that:

I thank you, dear Sir, for the copy you have been so kind as to send me of the letter to your constituents on the Missouri question. It is a perfect justification to them. I had for a long time ceased to read newspapers, or pay any attention to public affairs, confident they were in good hands, and content to be a passenger in our bark to the shore from which I am not distant. But this momentous question, like a fire bell in the night, awakened and filled me with terror. I considered it at once as the knell of the Union. It is hushed, indeed, for the moment. But this is a reprieve only, not a final sentence. A geographical line, coinciding with a marked principle, moral and political, once conceived and held up to the angry passions of men, will never be obliterated; and every new irritation will mark it deeper and deeper. I can say, with conscious truth, that there is not a man on earth who would sacrifice more than I would to relieve us from this heavy reproach, in any practicable way. The cession of that kind of property, for so it is misnamed, is a bagatelle which would not cost me a second thought, if, in that way, a general emancipation and expatriation could be effected; and gradually, and with due sacrifices, I think it



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might be. But as it is, we have the wolf by the ears, and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go. Justice is in one scale, and self-preservation in the other. Of one thing I am certain, that as the passage of slaves from one State to another, would not make a slave of a single human being who would not be so without it, so their diffusion over a greater surface would make them individually happier, and proportionally facilitate the accomplishment of their emancipation, by dividing the burthen on a greater number of coadjutors. An abstinence too, from this act of power, would remove the jealousy excited by the undertaking of Congress to regulate the condition of the different descriptions of men composing a State. This certainly is the exclusive right of every State, which nothing in the constitution has taken from them and given to the General Government. Could Congress, for example, say, that the non-freemen of Connecticut shall be freemen, or that they shall not emigrate into any other State?

I regret that I am now to die in the belief, that the useless sacrifice of themselves by the generation of 1776, to acquire self-government and happiness to their country, is to be thrown away by the unwise and unworthy passions of their sons, and that my only consolation is to be, that I live not to weep over it. If they would but dispassionately weigh the blessings they will throw away, against an abstract principle more likely to be effected by union than by scission, they would pause before they would perpetrate this act of suicide on themselves, and of treason against the hopes of the world. To yourself, as the faithful advocate of the Union, I tender the offering of my high esteem and respect.

 April 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 4th M / Our meetings were pretty well attended, silent & to me seasons of but little life -

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 April 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 4 M / Aunt Patty Gould spent this Afternoon with us, Aged almost 84 years. She is quite current in her understanding pleasant & agreeable in her manners This evening had the information of the decease of my Cousin THOMAS GOULD of Albany aged 50 years, he has been some months declining in a consumption, was a man very useful in the City in which he lived & had acquired considerable wealth. It is said the Aged must & the young may die & here is an instance Aunt Patty still living at a very advanced age, while her nephew Thomas in the prime of age is taken away. The lesson is affecting to my mind. -

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April 27, Thursday: [Herbert Spencer](#) was born in Derby, Derbyshire, England.

In the beginning he didn't have one idea in his head. (Later on in life, more's the pity, he would get one idea into his head — and not be able to get it out.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 4 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is held at [Portsmouth](#) & looking towards [Greenwich](#) quarter next week, thought it most proper to be at home today to prepare for a longer absence - Find a hevvy cold on me this evening.

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April 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 4 M 1820 / Find my cold attended with some fever & oppression at the chest - the prospect of [Greenwich](#) looks dull

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April 30, Sunday: [King George IV](#), noting that the national mourning that had gone on during part of 1818 and all of 1819 after the deaths of the Duke of Kent and [King George III](#) had been having an adverse effect on the clothing trade, had decreed that it would conclude with this day. Party hardy!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 4 M / In our forenoon meeting Jonathon Dennis & Hannah Dennis & Daniel Buffum were engaged in public testimony & it was a season of favor for which I desire to be thankful. - In the Afternoon we were silent.

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May 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M 1820 / This morning tho' quite unwell with a cold I went on board the Packet with Friends & took John along with me to [Greenwich](#) we had a pleasant passage up & went to cousin Wanton Caseys & found them at dinner & very glad to see us - After sitting with them awhile left John & Sister Ruth & walked out to David Howlands where [Moses Brown](#) & several other friends came we passed the evening in interesting conversation & lodged - After breakfast the next morning I walked to town & went to the Select Meeting which was a Solid & solemn season not soon to be forgotten. - Dined at John Caseys & here for reasons which I shudder to name, my heart was Awfully appalled & the meal here taken was a repast indeed of bitter herbs. - Lodged at W Caseys. - 5th day went to Meeting - the part of it for worship was a season wherein truth was triumphant a blessed meeting. - a few words were first spoken by a young woman - then Thos Anthony, then Royal Southwick in a most remarkable & long to be remembered testimony Attended with life & power - Then John Bailey in a testimony explanitory of our principles & The



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*Meeting concluded -The buisness was conducted in a weighty manner & two female Elders were appointed
Took tea cousin Abby Greens & lodged at W Caseys - on 6 day
[Friday] Morning came home, a passage of 5 hours.*

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May 4, Thursday: The Dawning of Music in Kentucky, or The Pleasures of Harmony in the Solitudes of Nature, Opera Prima, was copyrighted by its author Anton Philipp Heinrich.

Birth, in England, of Joseph Whitaker, who would found WHITAKER'S ALMANACK.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 5th M 1820 / This has been a most Awfully melancholly Afternoon as perhaps [Newport](#) has known in years if ever - Lewis Rousmaniere, a man of my acquaintance from early youth & a little younger than myself, about One Oclock ended his existence, by his own hand, which with other circumstances attending, fills every heart with dismay. - Oh that mankind may learn to be content with Small things, not make haste to be rich, & place confidence in God.

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May 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 5 M / At Meeting this forenoon our friend D. Buffum was engaged in a most lively & pertinent testimony "How shall a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed thereto according to my Word" - This was the Scripture with which he opened & from it he pointed out the way in a very striking manner & recommended SILENCE in preference to the whirlwind, the earthquake & the fire, all of which must pass by before the Small still voice can be distinctly heard. - Meeting was well attended in the Afternoon & but for the disturbance of a man in a deranged State of mind who Several times spoke, was a very solid comfortable season. -

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May 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 5t M 1820 / My Wife & I being under the appointment in care of Jamestown Meeting it became our turn to attend today we accordingly yesterday afternoon went over & took tea at cousin Daniel Howlands & Lodged at cousin Joseph Greens -At meeting about 28 Met together & was pretty comfortable meeting. tho' some Left was experienced - After dinner at J Greenses we came over the ferry in season to attend our Afternoon meeting at home. -5th day 18 of 5th M / In our first meeting Jonathon & Hannah Dennis were both engaged in public testimony & to me it was a season of some favor. - In the last Preparative



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no buisness1st day [Sunday] 21 of 5 M Our meeting this morning rather thin, the weather was rainy which in part occasions it - it was a season of some favor tho' I failed of that lively sensible frame which I sometimes enjoy - Simeon Brewer a young man & member of [Providence](#) was present & appeared in a few words of public testimony. -

The times in which we have fallen, are singular times, both in the Political, Mercantile and Religious State of things, all which, conspire to render it necessary for us to dwell deep & near the principle of truth - out of it, the mind is indeed as a Ship in a storm, having lost the rudder, subject to be driven too and fro in the mighty waves, uncontrolable by the mariner, but what a comfortable & heart consoling reflection, that God remains to be a strong God, & by his holy spirit [crossed out?], thro' Jesus Christ, will Sustain all who flee unto him & Sincerely ask help of him, he has in no age of the world deserted these, & I believe never will - May I be renewdly engaged to put my trust in Him, Oh that the light of his countenance may be daily sought after by all, whose lot it is, to Stand in the fore ranks of our Society, & if this is the case, I have no doubt but the cloud will be removed & Israel will journey safely on.

At Meeting in the Afternoon father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony - Capt Starbuck & Simeon Brewer took tea & set the eveng with us

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May 23, Thursday: Publication of Muzio Clementi's Piano Sonata op.46 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 5 M 1820 / Lorenzo Dow & his new wife came to our first Meeting - Father Rodman David Buffum & Hannah Dennis were both engaged in public testimony & TRUTH was advanced. to me it was a good meeting

In the last (Moy [Monthly]) buisness was conducted pretty well tho' there was but little to do - The Clerk being absent it fell to my lot to do the Writing. -

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5 M / A great many folks came to Meeting & some that I never observed there before, but it was silent & on the whole to me a hard time

Afternoon silent & tho' I labored was unable to get as much victory & [as] I desired & on the whole a rather hard day -

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➡ June 1, Thursday: [Dr. Josiah Bartlett](#), son of Dr. Josiah Bartlett of Charlestown, came to [Concord](#) to begin the practice of medicine. He had been born November 20, 1796, and graduated from [Harvard College](#) in 1816, and at the [Harvard Medical School](#) in 1819.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 6 M 1820 / Our meeting was silent, & a season of dearth to me. – This is the state I have been in a long time & Oh that I may be delivered from it – Poverty & weakness is mine Yet I have a little faith left. –

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➡ June 4, Sunday: [Queen Caroline](#) of Great Britain met with Henry Brougham and Lord Hutchinson at St. Omer, France. They implored her not to return to any domain of the British Empire and offered her £50,000 per year if she would agree to stay away permanently. She had been accused of carrying on an affair with her Italian chamberlain, Bartolommeo Pergami. The Queen refused the offer and proceeded to Calais.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 4th of 6th M 1820 / Our meeting this morning was an uncommonly favored one. Solemnity & Life was remarkably prevalent before a word was spoken, about the middle of meeting Jona Dennis delivered a short testimony & soon Hannah Dennis follow'd him at two different standings & to close the whole Abigail Robinson was engaged in a short but very lively & Sweet testimony, & the Meeting closed under a precious covering. - Jonathon & Hannah came home with us & dined. In the afternoon the meeting gathered under a good degree of the same Solemnity as in the morning, but in my own mind did not rise so high, - but Hannah Dennis was twice engaged in lively testimonys.

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June 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th of 6 M / I am going to meeting & may it prove the precursor of a good time thro' the Yearly Meeting. Friends in this town are buisily engaged in preparing for the next Week a work which had been done ever since Friends were established, & many very many of the gooly [godly - goodly?] men and women whose hearts have annually leap'd for joy at the prospect of meeting their friends whom they have loved in the Lord, are doubtless in Heaven, & may we who are now on the stage of Action when we leave this world join them in The endless ages of eternity. Our meeting was small, but a good gegree [degree] of precious life was witnessed. - This Afternoon rec'd a sweet letter from our aged Fr Wm Rickman in N York expecting to embark for England next first day -

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June 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 9 1820 6th day / Our Friends from [Greenwich](#) & S Kingston have begun to come, to attend the Yearly Meeting which commences for Ministers & Elders at [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow My dear friends Daniel Howland & Thomas Anthony took tea with us, & went on their way towards meeting tomorrow. - My hearts desire & prayer to God, has been, and still is, that Truth may stand in dominion & reign over all and in all our movements, & redound to the honor of his Great Name.

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June 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th Day Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Meeting, which was a Solemn time, Jerusalem being searched as with lighted candles. A prayer by Daniel Haviland & testimony from Caleb Macomber Nicholas Brown, Charles Osborn - dined at Uncle B Freeborn then Carried father Rodman to the Meeting for Sufferings & went down to Uncle Stantons place from thence to Saml Thurstons, took tea & then to Rich Mitchells where I found father & brought him Home.



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– found my H had taken in some agreeable Guests Vizt Hannah Johnson, Hannah Holder Anne Greene of [Greenwich](#), Lydia Brown

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June 11, Sunday: Sarah Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Sarah would die in infancy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our Morning Meeting was not quite so large as I have sometimes observed but proved a season of blessed triumph to the Truth, it was remarkably quiet the first testimony was short from Geo Dean & of the merits I must suspend judgement Then followed Caleb Macomber in a long testimony which began on a low key but he rose in the life & held the attention of the people in a remarkable manner - he was favord to close with it, when a few words was spoken by a young man in my judgement out of the life of Authority, but Solemnity was soon restored & the Meeting broke. -

In the Afternoon the Meeting was very large Daniel Haviland — Haverland & Mary Allen were the public laborers & tho Truth did not rise into dominion as it did in the Morning yet I believe no loss was Sustained. -

In the eveng the company at our House fell into silence & Thos Anthony was engaged in testimony very pertinently to some states present.

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June 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd The Meeting this morning opened under a solemn covering. Daniel Haviland, Nicholas Brown, & Daniel Haviland in testimony & Nicholas Brown in a most approach to the throne of Grace, [was Nicolas still in the slave trade at this time?] after which the buisness of the meeting progressed for sometime when it was observed that a person was present who was not a member an old applicant (J Austin) [was this the J Austin he had known when he was a young man with whom he had talked at length in his shop, and was deeply distressed about him?] who was invited to retire, but declined & made considerable difficulty, after a while our Aged fr. [Moses Brown](#) went to him with our another Fr & invited him to retire with them which he did, & tho' there was another circumstance or two which caused some pain. yet it was evident the Everlasting Truth did prevail & it is the prayer of my heart that it may prevail & stand over the heads of all gainsayers to the honor of the great CAUSE

In the Afternoon the Meeting opened again under a most solemn covering of life, lively testimony from Charles Osborn & Caleb Macomber, after which the State of Society was enterd into as represented by the answers to the Queries Jerusalem was again searched closely in living & powerful testimonys from Caleb



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Macomber, Charles Osborn, Rowland Greene & several others, which took up so much time that the Meeting adjourned before the Queries were gone thro with – After the Meeting had proceeded in the buisness sometime, the individual who disturbed us in the Morning, again came in which occasions some jostling for a few minutes, but he yealded to the sollicitations of Moses Brown & went out.

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 June 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th With our frds above mentioned attended an Appointed meeting on Connanicut. The Meeting house was full or nearly so & a blessed season it was many hearts were deeply affected by the living power of Truth thro' the preaching of Charles. The meeting concluded in Solemn supplication - We dined at Caleb Weavers & returned home in the evening Charles & James took tea with Father Rodman & returned to lodge with us. -

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M. Benjamin Constant orated in the French Chamber of Deputies:

The French ship *Le Rodeur*, with a crew of twenty-two men, and with one hundred and sixty negro [slaves](#), sailed from Bonny, in Africa, April, 1819. On approaching the line, a terrible malady broke out, – an obstinate disease of the eyes, – contagious, and altogether beyond the resources of medicine. It was aggravated by the scarcity of water among the slaves (only half a wineglass per day being allowed to an individual), and by the extreme impurity of the air in which they breathed. By the advice of the physician, they were brought upon deck occasionally; but some of the poor wretches, locking themselves in each other's arms, leaped overboard, in the hope, which so universally prevails among them, of being swiftly transported to their own homes in Africa. To check this, the captain ordered several who were stopped in the attempt to be shot, or hanged, before their companions. The disease extended to the crew; and one after another were smitten with it, until only one remained unaffected. Yet even this dreadful condition did not preclude calculation: to save the expense of supporting slaves rendered unsalable, and to obtain grounds for a claim against the underwriters, thirty-six of the negroes, having become blind, were thrown into the sea and drowned!

 June 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 6 M 1820 / Our Morning meeting was large but did not prove so open a time as could be wished tho our frd Charles Osborn labord faithfully in the ability afforded - In the Afternoon as the other Meeting broke, many people flocked in, which happened just as Charles rose & it proved a season of good



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openess wherein he discharged himself to the comfort of friends & the satisfaction of others. –

They took tea with us & after tea we took leave at which time Charles was concerned to impart a few words of Sweet encouragement very precious & consoling to our feelings – They rode to Rich Mitchells to lodge, intending from thence to [Tiverton](#) Little Compton, Westport & on to [New Bedford](#) wishing to be at [Nantucket](#) on first Day next.

I have to Acknowledge (I trust) under an humble sense of the Lords goodness that this Yearly Meeting has been to me a season of favor, tenderness & love, for which I desire to offer thanksgiving & praise where it is alone due. – before the meeting commenced it was a season of much fear & dread among us, least [lest] from some existing causes, the Truth would suffer, but the Lord made bare his holy Arm for the help of his people, & the good cause gained ground, to the consolation of the honest sincere hearted traveller, who travel for the prosperity of Zion & the right enlargement of her Borders.

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June 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 6 M 1820 / Our Meeting was about of its usual size, Silent, but favor'd with a degree of life. – Our friends having all gone, we feel a little lonesome, after so much stir, we however enjoy the quiet, our one frined seems to us doubly near. – Thos Anthony came down this forenoon on buisness but not in season to get to meeting which was his desire to Do - he called & set with us a little while this Afternoon. –

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June 23, Friday: THE WESTERN MINSTREL was copyrighted by its author, Anton Philipp Heinrich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 6 M / This Afternoon REFINE WEEKS a friend of Ferrisburg Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Vermont called to see me, he is travelling to get subscribers for a book of Poems which he has been writing, in a plain simple Stile – He appears to be an honest Sincere man & has a certificate from the meeting he belongs too & letters of recommendation to several friends whom we know. –

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June 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 6 M / In the forenoon Meeting, D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were engaged in lively & pertinent testimonys. I believe a number of minds were affected. – In the Afternoon Our fr Caleb Mai Comber attended The meeting was defer'd to 4 OClock on his account & people of Colour invited, he was engaged in a lively testimony & pertinent to the



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State of things among [? begins with w, but is cut off in the fold] but so lean & destitute were my feelings that I was not capable of feeling but very little it seemed to me my sight was left but my feelings taken away, for I thought I could plainly see that he was right & in the life by feeling was incapable of participating in it

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June 29, Thursday: The [negrero Antelope](#) was captured by the US Revenue-Marine cutter *Dallas*. The first mate of the *Dallas* took inventory of the vessel's cargo: 283 Africans a couple of whom had deceased.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 6th M 1820 / With my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, before meeting stoped at Uncle Peter Lawtons & refreshed a little - At the first Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony on the subject of "Love as the foundation of Religion" - J Dennis was also engaged in a few words. - In the last we had but little buisness & the meeting soon ended, but I thought the little that was done was conducted with weight & to me it was a good meeting for which I may ascribe thanksgiving where it is alone Due- We dined at Uncle Peters & staid there the remainder of the Afternoon - Rode Home. I may acknowdlege this evening that it has been a good day, a day of some encouragement, to press forward in the discharge of duty. Oh may the Ancient spirit of Power, which was with out dear worthy predecissors, be more conspicuous among us in this day, may the Lord arise for the help of Zion & the englargement of her borders -

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July 2, Sunday: John Brown of [Concord](#) got married with Clarissa Harmon.

Two junior officers, members of the Order of the Carbonari, led their troops on [Naples](#) in an attempt to force King Ferdinando to grant a constitution (other army units would soon join them).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 7th M 1820 / Our morning meeting was not a very lively time but better than some others. J Dennis bore a short testimony - In the Afternoon Father Rodman & D Buffum were lively in testimony - Went in the evening down to Wm Lees & set with them very pleasantly. -

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July 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 7 M 1820 / Our Meeting was silent & a season of but little life. -

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 July 9, Sunday: General Guglielmo Pepe, leader of the [Neapolitan](#) revolt, enters the city at the head of his rebel troops.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 7 M 1820 / In the forenoon meeting Jonathon & Hannah both preached a little, in the Afternoon father Rodman said a little & I think both the preaching & the life & all, was by the little I desire however to be thankful for an evidence in my own mind of being favor'd to partake of a degree of the little life among us. -

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 July 10, Monday: Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka played a piano concerto at the graduation ceremonies of the Boarding School of the Nobility, St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 7 M / Favor'd with the precious arisings of the sap of life. Oh that my heart & soul may bow in humble gratitude for every favor & my [may] I labor daily for the renewal of life

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 July 13, Thursday: A committee in [Concord](#), Massachusetts resolved to create for the town a Social Library absorbing the membership and the collection of an earlier Charitable Library Society.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 7th M 1820 / Our Meeting was a season of some favor to my mind - Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis both bore encouraging testimonys. - After which was our Select Meeting held, which to me was a season of quickening & favor for which I desire to be thankful -

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 July 16, Sunday: In Cambridge, Oliver Merriam, a farmer of [Concord](#), got married with Mehitable Preble Cook.

In Paris, Abraham Mendelssohn wrote to his daughter Fanny, "Music will perhaps become his (Felix's) profession, while for you it can and must be only an ornament, never the root of your being and doing."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 7 M / In the morning Meeting We had a short testimony from D Buffum - In the Afternoon a short one from J Dennis & to me both were Dull seasons but I was glad to find by comparing notes with a Friend After meeting that all had not fared as I had. - My Mother Aunt Stanton & Sister Ruth took tea with us. 5th day 10th of 7 M / Our meetings was silent & to me



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*a season of Some life tho' tried with some rovings – No buisness in the Preparative but to Answer the Queries & appoint Representatives
Aunt Stanton saild this mornng for NYork & has had to all appearance a fine Wind. –*

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 July 21, Friday: Hans Christian Ørsted published his findings of April 21st in the Annales de Chimie et de Physique, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21st of 7th M / Rode to Portsmouth this mornng on buisness of society. took Uncle Stantons horse & Waggon & carried with me Elizabeth & Mary – Dined & took tea At Uncle Peter Lawtons, & went to several other places – the Chief buisness that I went on was to see Susanna Brownell who was absent at Bristol.

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 July 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 7 M / Last evening went to Connanicut to attend Meeting there today which to me was a good season for which I desire to be thankful lodged & ate at Jos Greenes – The little meeting there is near to my best feelings. – May they increase in right things. –

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 July 27, Thursday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was elected a member of the Accademia Filarmonica in Bologna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 7th M 1820 / In our first meeting a few words was spoken by a friend while sitting, not to satisfaction & J Dennis was engaged in a short testimony to pretty good satisfaction & the meeting ended pretty well. –
In the last the buisness was conducted in a brotherly manner & harmony prevailed with the exception of the friend alluded to in the first meeting, who made some personal reflections & offered some abuse to an aged friend which I hope the Overseers will attend too & the poor deluded man brought to a right sense of his State & condition. – Joseph Greene, Geo Dennis & Asa Sherman Dined with us. –*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 8th M / This Morning rode to Portsmouth to Attend The Select Quarterly Meeting with Father Rodman. – it was a season of favor, tho' much deep waiding was exsperienced on account of the State of things among us, but unity & love



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prevailed to the consolation of some who are at times ready to faint. – Dined at Uncle Peter Lawtons & came home. –

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August 3, Thursday: Simon Mayr read his study of Franchinus Gaffurius to the Ateneo, Bergamo. This was the initial portion of a projected book on various people. He would be prevented from completing the work by illness and death.



President James Monroe instructed that the Africans of the *negrero Antelope* were to be held in Savannah by US Marshal John H. Morel until the white people could come to agreement on their destiny.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Again went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Large, the first appearance was from a young Woman from Lynn in supplication much to dissatisfaction – Then a short lively testimony from Thos Anthony, the rest of the service fell chiefly to our dear friend & Brother Charles Osborn. he had much also to communicate in the last meeting & visited the womens meeting – We dined at Uncle Peters after which Sister Ruth & Eleanor Lawton & myself went on towards [Providence](#) in the Waggon & reached James maxwells in [Warren](#) before night. Sister Ruth & I with the view of attending the School committee & Eleanor to enter as Nurse in the Yearly Meeting school

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August 4, Friday: At Stirling in Scotland a judge of the “[Radical War](#)” treason delivered himself of the remark “To you Andrew Hardie and John Baird I can hold out little or no hope of mercy” because “as you were the leaders, I am afraid that example must be given by you.”

HANGING

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day proceeded to [Providence](#) & reached the School House about 10 O'clock, after landing the Young Women, I rode into town on a little buisness with Natl. Watson of Salem & returned to [Moses Browns](#) & dined where I found G Osborn & several other friends whom I loved, their company was very pleasant. – After dinner we went up to the School House & attended to the concerns that came before us in the capacity of School Committee, much weight was manifest among us & right concern for the welfare of the institution. – Ruth & I returned to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged. –next morning being 7th day we returned to the school House to attend to some unfinished buisness of yesterday, staid to dinner & dined with the Schollars after which we left them & rode home & got to [Newport](#) before 9 O'clock in the evening. –

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 August 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 8 M / Our morning Meeting was pretty well attended
Father Rodman was concerned in Testimony – Jeremiah Austin as
is now not a member of Society was present & undertook to preach
to us - We heard The Bell, but alas where is the pomgranate,
which tastes & smells pleasantly. –*

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 August 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 8th M 1820 / Our Meeting was silent & to me a
season of leaness, arising perhaps chiefly from a want of timely
care on my part, tho' I labor'd to get my mind settled. –*

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 August 13, Sunday: Field Marshall William Carr Beresford, Duke of Elvas, administrator of Portugal, sailed for Brazil to visit Dom João, the absent king.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 8 M / This morning as I went into the meeting House
Yard I found a number of Men & boys standing round our frd David
Buffum in a manner which induced me to believe that something
had happened to him on going up I found his horse as he was
taking him out of the carriage in Kicking off the flies had hit
his leg & it was bleeding most profusely. They had put a
handkerchief round it & soon his son David came up & carried him
home. The heat of the Weather & his time of life excites no Small
concern for his wellfare – Our Meeting was Silent & a season of
thoughtfulness to me tho' not so much of the Life as I desired
Afternoon meeting rather small people seem to dislike very warm
as well as very cold weather to turn out to meeting in –father
Rodman & Aunt A Carpenter out to see D Buffum, found his leg
severely hurt but it appears to be a flesh wound & with proper
care may do well, tho' so severe a hurt is always dangerous at
the age of 76. –*

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➡ August 17, Thursday: The trial to prove the infidelities of Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), so that [King George IV](#) might divorce her, began with her riding in triumph to the House of Lords in a state carriage through cheering throngs, graciously waving to all and sundry. Among the 258 peers assembled there were two (at least) with whom she had had intimate relations. The issue of her name being in the weekly liturgy of the Anglican Church was a major complication. The husband could not bring proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court because he did not have the required “clean hands.” He attempted to secure a Bill of Pains and Penalties but the queen was virtually acquitted by the House of Lords because the bill passed only by a slender majority. As far as many of the peers were concerned, the issue was not who was dirty but who was dirtiest:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17 of 8 M / At Meeting J Dennis was concerned in a short testimony -
Our fr D Buffum remains confined with a sore leg which does not get much better, tho' it is supposed it is doing as well as can be expected*

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 August 20, Sunday: A meeting was held at Canandaigua's Mill's Hotel to discuss the building of a [canal](#) linking Canandaigua Lake with the [Eric Canal](#). John C. Spencer, James D. Bemis, Asa Stanley, Dudley Marvin, and William H. Adams were appointed to study a route.

A setting of Spiritus meus by Antonio Salieri was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Gentleman's Magazine was able to applaud a lady, when it came across one:

The numerous family and large domestic establishment of Mrs Fry are properly conducted with the utmost propriety. Nor does her zeal in the holy cause of humanity ever lead her to infringe on those domestic duties which every female is called upon conscientiously to fulfil.

ELIZABETH FRY

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 8th M 1820 / In the Mornng Meeting J Dennis was concerned in testimony - In the Afternoon silent. -

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 August 24, Thursday: A Constitutionalist insurrection against the Bragança dynasty began among liberal army officers in Oporto, Portugal. A rebel junta was set up in the city led by Brigadier António da Silveira Pinto da Fonseca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24 of 8 M / Silent Meeting, the forepart of it was a season of solid quiet to my mind, but got disturbed with some rovinngs & towards the close was favord to feel a solemn covering restored. - No buisness in the preparative meeting but to approve Representatives
Aunt Stanton arrived from NYork this Afternoon*

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 August 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25th of 8 M 1820 / This Afternoon With J L Taylor rode over the Beeches to the late residence of Benjamin Gardiner after his Clock to repair, on our way thither we Stoped at the Marked Rocks about which Storys (& storys they are) is told of the Devil beheading a Squaw &c here many people have cut their names with the Date of the Year. I remarked some as far Back as the Year 1740 & many of a later date, among them is the Name of Thos Rotch as far back as 1785 when he was probably on a visit to this Island, he is yet living but many are gone hence to be seen of men no more. -These Rocks & the names cut on them gave rise to many reflections. They have been visited by many for pleasure who have since seen great trouble & paid the debt of Nature & now only their names remain, perchance to revive them in the recollection of some of their friends who may hapen to



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visit them & remember that they once knew them. I once when a boy, was at these rocks before, & cut my name, but it is not now to be found, it was cut shallow & time has effaced it – After the buisness was done we went upon - we took a Walk on the east ridge of the hanging rocks, they are a great curiosity, & my mind in the course of my walk exclaimed "GREAT & MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS", & on observing some of the clefts that were once probably attatched to the Mass, but fallen off by some great convulsion of nature, well may we ADD "Thy ways are past finding out – On the farm of the late Benj Gardiner is an old family burying Ground, in which are laid the family of Smiths to whom the land once belonged. I noticed a very large & thick Tomb Stone which covers Phillip Smith & his Wife Mary - he Died in 1700 aged 67 Years & she 1709 aged 57 Years We then rode home by the way of Green End & had a pleasant Afternoon. –

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 August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 8th M 1820 / In the Morng Meeting, father Rodman had a few words by way of testimony & it was a pretty solid time – In the Afternoon we were silent

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 August 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 8 M / This Afternoon carried Aunt Stanton & Nancy Warren in the Waggon to [Portsmouth](#). went to Clarke Chases & walked round to view the Farm Some Apples & Pears rearly ripe & the appearance of a considerable quantity. The went to Uncle Thurstons & took tea. –

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 August 31, Thursday: Radical leader Major Rafael de Riego made a triumphal entry into Madrid in support of the 1812 constitution.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 8 M / This morng took the Waggon & carried father Rodman & Sister Eliza & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. In the first meeting J Dennis said a few words but with me life was low. The buisness of the last, was pretty well conducted & in my feelings life rose in a very pleasant & comfortable degree for which continued evidence of Divine favor I desire to be thankful - We dined at Rich Mitchells

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 September 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 9th M 1820 / Our Morning Meeting was well Attended & a favor'd season Hannah Dennis was very lively & sweet in



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testimony & father Rodman appeared in a few words. -In the Afternoon Silent, & pretty Solid. -

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September 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 9 M / This Afternoon took the Waggon & with My H, John & Aunt Stanton rode to [Portsmouth](#) & took tea with our Aged Cousin Elizabeth Chase. The Afternoon was pleasant & the time was spent pleasantly, but my mind was occupied much in retrospection, on my past visits at the House when the family were all alive & together, but now how changed? Soon we shall all be changed, soon all consigned to the Silent grave & may we so live while here, as to be received into happiness in the World to come. -

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A news item relating to the development of ELECTRIC WALDEN technology:

- François Arago presented the findings of the Danish physicist Hans Christian Ørsted to the French Academy in Paris.



"If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch,
you must first invent the universe."

- [Carl Sagan](#)



September 7, Thursday: During a Lake Erie storm two lake vessels were forced to tie up at the new pier being built by Samuel Wilkeson at Buffalo Creek, New York (later the Buffalo River). The pier would hold.

The Attorney-General of England rested His Majesty's case against Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) in the House of Lords. She responded by sailing down the Thames in her state barge. An estimated 200,000 people viewed the procession.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 9th M / Father Rodman delivered a short testimony at Meeting. - To me it was a season of great poverty. I know not when I have passed a meeting so destitute of good Joseph Sansom of Philadelphia was at Meeting he is a great traveller & published several works. -

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When the wooden [Concord Town School](#) had burned down the previous December 31st,  the Corinthian Lodge of local Freemasons had volunteered to pay \$400 toward the cost of replacing it, on condition that a private staircase would be provided to an upper floor that would be reserved for their activities. The new building, of brick, dedicated on this day by the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#), sported a bell cupola (two other, outlying, new schoolhouses were also being dedicated on this day).

I wish you to realize that it is your indispensable duty to govern your children.... I do not say you must be severe. There will be no need of severity, if you begin discipline seasonably and pursue it with wisdom and prudence. But they must be made to obey you. If you do not know how to govern your children, and to command their fear and love, it is high time you should learn. And I would there were schools for this purpose. I believe they would be highly beneficial.



Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

The ground floor of this building would house the town school preparing local students for college until,



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in 1851,  it would be moved across the square into the new Town Hall.

 The classroom was constructed like an amphitheater. The ceiling was ten feet high and, in the center, running from the door to the master's desk at the opposite end, was an aisle. On either side the floor rose toward the wall on an inclined plane, on which were four rows of benches, ten seats to a row, so that the master was surrounded by students on three sides. The northwest half was the girls' side and the boys sat on the southeast, forty students on each side. The scholars used wooden desks of the classic schoolroom type – lidded, bolted to the floor, and attached to the seat in front. The master's desk stood on a platform sixteen inches high, facing the students. Near this, on the floor, was an old heating stove. The room was lit with oil lamps.

 September 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 9 M / In the morning Meeting Father Rodman was concerned in a short well connected & pretty lively testimony In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was twice on her feet engaged in a lively pertinent testimony in which Gospel Authority was demonstrated & both to me were good Meetings. –

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 September 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13th of 9 M / This Afternoon took John & with Mother & Aunt Stanton went to Connanicut & took tea with Cousin Mary Howland, Cousin Abigail Casey was there & a pleasant Afternoon it was - After tea John & I came home & left Mother & Aunt Stanton to stay a few Days –

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 September 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 9th M 1820 / Silent Meeting. our frd D Buffum attended, the first time since his leg was hurt. –

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 September 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

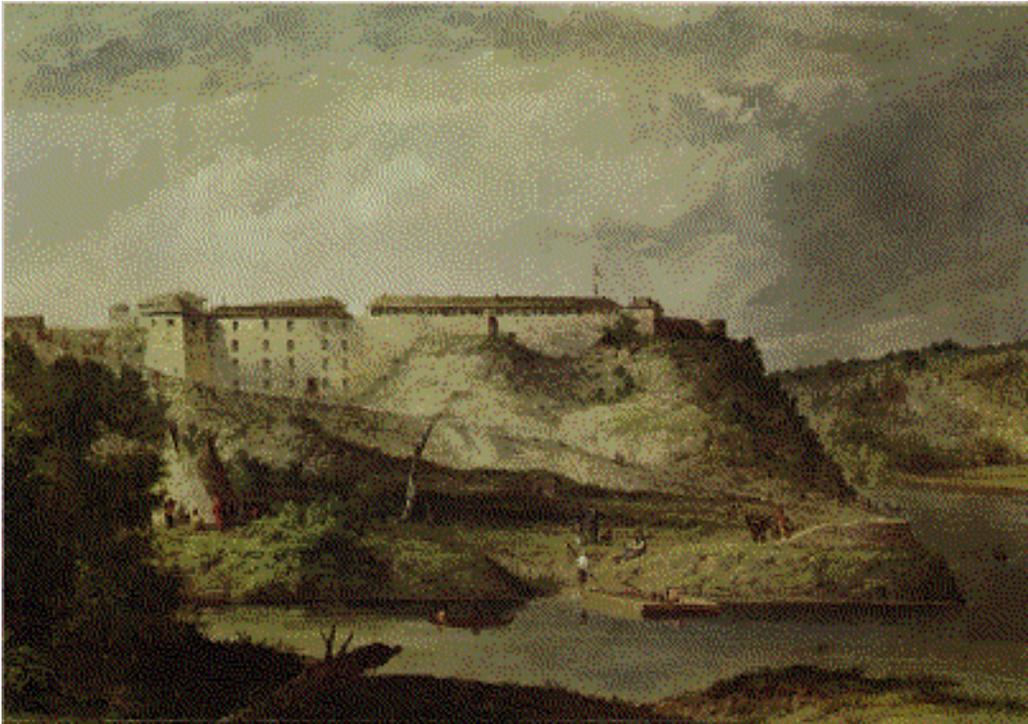
1st day 17 of 9th M / In the Morning Meeting Hannah Dennis was large in testimony, Jonathon was also engaged in testimony & D Buffum closed the Service with his usual lively manner, it seemed as if there was much concern manifested, for the Churches Wellfare & Oh that it may increase among us. -- In the Afternoon Silent but the Meeting closed under a good degree of life to my feelings. –

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➡ September 20, Wednesday: Red-haired but nearly bald Colonel Josiah “The Prairie Chicken” Snelling laid the cornerstone of a massive new fort, to be called “Fort St. Anthony,” at the confluence of the Mississippi River and the St. Peter’s River overlooking Pike Island in what eventually would become Minnesota. Construction would require six years.



Rochesterville, New York’s Methodist Episcopal Church opened and Abelard Reynolds was named 1st trustee.

Two hundred and forty-one additional deaths from [yellow fever](#) were recorded in Savannah.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 9 M / Our meeting today was small & silent to me
a season of some oppression. –
John remains very poorly. I hardly know what to think of his
case. –*

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 September 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 9th M / On first day night John seemed quite unwell, Yesterday had quite a fever & today seems to be no better, we are administering medicine under the Doctors direction & must wait the results

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 September 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 9 M / John Still remains very poorly, but in The aggregate I dont know but he had had a better day than yesterday

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 September 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 9 M / John seems Better today, his case has excited much anxiety in our minds

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 September 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 9 M / John Seeming yet better. Went this morning to Connanicut to attend that Meeting as a committee Member It was a hard season but after All my struggle was favord at last with the precious incomes of life. Dined with Jos Greenes, then went up & set a little while with cousin's Howland & Casey - & came across the ferry home

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 September 28, Thursday: Birth of Friedrich Engels.

Thomas Whiting died at the age of 72.

Thomas Whiting [of [Concord](#)], grandson of the Rev. John Whiting by his son Thomas Whiting, Esq., was born October 3, 1748, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1775. He taught the grammar-school in [Concord](#) several years, and was afterwards a merchant here [in Concord]. He died September 28, 1820, aged 72.³¹⁵

Widerschein D.639, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schlechta, was published in the Taschenbuch zum geselligen Vergnügen, Leipzig.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

315. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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9 M 28 1820 5th day / Our Monthly Meeting this Day held in town was a season of favor. – In this first meeting father Rodman & J Dennis were concerned in short testimonials & in the last the business was conducted in love & condescension – We had a number of our [Portsmouth](#) friends to dine with us. –

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 October 1, Sunday: A member of the Harris family drowned at Pigeon Cove, Rockport, Gloucester.

The 1st constitutional parliament for [Naples](#) met.

Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn entered the Berlin Singakademie as altos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 10th M 1820 / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum & father Rodman were both engaged in testimony – In the Afternoon father was twice engaged. – both to me were seasons of favor for which I desire to be thankful. – With Lewis L C Clarke went out to David Buffums, took tea & spent the evening with him-

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 October 4, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber performed before the King and Queen of Denmark at Fredriksborg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Mary to attend meeting - Wm T Potter & Mary Anthony were married it was a Silent Solemn Meeting & the Marriage was as orderly Solemnized as any I ever attended. – it is now over 32 years since I have seen a marriage in [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House when Isaac Chase was married to his first wife I was about 7 years old & well remember going to meeting with Aunt Patty Gould & Sitting with her, recollect of seeing them Stand up & when the certificate was signing She went up, signed it herself & asked cousin John to write my name on it. I also recollect that Elizabeth Mott preached, & of going home with them & being at the Wedding. -- Ah! many changes since that day, many have since sunk to the Silent grave & gone hence to be seen & scarcely to be remembered by men any more & many also, have since been married myself among the number & been called into the field of action to fill up my allotment in civil & religious activity & soon also shall I be among those numbered with the Dead. May the change be happy

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 October 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 10th M 1820 / Our Meeting was silent & a pretty good one to me. –

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 October 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 10th M / "In the midst of life we are in Death" those words involuntarily & spontaneously rushed on my mind this evening as I heard of the decease of Ann McCoy at Savannah Georgia at the age of 17 Years. She spent a few weeks at board with Aunt Nancy Carpenter in the summer of 1819. we became acquainted with her & from the apparant Amiableness of her disposition & engaging deportment with the honesty of her heart really endeared her to our feelings we parted with regret & feelings of brotherly & sisterly affection. -

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 October 8, Sunday: General Jean-Pierre Boyer, who in 1818 had taken control over the southern part of Haiti, was able to take over the whole of that black and creole nation when Henri Christophe, King Henry I, semi-paralyzed and losing control over the Creole forces, shot himself with a silver bullet in order to avoid an approaching army of Congos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 10th M / Our meetings were both Silent & to me seasons of Some life. - with my H & John spent the evening at Wm Lee's. -

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 October 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 10th M / Our meeting was Silent but a season of favor - The Select Meeting held at the close of the first was small, several of the members are sick & the family of several others. - in Addition to which the Wind was high which prevented the two who live on Connanicut from coming over. it however was a time in which the cementing love of Christ was renewedly extended in the hearts of the brethren The Queries answers with their usual clearness

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 October 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 10 M / Our forenoon was a quiet sweet & very solid one too towards the close D Buffum & H Dennis were engaged in very lively & precious testimonys, & I have no doubt had a solemnizing affect on many minds -- In the Afternoon it was very rainy meeting was very small but to me a season of some favor

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 October 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 10 M 1820 / This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with My H & attended the funeral of her Aunt Sarah Almy & widow



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of Job Almy & daughter of our late worthy friend & Gospel Minister Isaac Lawton. The setting (excepting a few words spoken by an individual which were not very savory to me) was silent & solemn. -We took tea at Uncle P Lawtons & came home -

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 October 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 10th M / Our Meeting was small but a sweet refreshing time to some, for which we ought to be duly thankful -Hannah Dennis was engaged in prescious testimony - No buisness in the last (Preparative) but the Answers to the Queries

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 October 22, Sunday: [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 8th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 10 M / Our Mornng Meeting was well attended & a solemn covering was witnessed soon after it was settled. Hannah Dennis was largely & solemnly engaged in testimony. Father Rodman & Jonathon were also concerned in short communications & it proved a season of uncommon favor. - In the Afternoon we were silent but a season of solemnity & favor for which I desire to be thankful - Oh that Zions banks may be enlarged & her Stakes Strengthened.

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 October 24, Tuesday: John Milton Cheney submitted his response to a problem in Analytic Geometry, on a sheet of paper 21 x 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, in partial fulfilment of the requirements for a [Harvard College](#) A.B. degree to be issued in 1821.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) this morning to Carry the Masons to work on Uncle Stantons farm-house. The ride was very pleasant, but gave me a hard head Ach thro' the remainder of the Day. -

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 October 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 10 M / This Morning Aunt Anna Carpenter was taken in Ague fits which were succeeded by a heavy fever & she remains very poorly this evening. I fear every Attack will be her last -& should she be removed her loss will be great to many & very particularly to the poor to whom she is a Kind benefactor

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October 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th 10th M 1820 / This morning with my H & Sister Mary Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, in the first Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively sweet testimony – In the last the buisness was conducted in a good degree of brotherly love & harmony – We Dine at Uncle Thurstons. – At this meeting a legacy of One Hundred Dollars left by Mary Tillinghast was accepted & the appointment of her Trustees confirmed, the interest of which is to be applied to the keeping up the graves in becoming decent order & c in the Upper burying ground in friends medow field where her remains are laid. David Buffum Jr David Rodman & myself were appointed to the trust & I am in hopes to be able to see that ground in more reputable order that it has ever been

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October 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 10th M / How uncertain are all things here, & how necessary for us to be prepared for disappointments, a fresh & striking instance of this ocured last evening – In the Afternoon Br Isaac took the Horse & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to give some directions to the masons that were at Work on Uncle Stantons farm & [word in fold] returned about dark. The Horse having performed [?with] his usual alacrity & in apprant good health, but as soon as he was released from the Waggon he manifested signs of distress, laid down & rolled [?] continued in increasing agony for about two hours & an half when he Died. – This occurence to me is afflicting having been in the habit of feeding & taking care of him since Uncle Stanton bought him, that I became much attached to him & he [next two pages repeat on microfilm] to me, the exercise of waiting on him & riding him in the Waggon was very useful & I believe has contributed to my health this summer & to have the poor dumb Animal snatched so suddenly away feels distressing, the poor children both Isaacs & mine all seem afflicted, but so it is, he is gone & we have the loss, & may it teach us Wisdom, may it teach me not to place my dependance on terestrial thing, & learn me to bear Greater disappointments. – Our meetings to me were seasons of mixture, tho some favor was witnessed, both were silent.

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October 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 10th M 1820 / I expect to set out this Afternoon for Somersett with my H & Sister Elizabeth to Attend the Quarterly Meeting which commences there tomorrow. I go under depression, I wish not to dwell on outward circumstances, but leave the past & press forward to do the best I can. The prayer of my spirit is Oh Lord help us. go with them that go; & stay with them that stay. –We lodged at Uncle Peter Lawtons in



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Portsmouth & in the evening was favord with a comfortable degree of resignation & the prospect a head quite Brightened. – rose early on the 4th day morning & set out about day light our horse being rather weak did not reach Somersett till about 10 OClock stoped at Wm Reads & procured quarters for Hannah & Elizabeth & went to the meeting house unharnessed the horse & went into a neighboring house & rested a few minutes, then to meeting which was a favor'd season & very comforting to my drooping mind. it was a time of remarkable solemnity & the love of the brotherhood was very conspicuous -- I returned & dined at Wm Reads who are very kind & hospitable to friends thho' not members, & offereddto Keep us thro' the Meeting. This was a comfort as were were much of Strangers in Somersett, after dinner walked with L Clarke up to Daniel Braytons where I had a little of the company of Moses Brown & several of our dear Brothers & sisters, among whom was Anne Almy & Sarah Greene. – returned to Wm Reads took tea & lodged. –

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 November 2, Thursday: Succession of the deacons of Lincoln.³¹⁶

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		

316. Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:.... Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835
 (On or about November 11, 1837 Henry Thoreau would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Went to meeting, the first was a season of remarkable favor Thos Anthony Obadiah Davis, Anne Almy & Hannah Dennis were concerned in testimony in which Divine Authority was evidently manifest & if there were any opposers TRUTH went over their heads to the rejoicing the heart of many present - Ruth Davis concluded in supplications. -- The Authority & dignity of the first was remarkably preserved in the last meeting & the buisness was transacted in much harmony tho' in one instance there was a Small appearance of that which was not quite right. - Othniel Foster from S Kingstown Moy [Monthly] Meeting was appointed to the Station of an Elder & an excellent general Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for the present Year was read to the satisfaction & comfort of Friends - Dined & Wm Reads, much exercised about going to [Providence](#) to attend the School committee to be held there on Sixth day but after a while the prospect of home rather brightened & we set out for the ferry intending to cross over, but the boat having gone & our turn not likely to be the next, several being in waiting we concluded to unharness & stay with Wm Slaid & his wife who kindly invited us so to do, we were soon joined by Jonathon & Hannah Dennis & spent the evening very pleasantly, my mind now & then adverting to Providence. -

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November 3, Friday: Cuenca, Ecuador declared its independence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Morning after breakfast was again much exercised about [Providence](#) & I was almost ready to turn about & set my face thitherward, but after again weighing the subject, the prospect a little Went off, but Jonathon & Hannah Dennis having a mind to go back about a quarter of a mile to pay a religious visit to Nathan Slaid, a young man lately disowned My H & I concluded to go with them after which I still felt more easy to come home - we accordingly crossed the ferry, stoped at Fall River & oated our horse, view'd the Fall of Water & went into one of the Factorys & afterward set a clock a going for a man who was desirous of it, we proceeded on our journey & got to Uncle Saml Thurstons by 2 OClock, - refreshed ourselves & horse & got home before sunset, & found all things as well as we left them. My Mother& friends well & above all the testimony, that John & had been a good & obedient boy to his Aunt Ruth in whose care he was left.

This visit has been a Season of much instruction to my feelings, & I trust of some religious improvement & enlargement, for which I desire to be thankful

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 November 4, Saturday: Daniel Boone's death was being reported:

Savannah. The fever continues to rage in this city with unabated fury. It is conjectured that only 2000 or 2500 persons remain in it. The amount of those who have left it on account of the sickness, is estimated at 6000.

Col. Daniel Boone. The decease of this celebrated man was erroneously announced some years ago—but the latest St. Louis papers state that he died at Charette village, on the Missouri, on the 26th of Sept. in the ninetieth year of his age.— When his death was made known to the general assembly of the new state, it was resolved that the members should wear crape on the left arm for the space of 20 days, and to adjourn for that day, in respect to his memory.

We have already, in the 4th vol. of the WEEKLY REGISTER, page 33, given a long account of col. Boone, and shall no doubt be furnished with some additional particulars to complete his biography.— He was the first settler of Kentucky, a great state now containing from 6 to 700,000 inhabitants—he penetrated its wildernesses in 1775; and in 1799 removed to and settled upon the Missouri. He soon after discovered the country now known by the name of “Boon’s Lick,” which is perhaps the most prosperous part of the new state. Until the last two years of his life he enjoyed much health; when more than eighty years old, he was a keen huntsman, and made many extensive excursions in pursuit of game, in places far distant from the usual tread of white men.

Carl Maria von Weber and his wife Caroline Brandt returned to Dresden after a successful concert tour of Germany.

 November 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 10 M [date error] 1820 Our meetings both forenoon & Afternoon were pretty well attended & in the mornng Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony - seasons of some favor to me -

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 November 7, Tuesday: President James Monroe was re-elected. The “era of good feeling” would continue.

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November 10, Friday: After a “trial” requiring more than two months, a vote was taken upon the 3d reading of the bill against Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) in the House of Lords. The bill was approved 108-99, a margin so small that the government would not dare to introduce it in the House of Commons. The court lawyers needed to abandon the petition of [King George IV](#) to prevent his wife from becoming queen consort of England by divorcing her — against her fitness her husband the monarch-designate had sought to submit mere court gossip, chatter that under the law amounted only to the flimsiest of hearsay evidences and turned out to be in its entirety inadmissible. British street crowds greeted the news with cheers and there would follow three days of nationwide spontaneous celebration.³¹⁷



The Reverend [Barnard Hanbury](#) and [George Waddington](#) arrived at Wady Halfa, above the 2d cataract of the Nile River, and were provided by the Turkish army with five dromedary camels, one too few for their party of six. They were advised, however, that it would be an easy and pleasant 8-day hike to Dóngola.

HENRY WOULD READ ABOUT IT

November 11, Saturday: The Reverend [Barnard Hanbury](#) and [George Waddington](#) set off from Wady Halfa in the direction of Dóngola, in search for the ruins of Meroe. In their party were a young Irishman named James Curtin, a man from Malta named Giovanni Fiamingo, his teenage cousin Giuseppe Fiamingo, and a black slave.

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[Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) was acquitted. The Manchester Observer would comment that “The Queen owes her deliverance ... solely to the IMTERPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE. She remains Queen of England by the choice of the people ... the people have overawed the parliament, and have preserved the rights of the Queen inviolate by the menace of their vengeance.” The people celebrated that night, smashing windows and firing pistols into the air, and Cobbett estimated that across the nation some 50,000 guns must have been discharged in celebration. Churches were invaded and clergy insulted. The police and military found it necessary to read the Riot act in more than a dozen towns.

317. She would fall ill after being barred from her husband’s coronation at Westminster Abbey and would die on August 7, 1821, so, you might say, the royal’s little problem eventually solved itself.



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 November 12, Sunday: [William Hayley](#) died at Felpham. He left no children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 11th M 1820 / Our Meeting was very small being a severe Storm of Snow & Rain & the walking nearly over shoes in snow & water A few words were spoken by J Dennis - Three Women were all that gathered & one of them not a Member. -- In the Afternoon eight men were all that met & two of them not members, we were silent but I trust the promose was in degree fulfilled, "Where two or three are met in my name there am I" -

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 November 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 11th M / Our Meeting was silent some life was experienced in my mind, & it was comfortable, have also been favord thro' the day, for which I desire to be thankful. - Rec'd this Afternoon an interesting letter from my fr John Heald of Ohio -

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 November 18, Saturday: Land was sighted south of the South Shetlands, by the sailors of the sloop *Hero* under 21-year-old Captain Nathaniel B. Palmer of Stonington, Connecticut. (This sloop was part of a sealing expedition organized by Captain Benjamin Pendleton. After a period this land would be recognized as the Antarctic Peninsula.)

Liverpool was unable to send the bill against [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) on to the Commons because "it would have been perilous to persevere in passing it in the present state of public feelings."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 11th M / Our venerable friends David Buffum & Wife spent the Afternoon & took tea with us with Aunt A Carpenter & Mary Chase. - I intended to have gone to Connanicut this Afternoon So as to have been at meeting there tomorrow, but as our above said frds DB & wife never made us but one Afternoon visit before & considering it may be that they will never together make us another I felt most easy to omit crossing the ferrys this Afternoon & run the risk of a Passage tomorrow morning

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 November 19, Sunday: Austria, Prussia, and Russia issued the Protocol of Troppau. They bound themselves together against liberal revolutions, peaceful or otherwise.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 11th M / Rose in season this morning & after breakfast went to the ferry to try to get a Passage to Connanicut



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but the wind was small & a head & no other passenger there, concluded to give up the prospect – Both our Meetings were Silent, & Seasons of some favor to me tho' of not much abounding – on the whole was satisfied with being at home as D Buffum & J Dennis were Absent, which left our Seats more vacant than was desirable.

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 November 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 11th M 1820 / Our Meeting was a season of some favor to my mind. Father Rodman & Jonathon Dennis delivered short testimonys. – In the last Preparative Overseers were agreed in & three names forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting —

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 November 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25th of 11th M / This Afternoon went to Connanicut with Jonathon Dennis & lodged at Jos Greenes –

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 November 26, Sunday: After a successful initial performance in October in Oedenburg (Sopron), Franz Liszt appeared in a noon concert in Pressburg (Bratislava). Both concerts were arranged by Liszt's father, Adam, who timed this performance to coincide with a meeting of the Hungarian Diet, when many important notables were in the city. The mostly upper-class audience was delighted and impressed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day attended Meeting there which was about as large as usual – a Season of some favor Jonathon had a few words, comfortable to those who were low in their minds, & of encouragement in general & I thought appropriate to the State of the meeting, at the close it was mentioned that would be the last meeting held there by the committee this season & I believe we parted in love. After dinner we crossed the ferry in season to attend our Afternoon Meeting.

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 November 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 11th M / Our first meeting was silent with me the Life was low. – In the last we had considerable buisness & in my low estate it fell to my lot to do the writing for the day & got along tollrably to my own satisfaction – We had Uncle & Aunt Thurston & Uncle P Lawton to dine with us.

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 December 3, Sunday: Maometto II, a drama by Gioachino Rossini to words of della Valle, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, [Naples](#), but was not well received.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 12 M 1820 / Several of our friends went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of our fr Susannah Freeborn, which made the rising seats thin - The London Epistle was read in the Morning & in the Afternoon father Rodman bore a short testimony. -

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 December 7, Thursday: Louis Spohr and his wife arrived in Paris for the 1st time. There he would meet Cherubini and produce a new violin concerto.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 12 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended by its numbers Tho' some were absent who I should rather have been present. It was silent, to me a season of feelings. -

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 December 10, Sunday: [Adelaide Amelia Louisa Theresa Caroline of Saxe-Coburg Meiningen](#) gave birth to Elizabeth Georgiana Adelaide Hanover in London (the infant would die on March 4th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 11 M [date error] / In the forenoon Meeting Jonathon & Hannah delivered short testimonys - Afternoon silent both seasons of some favor to me but experienced barraness also, so the exsp was mingled. -

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 December 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 12 M 1820 / I have rarely ever been Sicker in my life than from last first day night till this Afternoon when I think I am better - Was taken with cold shivers, fever & sore throat which Ulcerated on both Sides, distress in my head & all my system, but thro' favor am now better, & perhaps tomorrow may be out & about. -
Of course did not attend meeting today*

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 December 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 12th M / I have been so little out of the house in the course of the last week, that in the present Air it looked improper for me to go to meeting today - This Afternoon I was on the point of going but at last gave it up. - I desire to be thankful for my many favors. Oh! Lord quicken me heart,



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renewedly quicken my heart towards Thee.

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 December 21, Thursday: The Canandigua Lake [canal](#) committee recommended a 19 1/2-mile route that would require 23 locks and cost \$68,000. The Ontario Canal Company was formed. Virginia took control of the James River and Kanawha Canal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 12 M / Silent meeting & to me a season of some favor. – I feel renewedly concerned to labor in my mind, for a renewal of life & strength. How does the times call for deep indwelling of spirit that we may be ready at all times to give an Answer of Hope that is within us. –

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 December 24, Sunday: Having inspected the peculiar Ethiopian antiquities which they had come to inspect, the Reverend [Barnard Hanbury](#) and [George Waddington](#) began to retrace their steps.

HENRY WOULD READ ABOUT IT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 12 M / Our meetings both Small & Silent, some favor experienced, but on the whole the Spring of life was low. Oh the need for those whose lot it is to go in & out before The People, to have their minds covered with a covering of the Lords Spirit I often feel the need of This. my heart is affected with a sense of my short comings. –

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 December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12th M 1820 / I calculated to go this morning to Portsmouth attend our Monthly Meeting & got in readiness, but when the Stage Coach came along it was so late I concluded we could not get there till about half an hour past the time of Meeting & so gave out with regret, not only on account of the Duty I feel of being with The brethren, but particularly so at this time as there was some buisness to come before The Meeting in which I felt concerned. – Br David Rodman was appointed Clerk & for this peice of devotion in him, to the concerns of Society I feel thankful on his behalf & desirous that it may prove a means of his still further enlargement in usefulness to Society

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 December 30, Saturday: Bishop John England arrived in Charleston from [Ireland](#). His diocese would consist of small groups of [Catholics](#) scattered across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and a portion of Florida. In the South he would, of course, offer separate Mass and Vesper services for persons of color.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 30th of 12th M / I am this day 39 Years of Age,
& am sensible of it, & feel the necessity of greater dedication
of heart, yet am in hopes my Spiritual account is no worse than
last Year
This Afternoon recd a pleasant letter from Uncle Stanton. –
Took tea with my H & John at Br John Rodmans. –*

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 December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 31st of 12 M 1820 / Here endeth the last day of the Year.
– At Meeting this forenoon our aged friend D Buffum delivered a
testimony in Gospel Authority & shone bright on the last day of
the Year. The Meeting was large. – Left Meeting in the Afternoon
to attend the funeral of Thos E Hazard an old acquaintance.³¹⁸
he died at his House at [South Kingstown](#) & was brought to [Newport](#)
& buried in the Easton burying ground near the beach. –*

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 THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1821. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Brown and Danforth.³¹⁹

THE RHODE-ISLAND REGISTER AND UNITED STATES CALENDAR FOR 1821. [Providence](#): Brown & Danforth.

318. This was not the “Nailer Tom” Hazard who wrote the famous journal, but one of the other Thomas Hazards of South Kingstown.

319. John Carter (1745-1814) had been an apprentice in the print shop of Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia, and in that of William Goddard in Providence. Along with William Goddard and later William’s mother Sarah Goddard he published the [Providence Gazette](#), until in 1768 at the age of 23 he became sole proprietor. In 1772 he had become Providence’s 1st postmaster. He was one of the partners of the Carter and Wilkinson publishing firm. His daughter Ann Carter got married with Nicholas Brown, his daughter Rebecca Carter got married with Amos Throop Jenckes, and his daughter Elizabeth Ann Carter got married with Walter Raleigh Danforth. Walter Raleigh Danforth (1787-1861), a son of Job Danforth (1745-1830), graduated from the College of Rhode Island (Brown University) in 1805 and became clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Providence in 1807, editor of the [Providence Gazette](#) in 1820. He would in 1825 found a weekly newspaper named [Microcosm](#).



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The Seneca [Canal](#) was completed.

The Champlain [Canal](#) excavation out of Schuylerville, New York came within ten miles of Waterford.

Auburn's Theological Seminary opened.

Cooperstown's Otsego Herald and Western Advertiser, founded in 1795, ceased publication.

A new New York state constitution banned lotteries.

New York contracted with Melancthon Wheeler to build a 900-foot long dam, 27 feet high, at Fort Edward, creating a feeder to the Champlain [Canal](#).

DeWitt Clinton was re-elected governor of New York State.

Construction began on Pennsylvania's Union [Canal](#).

The Maine legislature granted a charter to the Cumberland-Oxford [Canal](#) Company.

Construction began on Canada's Lachine [Canal](#), to connect Montréal and Ottawa, bypassing rapids on the St. Lawrence.

Industrialist William Hamilton Merritt formed Canada's Welland [Canal](#) Company.

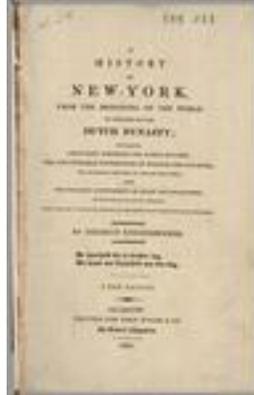


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A lighthouse was built on Lake Ontario at Oswego.

A new edition of [Washington Irving](#)'s A HISTORY OF NEW YORK, by "Diedrich Knickerbocker."



Publication of the first two volumes of the [Reverend Timothy Dwight](#)'s TRAVELS IN NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK:

DWIGHT'S TRAVELS, I

DWIGHT'S TRAVELS, II



April 10, Friday, 1857: D.R.'s Shanty ... The more characteristic books were Bradley's Husbandry, Drake's Indians, Barber's Hist. Coll., Zimmermann on Solitude, Bigelow's Plants of Boston, &c., Farmer's Register of the first Settlers of New England, Marshall's Gardening, Vick's Gardener, John Woolman, The Modern Horse Doctor, Downing's Fruits, &c., The Farmer's Library, Walden, Dymond's Essays, Jobb Scott's Journal, Morton's Memorial, Bailey's Dictionary, Downing's Landscape Gardening, etc., The Task, Nuttall's Ornithology, Morse's Gazetteer, The Domestic Practice of Hydropathy, John Bunce, Dwight's Travels, Virgil, Young's Night Thoughts, History of Plymouth, and other Shanty books. ...

FRIEND DANIEL RICKETSON

The final two volumes would appear in following years. According to Walter Harding,³²⁰ Thoreau was very familiar with this series TRAVELS IN NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK, written before the Reverend Wright's death in 1817 in description of various trips he had taken between 1795 and 1815.

DWIGHT'S TRAVELS, III

DWIGHT'S TRAVELS, IV

320. Per an April 1958 article by Walter Harding in the [Boston Public Library Quarterly](#).



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The Reverend Dwight visited [Rhode Island](#).



REV. TIMOTHY DWIGHT

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 In the Hartford area of Connecticut, Sophia Woodhouse (1799-1883) developed a variant of a process for weaving bonnets, which had been available since it had been pioneered by [Betsey Metcalf](#) on the East Side of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) in the 1790s, but using native American grasses rather than cultivated straw. She managed to get a patent on this process, and the bonnet she produced would soon become known as the “Wethersfield” after her town. Various New England towns would become known as [straw towns](#) because of their heavy involvement in the weaving of hats and bonnets.

Here is a lady’s straw bonnet on a wire frame, dating to approximately 1830 and rather the worse for wear:



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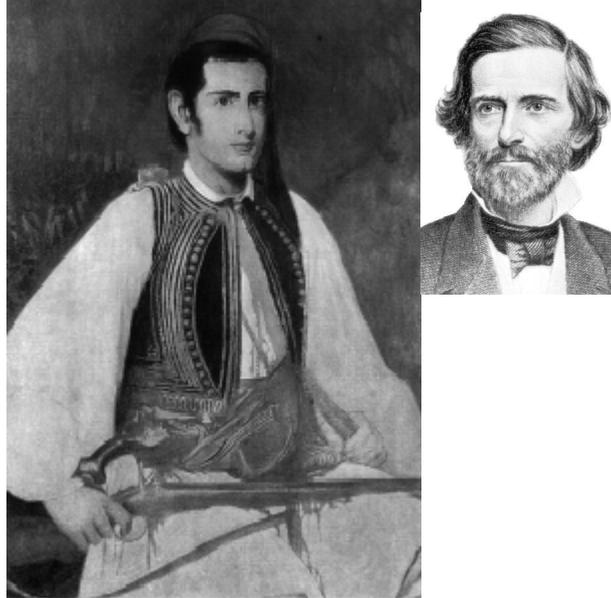
Here is a bonnet woven of straw and horsehair, dating to about 1840-1845:



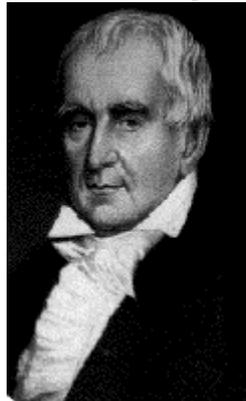
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 The war for liberation of Greece from the Ottoman Empire began. This would last into 1829. In [Rhode Island](#), William C. Gibbs was in charge. [Samuel Gridley Howe](#), who like Byron would take an active part in the Greek war against Turkey, graduated from [Brown University](#) in [Providence](#).



During his undergraduate education, he had been notorious for his pranks, such as leading the college president's horse up the stairs to the top floor of the College Edifice. (Speaking of the College Edifice, in this year the lot adjacent to it was being purchased upon which a 3-story brick building would be constructed by [Nicholas Brown, Jr.](#) and named in honor of his sister Hope.)



 Friend [Moses Brown](#) wrote A SHORT HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN UNION MEETING AND SCHOOL-HOUSE ERECTED IN PROVIDENCE... (32 pages, printed by Brown & Danforth in Providence). Although he had donated land atop the hill in [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#), he had rather that his name have been omitted from this document as published, "as I don't approve of Singing Meetings and some other parts yet if it suit the Coloured people I shall not oppose them."

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Moses Brown



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 In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade, which had been inactive since 1793, resumed sponsoring its lawsuits under President David Howell.

After the extensive slavetrading career of James DeWolf of [Bristol](#) had finally been brought to a halt by the antislavery reformers, he had founded the Arkwright Mill in Coventry and had been the owner of the most successful [privateer](#) vessel of the [War of 1812](#), the *Yankee*. At this point he was elected to the US Senate to represent [Rhode Island](#).



The DeWolf Crest



The DeWolf Carriage



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 January: A resolution was passed by the general assembly of [Rhode Island](#), requiring the clerks of the various towns to collect and communicate information regarding their schools, and in particular their school costs.

[PUBLIC EDUCATION](#)

 January 1, Monday: Midshipman [George Back](#) was promoted to Lieutenant.

[John James Audubon](#) made himself a new-year's promise that he was gonna paint all of 99 birds in not more than 99 days. He hired some market hunters to bring him dead specimens of various interesting species, stuffing them back up into more or less imaginary naturalistic poses by inserting strong wires inside their flesh. The backgrounds for such naturalistic paintings his student Joseph Mason would add for him, or he would hire others to create for him in bulk.



During this year he and Joseph Mason would go to New Orleans in order to raise funds to continue to travel, and in order to send money back home to his wife Lucy, he would paint on commission and would teach students.

Portuguese troops in Belem, Brazil rebelled and set up a liberal government.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 1st M 1821 / News in Town This morning of the Death of James Burrell Senator in Congress from this State — This may be justly considered a great public loss, few so good men go to Congress, he had in this & former Sessions distinguished himself as a friend to the cause of the Abolition



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of Slavery, & is worthy of double Honor. -321



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1821. The Court of Common Pleas was then in session at Providence, and on Monday morning, the 1st of January, Gen. Bridgham, in behalf of the Bar, and as President of the General Bar meeting, rose and addressed the Court in the most feeling and impressive manner, on this melancholy event [the death, late in the previous year, of James Burrill, Jr. U.S. Senator from this State]. To which Chief Justice Martin responded in a brief and appropriate notice of the deceased, and in respect to his memory the Court then adjourned. At a General Bar Meeting assembled on the 3d, Resolutions expressive of grief and the highest respect to the memory of the deceased were passed, and Hon. Tristram Burges was appointed to deliver an eulogy on the 15th January - on which day, the members of the bar, and a great portion of the citizens, formed a procession, and marched to the First Congregational Church, where a most impressive and eloquent eulogy was pronounced by Mr. Burges, and solemn dirges and funeral ceremonies were performed. The auditory was bathed in tears, and the speaker himself was so strongly affected, that utterance was sometimes difficult. The newspapers at Washington, and letter writers there to papers in other places, laid their partisan feelings to rest, and spoke in the most respectful terms of his character as a man, a lawyer and a statesman. Mr. Burrill was born in this town in the year 1772; graduated at the University here in 1788; at the age of 19, was admitted to the bar, and at 25 elected Attorney General, which office held sixteen years, and resigned in 1814. In October of that year he was elected a member of the General Assembly, and was soon after chosen Speaker of that body, and continued as such while he held a seat in the House, but from which he was soon after transferred to the bench of the Supreme Judicial Court, as Chief Justice. In February, 1817, he was elected Senator to

321. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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Congress, and before the expiration of half his constitutional term, was carried to the silent grave. He was a fine belles lettres scholar, and eminent lawyer, and able statesman. He was remarkably domestic in his habits, home was the cynosure of his delights, and there he was beloved and honored.

 January 4, Thursday: The selectmen of Concord, New Hampshire were authorized to cooperate with the selectmen of the nearby community of Boscawen to repair or rebuild the bridge across the Contoocook River near John Chandler's, with Concord paying half the expense.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 1st M / A Small but favor'd Meeting, Jonathon Dennis appeard in a short but good testimony.

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 January 7, Sunday: [Henry Gilman Prichard](#) had very recently been born, son of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#) — but on this day this infant died.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 1 M / It was an uncommonly driving Snow Storm. Meeting in the morning was very small & no woman attended nor was it fit that any should the funeral of Benjamin Sherman which was to have gone to meeting was defered till tomorrow — In the Afternoon only Six Men attended which (I think) is the smallest Meeting I ever attended Yet in both, to my mind a good degree of The Ancient promise to the "Two or Three" was experienced, for which I desire to be thankful.

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 January 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 1 M / This morning between 5 & 6 OClock, I was called up to assist in performing one of the last offices for my friend & old respectable neighbour VALENTINE WIGHTMAN who left time about half an hour before, In the 88th Year of his age, he has lived about 20 years in this neighbour hood & was an intimate friend of my father's he sustained the character of an honest man & was greatly esteemed by a numerous circle of friends here & many with whom he transacted buisness Abroad

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 January 11, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st M 1821 / Our first meeting to me was a season of uncommon favor for which I desire to be thankful - In the last (Select) the Solemnity of the first was in good measure preserved under which Solemn covering we were favord to transact the usual buisness that comes before us. — This Afternoon attended the funeral of our old neighbour



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 January 12, Friday: The New York legislature began purging Federalists from the government.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st M 12th / Again this morning called to the house of Mourning last evening about a quarter before 8 O'clock Esther Bowen wife of Stephen Bowen departed this life. - Spent a few moments in sympathy with Stephen & her Sister who arrived a few days before her decease from Danvers - proffered my Services or advice with respect to the funeral, which was concluded to be on first day at the Meeting House in the forenoon. —

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 January 14, Sunday: Lieutenant [John Franklin](#)'s party ventured in two canoes from Fort Enterprise down the Coppermine River to the sea, and then along the coast as far east as Bathurst Inlet. Running low on supplies, the party then ventured across the barren tundra in the general direction of Fort Enterprise. Lieutenant [George Back](#) went ahead to search for natives, found some, and sent them to the main group with supplies. Ten men died before the supplies arrived.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 1st M / The funeral of Esther Bowen was this forenoon & tho' the day was very stormy the Meeting was very pretty full & it proved a season of favor & Solemnity not soon to be forgotten, our frd D Buffum & Father Rodman were engaged in public testimony, I Thought with life & Authority. —

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 January 18, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 1 M / Considering the much Snow on The ground Our meeting was well attended both by Male & female & a good time it was - J Dennis & father Rodman bore short but pertinent testimonys

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 January 21, Sunday: New-York's North (Hudson) River froze over.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 1st M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis had short but lively testimonys In the Afternoon we were Silent, but as many as usual attended in the Afternoon. —

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 January 28, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1 M / Our morning Meeting was pretty well attended, father Rodman appeared in testimony & in the Afternoon Silent meeting - both were pretty good Meetings to me -

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 January 30, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 1st M 1821 / Set out this morning for [Providence](#) to attend our approaching Quarterly Meeting - We went in a Sleigh over the Stone bridge & Sleids ferry our company Isaac Mitchell, David Rodman, Elizabeth Rodman, Mary Williams & Mary Chase. - we dined at Fairfax alias Scra [? right hand margin obscured] Town & reached [Moses Brown](#)'s by tea time where we were kindly received & lodged. -

At the different Meetings which I attended my mind was favored with a good degree of that life which crow[ns] our assemblies & tho' there was some little of the "bitter herbs w?" the Passover" yet Truth gained the Victory. - In the Meeting for buisness I was appointed assistant Clerk. Th[is] Seemed to me like a Season Somewhat out of Season, ab[out] fifteen years ago I was solicited to accept the same appointment & at that time could I have given up to I believe I should have been in my place & been serviceable, I record this that whoever may read ma[y?] be willing while young to render Such service as they are thought capable of by their friends in the Season of their usefulness. This I believe is the way to become Shining lights, by thus giving up they will grow in usefulness to their own peace & comfort & the satisfaction of their friends, thereby Subserving the Cause of the great Master. -

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 February 2, Friday: A Bucktail caucus nominated Martin Van Buren for the federal Senate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On Sixth day I went to the [School House](#) & spent two long sittings with the [School committee](#) which proved to me a Season of exercise. but am disposed to think all will work together for good & feel encouraged that the institution is in a prosperous State - In the evening returned to Browns & the next morning Our company took the Sleigh & set it on a pair of Coach Wheels kindly lent us by [Moses Brown](#) They reached home at Noon on First day but I returned on 7th day in the Mail Stage. -

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 February 4, Sunday: Frederick Goddard Tuckerman was born in [Boston](#) to Sophia May and Edward Tuckerman, a local merchant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 2 M 1821 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in testimony - in the Afternoon Silent Meeting - to me they were seasons of Some encouragement. -

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 February 8, Thursday: Franz Schubert's song "Sehnsucht" to words of Schiller was performed for the initial time, in the Musikverein, Vienna.

Enactment of bylaws for the Social Library of [Concord](#), Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th of 2nd M / Our meeting was a comfortable Season, Some [of? left hand margin obscured] four young females attended who are not members, whose countenances bespoke solidity & reverence - Father Rodman [in] a short testimony - In sitting down [this] evening & feeling after the Witness of Truth & life in my own mind, I have humbly to acknowledge [the?] renewings of it in my own heart, it has risen [to] my encouragement, & furnished renewed evidence [that] I am not forsaken. - Oh Blessed be the Name of the Lord, that notwithstanding the many short [com]ing & sometimes backslidings of my rebellious heart [he is] still near, & visits, he renews the touches of his love to my comfort. -

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 February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 2nd M 1821 / Father Rodman & Jona Dennis were both engaged in public testimony in the mornng Meeting & in the Afternoon Silent. After the last Meeting went with J Dennis to visit James Goddard Son of Thos Goddard who lays very low in a [consumption](#). our visit seemed to be acceptable to him & was very comfortable to us. The evident peaceful frame of his mind & the Solemnity felt on sitting down with him, warranted the belief that Holy help was near -

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 February 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 2nd M / At Meeting a Short testimony from Jona Dennis. - it is a little remarkable that the first thing that occurred to my mind on waking this morning was the Passage of Scripture which he mentioned Vizt - "Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way, By taking heed thereto according to thy



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word."

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Mr. Meigs of the United States House of Representatives again made a proposal in regard to the evil of human [enslavement](#) and in regard to the persistence of the [international slave trade](#):

"Whereas slavery, in the United States, is an evil, acknowledged to be of great and increasing magnitude, ... therefore,
"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of devoting five hundred million acres of the public lands, next west of the Mississippi, as a fund for the purpose of, in the
"First place; Employing a naval force, competent to the annihilation of the slave trade," etc. Question to consider decided in the affirmative, 63 to 50; laid on the table, 66 to 55. HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress, 2d session, page 238; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 16th Congress, 2d session, pages 1168-70.



February 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18th of 2nd M / Father Rodman & David Buffum were both engaged in testimony in the forenoon Meeting, & in the Afternoon both were Silent. -
Rec'd this morning From my F Thos Thompsons of Liverpool [who assisted Paul Cuffe when Cuffe first arrived, friend with whom [Paul Cuffe](#) stayed in 1811, 9th month just before leaving England] a Pacquet containinng a letter from him dated the 28th of 11th M last George Bishops New England Judged and address by Thos Shillito to Friends in England & Ireland & a Manuscript Book in the hand writing of Griffeth Given entitled "A Collection of some Papers writt By DANIEL GOULD & MADE PUBLIC in order to Promote Piety & good Works By G O & T C The circumstance of this Ancient & (to me) valuable manuscript comeing into my Possession [is] quite remarkable & on this wise, many years ago when I was a lad I used to visit my much loved cousin Bathsheba Gould who lived then at Middletown in the family of her Brother Thomas Gould in my visits to her she used to amuse me & ot[her] of her young relations with Anecdotes of our venerable predecessor Daniel Gould & would read to us some of The Papers, which were his & among them two letters from Griffith Owen to him, in one of which. dated 30th of 1 M 1714 was contained information that "he & Thomas Chalkley had perused his papers, sorted & placed them with titles to each & had written a preface, & that Friends in Philadelphia being Slow & backward in Printing & their Printer not an Artist, he had concluded to send it to Great Britain to be printed & had ordered mony there to be paid for them if he approved of it. -having got them transcribed fair in a Book." This information I treasured & pondered in my mind till at length cousin Bathsheba gave me the letters & having become acquainted with Thos Thompson by letter thro' the introduction of Wm Rickaman & understanding he was an Antiquarian I copyed the whole of the foregoing letter & sent to him in quiring if he had any knowledge of the Book therin*



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mentioned, & to my joy & Astonishment he sent me the Identical manuscript as popyed [copyed?] by Griffith Owen it appears from some cause to have been overlooked [-?] to the printing, but carfully preserved in the original Manuscript, & to me is a valuable acquisition.

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February 22, Thursday: US Marshal John H. Morel reported that he at that time held 212 Africans of the [negrero Antelope](#) (one had disappeared, one had been “judicially discharged,” and 44 had died).

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Dr. Abiel Heywood was administered an oath in regard to the [Concord](#) Social Library.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1821 / The travelling is very bad, & I felt afraid to go with any one in a Chaise & considerd it improper for me to be at The expence of one alone, so I concluded to omit going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held there. – In the Afternoon attended the funeral of James Goddard son of Thomas on the Point
Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & it proved a pretty solid opportunity - he [James Goddard] was not member of society, but being descended from friends bury in our ground & according to our custom.*

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February 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2 M 1821 / This evening Sally Brown spent with us, & to me it was an agreeable time – Oh that she & I too were more religiously devoted. –

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The “rapid [consumption](#)” mentioned by Shelley –the last stage of the [tuberculosis](#) he had caught from tending his brother Tom Keats in the previous year – resulted in [John Keats](#)’s death at the age of 25 in a small room overlooking the Spanish Steps in [Rome](#).

“Bring me the candle,” he called to Brown, with whom he was staying, “and let me see this blood.” He looked at the bright red spot on his pillow and then, his excitement and intoxication gone, he said calmly, “I know the colour of that blood. It’s arterial blood.... That blood is my death warrant.”



Famous Last Words:



"What school is more profitably instructive than the death-bed of the righteous, impressing the understanding with a convincing evidence, that they have not followed cunningly devised fables, but solid substantial truth."



— A COLLECTION OF MEMORIALS CONCERNING DECEASED MINISTERS, Philadelphia, 1787

"The death bed scenes & observations even of the best & wisest afford but a sorry picture of our humanity. Some men endeavor to live a constrained life — to subject their whole lives to their will as he who said he might give a sign if he were conscious after his head was cut off — but he gave no sign Dwell as near as possible to the channel in which your life flows."

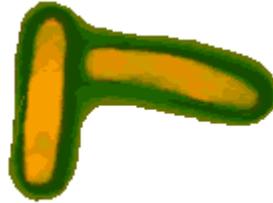
—Thoreau's JOURNAL, March 12, 1853

1821	John Keats	dying of TB in Rome	<i>"Severn ... I am dying ... I shall die easy ... don't be frightened ... be firm and thank God it has come."</i>
1825	Phebe Walker Bliss	died in Concord	<i>"Don't call Dr. Ripley his boots squeak so, Mr. Emerson used to step so softly, his boots never squeaked."</i>
	Emerson Ripley		
1826	Thomas Jefferson	died at 12:50PM	<i>"Is it the 4th? —Ah."</i>
1826	John Adams	died at 5: 30PM — Jefferson actually had, in Virginia, predeceased him	<i>"Thomas Jefferson still surv..."</i>
1830	King George IV	early one morning in Windsor Castle	<i>"Good God, what is this? — My boy, this is death."</i>
1832	Sam Sharpe	being hanged after an unsuccessful slave revolt on the island of Jamaica	<i>"I would rather die on yonder gallows than live in slavery."</i>
<i>... other famous last words ...</i>			

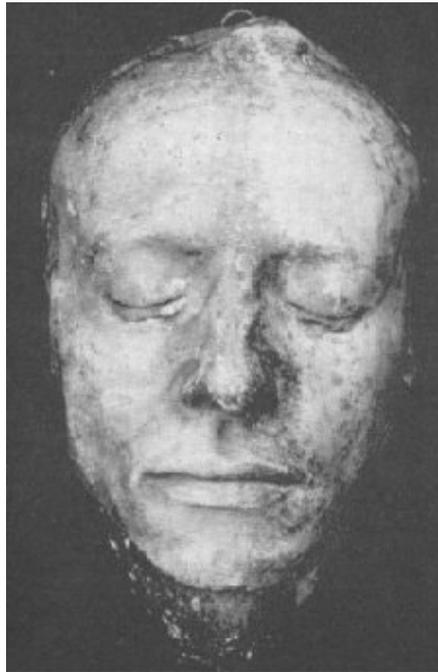


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Here is Keats's deathmask:





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 March: According to a [comet](#) list published in Boston in 1846, attributed to Professor [Benjamin Peirce](#) (the fingernail in the photo belongs to Brad Dean, who rooted out this information in the Harvard stacks):

No.	Date.	Greenwich M. S. T. of Peri- helion Passage.	Longitude of Ascend- ing Node.	Longitude of Perihelion.	Angle betw. Perihelion and Node.	Inclination.	Perihelion Distance.	Eccentric- ity.	Period of Revolution.	Directio	Name of Computer.
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133	1819	Nov. 20.24484	77 39 54	67 44 45	350 4 51	9 1 16	0.892559	0.6867458	4.810	D	Encke.
134	1821	Mar. 21.21198	49 8 35	240 0 10	169 8 25	73 20 0	0.0922882			R	Rumcker.
		Mar. 21.53656	49 5 13	239 53 42	169 11 31	73 33 7	0.0918232			R	Rosenberger.
135	1822	May 23.36388	177 1 31	193 26 47	343 34 44	53 48 36	0.502736			R	Encke.
E	1822	May 23.36388	42 59	157 34 56	182 51 57	13 22 25	0.345793	0.8445479	3.318	D	Encke.
136	1822	July 16.02352	98 14 50	220 17 15	237 57 35	37 43 4	0.84612			R	Heiligenstein.
137	1822	Oct. 23.99639	23 10 58	271 53 23	181 17 35	52 39 7	1.1433992	0.9914768	1550	R	Encke.
		23.80102	98 5 50	271 59 45	181 6 5	52 40 41	1.146091	0.9823022	1817	R	Rumcker.
138	1823	Dec. 9.43750	303 25 25	274 55 5	98 30 20	76 12 6	0.2267453			R	Nicolai.
139	1824	July 11.511	134 40 29	6 31 12	37 54 34	19 0.591263				R	Rumcker.
140	1824	Sept. 29.06645	279 37 53	4 53 15	85 15 22	54 35 32	1.049835			D	Encke.
141	1825	May 30.353	20 38 4	273 25 7	107 12 57	58 35 58	0.9020186			R	Rumcker.
142	1825	Aug. 18.71105	193 17 5 10	35 21 177	18 16 89	41 47	0.8834712			D	Clausen.
143	1825	Dec. 10.68187	216 3 23	319 6 50	256 56 33	33 32 39	1.240849	0.9953690	4386	R	Hansen.
		10.77845	216 5 6	318 49 2	257 16 4	33 31 3	1.045837	0.9562464	152	R	Rumcker.
B	1826	May 18.96231	251 46 6	110 11 19	218 25 13	13 33 15	0.902430	0.7470093	6.737	D	Gambert.
144	1826	Apr. 21.97718	181 51 29	279 40 55	39 57 24	2.002894	1.0089597			D	Nicolai.
		21.91801	197 36 40	117 19 33	279 22 53	40 0 26	2.007902			D	Nicolai.
145	1826	Apr. 29.03904	40 48 51	36 7 51	4 41 0	5 17 2	0.1881167			R	Cluver.
146	1826	Oct. 8.95224	44 25 42	58 7 38	13 41 56	25 57 18	0.85281			D	Argelander.
147	1826	Nov. 18.41206	235 27 10	155 3 20	80 23 50	90 37 50	0.0268914			R	Cluver.
148	1827	Feb. 4.92144	184 46 47	33 49 14	150 57 33	77 35 35	0.50652			R	Heiligenstein.
149	1827	June 7.84112	318 29 10	297 50 24	20 38 46	43 38 45	0.808154			R	Heiligenstein.
150	1827	Sept. 11.69286	149 57 56	251 15 57	258 41 59	54 4 42	0.1378433	0.9992730	2611	R	Cluver. [Mayer.
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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 3rd M 1821 / Silent & to me a solid good meeting
The number was rather smaller than usual owing to the bad
Walking. -*

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 March 4, Sunday: [Elizabeth Georgiana Adelaide Hanover](#) died at the age of three months.

Eusebio Bardaji y Azara replaced Joaquin Anduaga Cuenca as the Spanish 1st Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st 4 of 3 M / Silent meetings & to me Poverty was my Portion
in both*

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 March 6, Tuesday: George Curtis, a banker and businessman, got married with the very, very pregnant Mary Elizabeth Burrill in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

A small force under Alexander Ypsilanti, a Greek officer in the Russian army, crossed the Moldavian frontier with the intention of liberating Greece from Turkish control.

 US District Judge William Davies decided that Portugal was to receive 142 of the remaining Africans of the [negrero Antelope](#), Spain 63 — and 7 were to be freed.

[INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE](#)

 March 8, Thursday: In the Musikverein of Vienna, “Gruppe aus dem Tartarus,” a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schiller, was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 3rd M / Oh! for a growth in Grace & knowledge of the Truth, both in myself 7 others. —

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 March 11, Sunday: Daniel Dennis of Gloucester, 47 years of age, drowned at sea.

Sardinian liberals issued a manifesto calling for the unification of [Italy](#).

A [negrero](#) flying the US flag, the *Esencia*, master Brown, on its only known Middle Passage, delivered a cargo of 113 Africans at Matanzas, Cuba.

[THE MIDDLE PASSAGE](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 3rd M / Our meetings were well attended. In the forenoon D Buffum, Father Rodman & J Dennis were engaged in testimony & in the Afternoon Father again had a short communication

[RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS](#)

 March 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 3rd M / Our meeting was a season of some comfortable feelings, but in some parts of it, it was difficult to tell whether strength or weakness predominated. --
In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Mary Wanton widow of the late John E Wanton & a distant relation of Mine on the side of my Mother, her Age was 92 Years & about 11 Months Her maiden name was Bull & was great grand daughter of the late Governor Henry Bull She was a member of society, & has lived with her Son in Law Daniel Lyman for some Years in the Town of Johnson & their died on the 12th inst & was brought down here to be buried with her husband & Son Gideon who both lay in our burying ground.
[Gideon had been engaged in the [international slave trade](#)]
The sitting was a Solid time & father Rodman delivered a short*



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testimony. –

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 March 16, Friday: Carlo Felice of Sardinia forced Carlo Alberto to renounce the throne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 3rd M 1821 / This forenoon Uncle & Aunt Stanton arrived with their Baggage, intending to settle on their Farm in [Portsmouth](#) – This Afternoon I went on board the Packet (Ann Mariah) that brought them & sailed round the North end of the Island thro' the Stone Bridge afterwhich we Anchored under Goulds Island & Staid all night. in the night it blowed hard at SE & I Sleapt but little, next Morning (7th day) after breakfast we run down to the farm & laid the sloop on shore & got all things into the house early in the Afternoon. I sleapt there with Uncle & next morning (1 day [Sunday]) came home but not in season to get to Meeting, & in the Afternoon, I felt unwell with a cold & fatigue & staid at home

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 March 22, Thursday: The Inquisition was abolished in Portugal. The Banco de Lisboa was established.

[Hector Berlioz](#) received a *Bachelier es lettres* (the baccalaureate degree) at Grenoble.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 3 M / Silent Meeting – Poverty my portion, but had some satisfaction in a labor to obtain life. –

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 March 23, Friday: Austrian troops entered [Naples](#) to restore King Ferdinando to absolutism, sparking widespread uprisings.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 3rd M / Wrote this forenoon to cousin Lewis L Clarke & in the letter was favored to address Cousin Hannah & her daughters Hannah & Mary Ann much to my own satisfaction.

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 March 25, Sunday: Some sources say that on this day Greece gained its independence. Other sources say that on this day sporadic, unconnected uprisings occurred in Greece against Turkish rule.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 3rd M / Our meetings were Seasons of some favor. In the Morning Father Rodman deliverd a short sweet good testimony – Silent in the Afternoon. –

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 March 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26th of 3rd M / This Morning took John in the Waggon & went out & visited Auncle & Aunt Stanton in Their new habitation, found them as comfortably settled as could be expected for the time, but they begin to miss the Society of the City, & probably will feel lonesome till the summer sets in, & time wears out those attatchments which they have long had to more Social 7 buisy scenes – after tea we rode home. –

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 March 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 3rd M 1821 / Various circumstances have conspired to renew in my mind a conviction which I have been long under Vizt the Religion is the only & alone thing that can sustain the mind thro' the Losses & crosses, visissitudes & disappointments, attendant on the Passage thro' time, to what else have we to flee when the mind is reduced to any streight, it is not, situation, money or friends, for all these fail, & are naught but the Everlasting Truth is a sure basis to build on it is a sure & certain hiding place, on which all the Righteous in every Age of the World have built on & fled too, & found Safty. here the beseting things of time have no effect, for the mind knows a rest a Hope beyond them, & Oh Saith my soul may this Rest & Hope be my Portion

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 March 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 3 M / Our first meeting was a season of some favor D Buffum engaged in a lively testimony - The last (Monthly) we had considerable buisness, & some exercise was experienced in transacting it, but on the whole I trust it was not an unprofitable Meeting to me

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 April 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 4 M 1821 / Our Morning Meeting was large & favord, Anne Dennis deliverd a short but acceptable testimony - In the Afternoon The funeral of our Ancient friend Mary Sisson widow of Edward Sisson went to meeting which was large & attended with uncommon solemnity. D Buffum was first engaged in a very sweet & lively testimony, he was followed by Hannah Dennis, & then Jonathon & Hannah concluded in solemn reverend Supplication to the throne [at the bottom left of the page "a most us-"] of Grace for help & preservation thro' visissitudes of time – & the Meeting closed under as solemn a covering as I ever felt – The Corpse was interd in the upper ground in the Medow field by the side of her late husband - She was the daughter of old James



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Chase & a woman much respected by friends & others –

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 April 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 4th M 1821 / I have finished transcribing the Manuscript sent me by Thos Thompson of Liverpool that was written by my great great Grandfather DANIEL GOULD, a Certificate & epistle which he rec'd from friends in Maryland, and also to write some little account of his Life & make a few extracts from his Journal. -- & if I can complete all this to my Mind, I think to send it to the Meeting for Sufferings, to see if they will not think it best to publish it. –

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 April 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 4 M / Our meeting was silent, & to me rather a dull season, particularly so as I was laboring under an hard cold & Cough – After Meeting The committee in care of the Jamestown Meeting met & concluded to open a meeting there the insuing season. –

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 April 8, Sunday: Austrian forces defeated the Piedmontoise followers of Carlo Alberto at Novara west of Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 4 M / Our Meetings were both Silent but seasons of precious favor to me. – the women's side of the house was thin, as it rained hard most of the day – My desires are that Zion may yet arise & shine in her ancient splendor, & for this has been the travel of my spirit this day together with the preservation of mine own Soul. – There are generally a goodly number attends our Meeting who sit quietly & seem to know a better feeding place than that of Words

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 April 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 4th M 1821 / Our first meeting was a solid opportunity. Abigail Sherman spoke a short testimony also Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged in short lively communications – The Select Meeting which followed was a Season of Search, & some weighty considerations proposed. –

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 April 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 13th of 4 M / This Afternoon Went out of Town on buisness intending to stay some days - lodged at Pardon Browns where I went to clean his Clock - Next morning finding myself unwell, finished my buisness & returned home in the Afternoon & found Uncle Stanton had sent in for my H & John to spend the Day, & stay all night, & finding the exercise of Walking had much relieved my back which was very lame, I took a Chaise & went out again, & got to Uncle Stantons fofoe tea time, where we lodged.

—
*Next Morning being First Day we went to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting where we found Sarah Tucker who appeard twice in Testimony & a few words were spoken by Anne Dennis & a precious Meeting it Was. Sarah I thought was favord to speak to the States of some present in a remarkable manner. —
We returned & dined at Uncle Stantons spent the Afternoon & rode home. —*

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April 19, Thursday: In an attempt to develop a remote coal area, the British Parliament passed a bill to build a steam rail line from Darlington to Stockton-on-Tees.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 4th M / I feel this morning my mind quickened & enlivened with desires for preservation & enlargement — at last a dull meeting & so we see times & seasons are not at our command

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April 22, Easter Sunday: James [Burrill Curtis](#) was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to the newlywed couple George Curtis and Mary Elizabeth Burrill Curtis.



In response to unrest in his Romanian lands and a massacre of Turks by Greeks in the Morea, the Ottoman sultan ordered that the Ecumenical Patriarch Gregorios be hanged in front of his palace in Constantinople. The Archbishops of Adrianople, Thessalonika, and Tirnovo were also hanged. There would follow widespread massacres of Christians by Turks in Thessaly, Macedonia, and Anatolia.

In the Karntnertortheater of Vienna, Franz Schubert's male vocal quartet "Die Nachtigall" to words of Unger was performed for the initial time.

King Joao of Portugal appointed Dom Pedro as his regent in Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 4 M / Our Meetings were well attended. In the Morning D Buffum just lifted the latch for Sarah Tucker who followed in a very pertinent & well Authorised testimony at two different Standings – In The Afternoon She was again concerned in a short but lively testimony - Henry Gould & John T Nichols set the evng with us.

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 April 23, Monday: A Polonaise in A_b by [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) was performed for the initial time, by the composer and his teacher, Wojciech Zywny.

Francisco de Paula Escudero replaced Eusebio Bardaji y Azara as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 4th M 1821 / This Afternoon our fr Sarah Tucker finished her family visits in This town, but did not make a general visit in [Newport](#) her concern laying chiefly to those who had familys particularly of young children - Father Rodman accompanied her about Town - In [Portsmouth](#) & [Middletown](#) her visits were more general - & all to good satisfaction - It is cause of thankfulness that The father of Mercies is moving on the hearts of his servants to labor in the Vineyards & May this labor of love prove to his honor - may the good seed be sown, take root downward & spring upward & produce an hundred fold.-

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 April 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 4th M / This Afternoon went with Dr Hazard to take a ride. - We went to visit my Aged cousin Elizabeth Chase Spent the time & took tea with her - during this visit my mind dwelt much on Old times a degree of pleasure & pain Attending

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[Daniel Webster](#) appealed to the Senate of Massachusetts that they not impeach his client, Judge James Prescott.³²²

Mr. President, the case is closed! The fate of the respondent is in your hands. It is for you now to say, whether, from the law and the facts as they have appeared before you, you will proceed to disgrace and disfranchise him. If your duty calls on you to convict him, let justice be done, and convict him; but, I adjure you, let it be a clear, undoubted case. Let it be so for his sake, for you are robbing him of that for which, with all your high powers, you can yield him no compensation; let it be so for your own sakes, for the responsibility of this day's judgment is one which you must carry with you through life. For myself, I am willing here to relinquish the character of an advocate, and to express opinions by which I am prepared to be bound as a citizen and a man. And I say upon my honor and conscience, that I see not how, with the law and constitution for your guides, you can pronounce the respondent guilty. I declare that I have seen no case of wilful and corrupt official misconduct, set forth according to the requisitions of the constitution, and proved according to the common rules of evidence. I see many things imprudent and ill-judged; many things that I could wish had been otherwise; but corruption and crime I do not see.

322. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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Sir, the prejudices of the day will soon be forgotten; the passions, if any there be, which have excited or favored this prosecution will subside; but the consequence of the judgment you are about to render will outlive both them and you. The respondent is now brought, a single, unprotected individual, to this formidable bar of judgment, to stand against the power and authority of the State. I know you can crush him, as he stands before you, and clothed as you are with the sovereignty of the State. You have the power "to change his countenance and to send him away." Nor do I remind you, that your judgment is to be rejudged by the community; and, as you have summoned him for trial to this high tribunal, that you are soon to descend yourselves from these seats of justice, and stand before the higher tribunal of the world. I would not fail so much in respect to this honorable court as to hint that it could pronounce a sentence which the community will reverse. No, Sir, it is not the world's revision which I would call on you to regard; but that of your own consciences, when years have gone by and you shall look back on the sentence you are about to render. If you send away the respondent, condemned and sentenced, from your bar, you are yet to meet him in the world on which you cast him out. You will be called to behold him a disgrace to his family, a sorrow and a shame to his children, a living fountain of grief and agony to himself.

If you shall then be able to behold him only as an unjust judge, whom vengeance has overtaken and justice has blasted, you will be able to look upon him, not without pity, but yet without remorse. But if, on the other hand, you shall see, whenever and wherever you meet him, a victim of prejudice or of passion, a sacrifice to a transient excitement; if you shall see in him a man for whose condemnation any provision of the constitution has been violated or any principle of law broken down, then will he be able, humble and low as may be his condition, then will he be able to turn the current of compassion backward, and to look with pity on those who have been his judges. If you are about to visit this respondent with a judgment which shall blast his house; if the bosoms of the innocent and the amiable are to be made to bleed under your infliction, I beseech you to be able to state clear and strong grounds for your proceeding. Prejudice and excitement are transitory, and will pass away. Political expediency, in matters of judicature, is a false and hollow principle, and will never satisfy the conscience of him who is fearful that he may have given a hasty judgment. I earnestly entreat you, for your own sakes, to possess yourselves of solid reasons, founded in truth and justice, for the judgment you pronounce, which you can carry with you till you go down into your graves; reasons which it will require no argument to revive, no sophistry, no excitement, no regard to popular favor, to render satisfactory to your consciences; reasons which you can appeal to in every crisis of your lives, and which shall be able to assure you, in your own great extremity, that you have not judged a fellow-creature without mercy.

Sir, I have done with the case of this individual, and now leave it in your hands. But I would yet once more appeal to you as



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public men; as statesmen; as men of enlightened minds, capable of a large view of things, and of foreseeing the remote consequences of important transactions; and, as such, I would most earnestly implore you to consider fully of the judgment you may pronounce. You are about to give a construction to constitutional provisions which may adhere to that instrument for ages, either for good or evil. I may perhaps overrate the importance of this occasion to the public welfare; but I confess it does appear to me that, if this body give its sanction to some of the principles which have been advanced on this occasion, then there is a power in the State above the constitution and the law; a power essentially arbitrary and despotic, the exercise of which may be most dangerous. If impeachment be not under the rule of the constitution and the laws, then may we tremble, not only for those who may be impeached, but for all others. If the full benefit of every constitutional provision be not extended to the respondent, his case becomes the case of all the people of the Commonwealth. The constitution is their constitution. They have made it for their own protection, and for his among the rest. They are not eager for his conviction. They desire not his ruin. If he be condemned, without having his offences set forth in the manner which they, by their constitution, have prescribed, and in the manner which they, by their laws, have ordained, then not only is he condemned unjustly, but the rights of the whole people are disregarded. For the sake of the people themselves, therefore, I would resist all attempts to convict by straining the laws or getting over their prohibitions. I hold up before him the broad shield of the constitution; if through that he be pierced and fall, he will be but one sufferer in a common catastrophe.

 April 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 25th of 4th M / This Afternoon Walked out to Uncle Stantons & lodged - Next Morning Rode with Aunt Patty to Meeting it being Monthly Meeting - In the first Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively sweet testimony of encouragement & Sarah Tucker was concerned in a Truly Apostolic testimony which strengthened (I have no doubt) The hearts of Many brethren - Mine did rejoice to feel renewed spring of gospel love flow to the people & a very good meeting it Was. - The buisness of the last meeting went on well - A proposition was made from the Select Committee to add some suitable friends as Elders which after being considered, a committee was appointed to consider of The Subject & report such names as they might think suitable. -
Returned & dined at Uncle Stantons sister Ruth with us - & after dinner Uncle Sent his waggon to bring us home. -*

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 April 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 4th M 1821 / Yesterday Afternoon I went to Conannicut & lodged last Night at Cousin Joseph Greenes -



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Attended Meeting there, it being the first held there this season. it was Father Rodmans & Ruth Mitchells turn to go, but they both being unwell, I went in their stead – it was a large Meeting & a good solid one – Mary Weedon delivered a short testimony

Dined at Joseph Greenes & returned in season to attend Afternoon Meeting at home - in which Jons Dennis & Hannah Dennis bore a short testimony

It has been as day of some favor to me. –

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May 1, Tuesday: At the Tuileries in Paris, Blanche de Provence, ou La cour de fees, an opera by Luigi Cherubini, Adrien Boeildieu and three others to words of Theaulon de Lambert and de Rance, was performed for the initial time.

Samuel Phillips Prescott Fay was appointed as Judge of Probate.



THE 1ST TUESDAY IN MAY WAS THE ANNUAL "MUSTER DAY," ON WHICH ALL THE ABLEBODIED WHITE MEN OF A TOWN WERE SUPPOSEDLY REQUIRED TO FALL INTO FORMATION, WITH THEIR PERSONAL FIREARMS, TO UNDERGO THEIR ANNUAL DAY OF MILITARY TRAINING AND MILITIA INDOCTRINATION.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 5 M 1821 / Our friends have this forenoon gone to attend The Quarterly Meeting at Greenwich - every circumstance considered I felt most easy to Stay at home tho' I trust my concern for the good cause is not decreased yet considering that I have attended five Quarterly Meetings in Succession & thereby have expended more time & money than I can afford, I believe it was best at this time to omit going - Often at these meetings has my strength been renewed & my understanding enlarged & it is my testimony that it is worth while to devote as much time to them as we can consistently the



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faces of our friends revive us, love is increased by an intercourse with them, & thus are helped & are helpful to others.

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May 2, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber and his spouse Caroline Brandt arrived in Berlin from Dresden for the premiere of Der Freischutz.

Les Arts rivaux, a scene lyrique by Adrien Boieldieu and Berton to words of Chazet, was performed for the initial time, at the Hotel de Ville, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2 of 5 M / This has been a day of bustle & some confusion being the Annual State Election, but tho' I have been necessarily exposed to Some of it, yet my mind has been in good measure abstracted & feel thankful that no accident has occured in the course of it

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May 3, Thursday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a concert in Berlin. While in the city, he would make the acquaintance of royal Kapellmeister Gasparo Spontini.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd 5th M 1821 / Oh! the poverty of our meeting this day - while I hope & trust there were some present that enjoyed the light of life, I have to lament my own nothingness

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May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 5th M / Friends have returned from [Greenwich](#) & give a pretty favorable account of the Quarterly Meeting - Sister Ruth informs that a number of Friends remembered their love to us, which was comfortable - Also that Our Aged cousin Abigail Casey is very low & evidently drawing near the close of life. She sent her love to us probably for the last time. -

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May 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 5 M / Our Meetings were both Silent, to me seasons of some exercise, some favor & some leanness. -

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May 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 5 M / Silent Meeting - I have humbly to



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acknowledge that I am poor. – Oh may light & life again arise. –

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 May 13, Sunday: [Issachar J. Roberts](#) was baptized by the Reverend William Martin in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 5 M / In the Morning a large Solid & favord Meeting our Frd D Buffum was engaged in a weighty lively & pertinent testimmony on the Subject of Silent Meetings The dear old mans shines bright & is remarkably green in old age. –Hannah Dennis followed him in a corresponding testimony, sweet lively & in Authority –
Silent in the Afternoon but a good Meeting Sister Elizabeth teek tea & spent the evening with us.*

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 May 14, Monday: Olympia, an opera by Gaspare Spontini to words of Dieulafoy and Briffaut, translated by Hoffmann, was performed for the initial time, in the Berlin Opera. The audience included Carl Maria von Weber, in town for the premiere of Der Freischutz. This was the German version of Olympie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 5 M / Attended the funeral of Nancy Dennis the sitting was solid & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & to my feeling pertinent testimony. -- She was once a member of our Society & was buried after our manner & in our burying place near the Meeting house by the side of her Mother Lydia Dennis Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from my unknown frd Thos Thompson of Liverpool [Friend Stephen had never met him in person, but must have known of him through [Paul Cuffe](#)] dated 31 of 3 M last wherein he acknowledges the receipt of my letter & several Books & manuscripts, sent him some time past. –

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 May 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 5th M 1821 / At Meeting Jona Dennis was engaged in a Shrort testimony. – it was a season of exercise to me, & I hope to some proffit. –

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 May 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 5th M / Proving await me. The Prayer of my Soul is for preservation. – I long to attain to that State of Christian experience wherein the things which perplex vex & grieve can have no assendency
Our Meetings were both Silent & I thought favord – The Morning meeing was very full, & the Afternoon larger than common, in some measure owing to their being no meetings at two of the other*



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 May 24, Thursday: Piaui adhered to the liberal government of Belem, Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 5 M / Our meeting was about as usual for size, was solid & comfortable to my mind - To some present I have no [known?] it was a Season of baptism, of proffitable Baptism. - Jonathon Dennis was concerned in a short testimony. -

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 May 27, Sunday: Charles Griffin of Gloucester, 23 years of age, died in Batavia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 5 M / Our founnoon meeting was a season of precious favour to my mind. - Hannah Dennis was concerned in a sweet & lively testimony - on the subject of Samuels going to anoint a king from the house of Jesse, first the oldest tallest & best looking, came before him, which proved not to be the one & so in succession till it went thro' the family till it came to the youngest who was young & ruddy in countenance - this contrary to appearance & expectation proved to be the one on whom royal dignaty Was to be confered. here She drew the contrast between a Specious religion, goodly in appearance, but not of the right stamp. - & that which was meek & lowly & more likely to be overlooked but of the true kind & recommended to us to be inward in our minds that we might come to the true discernment between thing & thing - Father Rodman enlarged on her Subject shewing the liability of human judgement in matters of religion - had Samuel attended to his first impression when he exclaimed that "Surely the Lords anointed was before him." he would have erred & anointed the wrong person, thereby involving himself & the nation in much affliction &c. - Hannah concluded in Solemn supplication - In the Afternoon we were Silent, but a solid Good meeting, & as in the morning several attended who are not usual attendants of our meetings - After Meeting I took John & went out to D Buffums & took tea with him & his wife.

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 May 31, Thursday: Formal dedication of the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in [Baltimore](#), the first [Roman Catholic](#) cathedral in the USA. The construction, designed by [Benjamin Henry Latrobe](#), had begun in 1806.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th M 31st 1821 5th day / In our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day Anne Greene appeared in testimony with much sweetnes - there



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were two other short testimonys of the Authority for which I can say but little –
In the last we had considerable buisness & among it was the weighty appointment of a female Elder which resulted (I trust) to her encouragement & (I hope) & believe to the satisfaction of the Meeting. –
Ruth Mitchell, Adam Anthony & Doctor Wadsworth dined with us. –
This evening between 7 OClock DIED JONATHON ALM, Town Clerk, Aged 76 years he had been Town Clerk about 20 years

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June 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 6 M 1821 / This Afternoon attended the funeral of my Old friend JONATHON ALMY, he was a pleasant companion & I loved him much & shall miss him for a long time, in his Office he was affable & kind, & having frequent reason to go to the Town Clerks office I became intimate with him - my mind was more than commonly affected at his funeral. –
This Afternoon Sister Mary came down to have a tooth pulled, in which she suffered much which --tul my sympathy [word obscured by spine]

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June 3, Sunday: Gigar Iyasu replaced Iyoas II Hezqeyas as Emperor of Ethiopia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 6th M 1821 / Our Meeting was large this morning & D Buffum was engaged in a lively & powerful testimony - In the Afternoon it was well attended & Silent. – A very considerable number meets with us who are not members, & I trust they, or many of them, come from religious motives, & I trust know how to enjoy a Silent meeting. –

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June 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 6th M / Felt my self under the necessity this mornng to leave my buisness & go with Doctor Hazard, out to Uncle Stantons, he has been quite unwell for some time & required bleeding. – the operation affected him much & made him very sick & faint but before we left him This Afternoon he was about & quite Smart. –

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June 7, Thursday: A group of Greek landowners declared itself the government of the Peloponnesus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 6M / I was sorry to be detained from meeting this



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day, but having buisness of a peculiar nature that could not be defer'd, submitted with reluctance to my situation – Those who were at meeting said it was a precious season & that short testimonys were deliverd by Father Rodman & Abigail Robinson. –

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June 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 6th M / Our Yearly meeting begins at [Portsmouth](#) this morning. I went out last night to Uncle Stantons & Lodged –Our Select meeting was a Season of favor Our frd Stephen Grellet was engaged in much Gospel love to point out many christian experiences & Doctrines to the consolation of many present & I supposed a few were disturbed at Some things he Said. – After Meeting I returned & dined dat Uncle Stantons & in the After Meeting rode home in the Rain & got much weter than I have been in many years –

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June 10, Sunday: There was a major fire in Bridgetown on the island of Barbados.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 10th of 6th M 1821 / The Morning Meeting was large as usual – The first I could not approve being of J S & of a spirit that stands for condemnation. – After some time Hannah Field was engaged in a precious testimony & Stephen Grellett was very large & Truth rose over all, by his testimony, soon after which The Meeting closed. –
In the Afternoon the Meeting was interrupted in the forepart of it by two unsavory appearances, at least they were unseasonable & I believe did no good – next Hannah Field was concerned in a well Authorised & skilfull testimony then Deborah Otis in Supplication, & Mary Allen in a Baptising testimony concluded the Meeting*

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June 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day / The Meeting opened under a very solemn covering David Buffum appeared in a very reverend & impressive testimony - his opening was, where the Apostles received an injunction to tarry in Jerusalem untill they were endued with Power from on high. – Then Stephen Grellett in a solemn & very Baptising prayer, & the meeting under that covering proceeded to buisness & went thro' the usual service, in conducting which Some little Spirits Shewed themselves, but Truth rose above all & held dominion thro' all. – it is a season of deep trial & exercise in society, but I trust Zion will arise & shine & her Ancient beauty will be more & more conspicuous to people & Nations. –
In the Afternoon we were again troubled as last Year with Jeremiah Austin, a disowned member from [Nantucket](#), he came and*



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took his seat & persisted in Sitting but After a while by persuasion went out. - After which S Grellett addressed the meeting in a very Solemn manner on the subject of Watchfulness least we also become castaways, alluding to Jeremiah who had once stood well in society - The Answers to the queries excited many remarks from many exercised friends, & tho' the wormwood was again dispenced, yet Truth bore the dominion, & there was renew'd cause to trust in Israels Shepperd, who will never forsake his humble dependant ones, not leave his Church without faithful Pillars to Support it The Meeting adjourned till 4 OClock tommorrow Afternoon

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 June 12, Tuesday: [Egypt](#) annexed the Sudan.

Ontario [Canal](#) Company subscriptions reached \$20,000.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / The Select Meeting was a season wherein a portion of Affliction was dispenced, but Truth was in dominion to the comfort & encouragement of Many hearts, Some of whom are in great travel [travail] for the prosperity of Zion. - The Meeting at large in the Afternoon was a memorable time - The usual buisness was transacted, & tho' a wrong spirit was manifested by J Harris. - yet "TRUTH The everlasting Truth was over all above all & as G Fox said "On atop". -

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 June 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / The meeting at large did not meet this forenoon but the Select meeting did at 8 OClock & closed about Noon under fresh evidences of the Mighty power of Truth. In the Afternoon the Meeting for the members at large gathered at the 3rd hour & concluded the buisness before it in which the same life & Authority continued, the same wrong spirits appeard, particularly when the epistles were under consideration yet they were allways promptly met & laid, no rising was Successful & in every Setting we had fresh evidences of the Mighty power of Truth, for which according to my measure I desire to ascribe Thanksgiving & praise where it is alone due.

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 June 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / In our Public meeting (with the exception of a spurious offering in the forepart) Truth rose into dominion by the preaching of our Beloved Brother Stephen Grellett & when he sat down a most solemn covering was felt over the Meeting - after a space - Hannah Field appeard in a very lively testimony & the



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meeting closed soon after a short but well adapted testimony from Benjamin Fry
The Meeting was Smaller than usual in consequence of its being a very rainy day. –
After dinner we parted with nearly all our friends that have constituted our family thro' the Yearly Meeting who were – Rowland Greene & his daughter Phebe and Freelove & Son Elisha from Plainfield – Daniel Howland & Thomas Anthony, from [Greenwich](#) – Stephen Oliver, Micajah Collins Pratt, Isiah Chase, Sarah Collins from Hopkinton

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June 15, Friday: The guard in the King's Mews mutinied in support of Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / My Mother, Cousin Molly Howland & Cousin Hannah Gardiner Spent the Afternoon with us - we also had a call from Micajah Collins & wife who remain in Town, expecting to be here on first day. – Stephen Grellett Attends a meeting at [Warren](#) this Afternoon & expects to return to [Portsmouth](#) & attend meeting there next first Day

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June 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 6th M 1821 / Our frd Micajah Collins attended both Meetings with us - in the Morning he was engaged in a lively & useful testimony, also in the Afternoon tho' the gospel key did not rise as in the forenoon yet I believe many hearts were Sensibly baptized & particularly among the Youth. –

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June 18, Monday: [James Elliot Cabot](#) was born.

At 7PM, Carl Maria von Weber's romantic opera Der Freischutz to words of Kind after Apel and Laun was performed for the initial time, at the opening of the rebuilt Berlin Schauspielhaus. In the audience was an interested 12-year-old, [Felix Mendelssohn](#). Within the following two years, Der Freischutz would be staged in all the important theaters of Germany.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18th of 6th M / This morning I went with Micajah to visit –ty Carpenter & Avis Howland - & Wm Lee & his hopeful while where he had much useful matter to communicate - his wife Dined with us & set the Afternoon at A Robinsons & my [H] with them. they went to R. Mitchells to lodge

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 June 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 6 M 1821 / Our meeting was short & Silent, & to me a season of some poverty. – Before Meeting attended the funeral of John Dennis son of John Dennis a young man who was unfortunately drowned on 3rd day Afternoon

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 June 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 6 M / Sally Porter has just left us to return to her home at Narragansett & from thence is to set out with her son for the State of Tennessee where She expects to Spend the residue of her days. – She is an old friend & acquaintance of my mother & aunt Stantons, her Maiden name was Johnson & is related to the family of Malbons – it was affecting, particularly to Mother & Aunt Stanton to part with her, not expecting to meet again in this life, but part we must & soon must take the solemn & final change as to all things here

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 June 24, Sunday: South American forces under [Simón Bolívar](#) defeated Spanish and Loyalist troops at Carabobo on Lake Maracaibo, insuring the independence of Venezuela.

[Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#)'s 2d birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 6 M / Our meetings were both well attended In the forenoon D Buffum & in the Afternoon Father Rodman, were engaged in short testimonies – Took tea at Father Rodmans, & in the eveng called to see Mary Williams. –

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 June 25, Monday: Konzertstück J.282 for piano and orchestra by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Berlin. During this program Weber accompanied the renowned French violinist Alexandre Boucher in his Variations on a Norwegian Air but, after beginning, Boucher motioned Weber to stop playing and went on a lengthy bizarre riff. When he found himself unable to segue back from this he covered by dropping his violin, embracing Weber and shouting “Ah grand maitre! que j’aime, que j’admire!” — one of the high moments of low comedy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25th of 6th M / We have frequent warnings of the uncertainty of time, Some of them very sudden & Awful This Afternoon our neighbour Henry Moores daughter Harriet was brought south from [Providence](#) a corpse whither she went in usual health & was taken in a fit & died [in?] a few days Aged about 14 Years. –



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Some days ago a man from beyond [Providence](#) came down with his wife & took quarters at the Widow Billings in the Wanton House, a few nights After his Wife was taken in a fit & lays very low. –

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June 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 28th of 6th M 1821 / Rode this mornig to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting – Stpoed at Uncle Peter Lawtons - At meeting Anne Dennis - Jonathon Dennis - Hannah Dennis & D Buffum all delivered testimonies – & I dont know but on the whole it was a pretty good Meeting, tho' in my mind the stream of life did not rise as it sometimes does.–
The buisness in the last meeting went on to good satisfaction - the brethren Harmonising together -
My H being with me we Dined at Uncle Thurstons took tea at Uncle Stantons & on our way home we Stoped at Uncle R Mitchells, so in the course of the day having visited four Uncles, by marriage - got home about Dark. –*

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July 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 7th M 1821 / In the forenoon Hannah Dennis & father Rodman were engaged in short testimonys - In the Afternoon Abigail Robinson was concerned in a short communication being the language of encouragement, & was very Sweet to my feelings - Tho' I did not think what she said was immediately applicable to me yet it met me on such ground, that her language was intelligable to my feelings

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 17th birthday.

Since President James Monroe was ill, the Executive Mansion was closed to the public. At a ceremony held at the Capitol, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams read aloud from an original copy of the [Declaration of Independence](#). In Philadelphia, 90-year-old Timothy Matlack, the man who “wrote the first commission” for General George Washington, was chosen to be the one to read aloud that [Declaration](#).

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Silvestre Pinheiro Ferreira became Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

News of the demise of [Napoléon](#) reached London. After the report of the panel of 15 peers, the government introduced a bill in the House of Lords, "Pains and Penalties 1820," that would deprive Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) of the title of Queen Consort and dissolve her marriage with [King George IV](#) on account of her alleged adultery. Caroline would joke, with friends, that indeed she had once committed adultery, with the husband of a Mrs. Fitzherbert.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 7 M / This has as usual been a day of noise in Town, but with all I have not learned any accident has taken place. - We have had our Cousins John Mary & Edwin Casey with us for a day or two from [Greenwich](#)

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 July 5, Thursday: [John Thoreau, Jr.](#)'s 7th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 7M / Our Meeting was nearly silent, & to me it was a very dull hard time, but dull as it was, I did indeavour to maintain the warfare & at times over come the enemy - This Afternoon attended the funeral of Betsy Buffum

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 July 7, Saturday: Emma, ou La promesse imprudente, an opera comique by Daniel Francois Esprit Auber to words of Planard, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 7 M / This Afternoon Rode with Aunt M Stanton to her house in [Portsmouth](#) & lodged -

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 July 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Rode to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting with Aunt Stanton It was a season of close conflict in my mind & some help was witnessed - Mary Hicks & Anne Dennis appeared in short testimonys - Returned to Dine at Uncle Stantons, spent the Afternoon & finding my stay necessary, till too late to come home, Staid all night & on @nd day Morning came home -

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 July 12, Thursday: After Lima had been abandoned by the Spanish, Don José Francisco de San Martín paraded his army into the city to the cheers of its populace. He would soon lay claim to the title "Protector del Perú" and sponsor a declaration of independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 12th of 7th M 1821 / Our first meeting was a season of favor tho' the number was small yet life did freely flow & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony at two different standings – After the close of it the SELECT MEETING met, the buisness was conducted with weight, tho' life was rather row [low] we had the company of Abigail Robinson which is the first time She has ever met in Select meeting Since I have been a member of it, it was pleasant that her health would admit of her being with us today. –

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July 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7th M / Both meetings were silent, & I am inclined to think the precious life was generally low. – In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis went to Coasters Harbour & had a meeting with the Poor at the Assylum. –

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July 19, Thursday: The delayed coronation banquet for [King George IV](#), “[George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith.](#)” was finally staged in Westminster Hall. Although the coronation of [King George III](#) had cost only about £10,000, this one would sum up to about £243,000. His squat official wife, Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), had returned to England for the occasion but was not welcome at his coronation. She would be turned away at 6AM dressed to the nines at the doors to the East Cloister of Westminster Abbey, then at the doors to the West Cloister, and then at the main entrance to Westminster Hall itself. The king had hired a bunch of bodybuilders and attired them in page costumes, and this group under the command of the champion pugilist Gentleman Jackson was charged to stand sturdily in blockage of her path. Bayonets were held under her chin and the Deputy Lord Chamberlain had the doors closed in her face. She then proceeded to a door near Poet’s Corner, where she was persuaded to desist and rode away in her carriage to the jeers of onlookers: “Back to Pergami!” She went home and after a dinner party which she spoiled by copious weeping, took a dose of milk of magnesia and some drops of laudanum and went off to bed. The monarch would refuse to recognize her as his Queen and would oblige the British ambassadors to ensure that monarchs in foreign courts did the same.



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By royal command Caroline's name would be omitted from the Book of Common Prayer, the liturgy of the Church of England.



When the monarch would seek a divorce, however, he would be warned that any divorce proceedings might well involve the publication of sordid details relating not only to the Queen's extensive series of adulteries, but also to the King's. The monarch would spend most of his later reign in seclusion at Windsor Castle. Numerous statues of him would be erected during his reign (a bronze on horseback by Sir Francis Chantrey in Trafalgar Square, for instance, and another outside the Royal Pavilion in Brighton), and such statues would hold still and remain silent and represent considerable improvements on the presence of the actual royal personage.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 7 M / Our Meeting was a silent comfortable time
In the last (preparative) we had no buisness but what [was]
usual. – This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) to Uncle Saml
Thurstons – I was under appointment to visit Hannah Brown (late
Lawton) for marrying out of the order of society – Jethro
Mitchell & I went together & before we got thro' it was too late
to come home so I lodged at Jethro's & 6th day Mornng walked home*



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before breakfast. –

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 July 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 7 M 1821 / Yesterday towards night with my wife crossed the ferry to Conanicut to take our turn in the committee to attend the Meeting lodged at Cousin J Greenes & was very unwell in the night, but this morning felt better & went to Meeting which was a season of some favor, but most of the time it was under suffering that I came at any thing that I desired. –Dined at J ? Greenes & after dinner he kindly brought us across in his little boat.

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 July 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 7 M / have had much lowness & discouragement of mind for several days. –

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 July 26, Thursday: Russia severed relations with the Ottoman Empire due to the latter's refusal to guarantee the safety of its Christian subjects.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 7 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day was in a good degree comfortable, in the first Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony – In the last our buisness went on pretty well–
A request was sent forward by [Portsmouth](#) Preparative meeting from ADam Anthony to be admitted to membership –
Jos Greene, P Lawton Saml & Anne Dennis dined with us –*

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 July 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 7 M / Our Meetings were both Silent & hardly as large as usual & both were poor & weak as respected myself – Between Meetings was called to the house of Patience Tucker who had just deceased - no other of the Funeral committee being handy I had to make arrangements for the funeral - & as the house was so very small where she lived thought with the advice of several friends that it was best to meet at the Meeting house tomorrow at ? O'clock – [obscured -]

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 August 1, Wednesday: [Samuel Kneeland, Jr.](#) was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the 1st son of the merchant Samuel Kneeland (May 8, 1794-) and Nancy Burt Johnson Kneeland. The infant was cross-eyed. He would be educated at Boston Latin School.

Friends and members of the Protestant Episcopal Church met at 5PM in a Raleigh, [North Carolina](#) home and agreed to form a congregation to be known by the name of "Congregation of Christs [*sic*] Church." They elected a 5-member Vestry that included John Haywood, State Treasurer of North Carolina, as Senior Warden, John Louis Taylor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as Junior Warden, and William Henry Haywood, Jr., later a United States Senator, as Clerk.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 8 M 1821 / Rode in the Stage this mornng to [Portsmouth](#) & -?[obscured] the Select Quarterly Meeting - Dined at Uncle R Mitchells came home with Uncle Stantons Waggon & returned with H & John & lodged at Uncle Stantons. -

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 August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 8th M 1821 / Our First Meeting was large & in a degree favourd, but the Service was hurt by injudicious appearances of those who were real well wishers to the cause. - In the last the buisness went on well & I hope Truth lost no ground - Returned at Uncle Stantons Dined & lodged - & on 6th day Morning came home. -

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 August 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 8 M / Morning Meeting silent, to me a season of leaness, but was favoured to labor - In the Afternoon Ruth Meely a friend from Vermont formerly Ruth Fish of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony.- Siste Ruth took tea & set the evening & gave us a pleasant account of her journey to [Providence](#) to attend the School committee

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 August 7, Tuesday: At 10:25PM Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbützel, Princess of Wales](#), inconvenient wife of [King George IV of England](#) who had been ailing ever since being barred in the previous November from his coronation in Westminster Abbey, finally died at Brandenburg House of an intestinal obstruction which may have been cancer. She had reached the age of 53. Right up to the end she had been being spied upon and reported upon by agents of the king. The king was aboard his yacht when he received the news, and retired to his cabin for the remainder of the day. The people, who would not be required by the government to officially mourn, again rallied to her. “she’s dead, great Caroline is dead.... The Rose of England is no more.” Crowds assembled to witness her funeral procession and insist upon a proper route for it, so the English monarch had his Life Guards fire into the crowds — despite two deaths the public refused to disperse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 8 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon with Zacheus Chase, lodged at Uncle Stantons - 4th day morning Walked to Meeting, went across the Land & stoped at Richd Sissons & on my way our to the rode passed by the old Sisson House which I believe is the only one on the Island that has leaden windows Sashes & dimond glass - was caught in a shower of Rain & stoped at ? Sissons & saw his mother aged 86 Years, a sociable, pleasant & intelligent old woman. - At Meeting which was a solid[?] time, Ruth Meely engaged in testimony, to the consolation of many minds present. - Dined at Uncle Thurstons & in the Afternoon had an opportunity with Adam Anthony in consequence of his request to be admitted to membership - Took tea with Adam & in the eveng he brought me home in his Chaise

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 August 9, Thursday: The first building of Amherst Academy was dedicated by an address by [Noah Webster](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 8 M 1821 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & a very comfortable season it was, for my share of which I desire to be thankful - Hannah Dennis was very lively & large in testimony - father Rodman was also engaged in a short & pretty lively testimony. -

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 August 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 8 M 1821 / Our meetings were both solid - D Buffum in the forenoon & father Rodman in the Afternoon deliver'd short testimonys - After meeting in the Afternoon by request of Geo [?] Hazard set out with his son Alfred to go to Plainfield in Connecticut to place him at Rowland Greenes school The first night we lodged at Uncle Stantons. 2nd day [Monday] morning rose early & reached Benj Pearces at the Toll gate in [Portsmouth](#) & took breakfast then crossed [Bristol](#) ferry & rode to [Warren](#) where we fed our horse, then went on to [Providence](#) & reached [Moses Brown's](#) & lodged - 3rd day Morning proceeded on our journey stoped at several places to rest, & reached Sterling to dinner then went



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on & reached Rowlands House by the middle of the Afternoon – found it a pleasant situation, & the people also very pleasant within doors

Lodged there & on 4th day Morning, left my charge - & proceeded homewards, suffering much with the heat - dined at Fishes tavern in Scituate - then came –[obscured] & got into town in season to take a dish of tea at Obadiah Browns, walked round [Providence](#) to transact a little buisness & then rode out to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged, spending the evening in his very interesting company – 5th day Morning went up to the Yearly Meeting School & spent a little time very satisfactorily with the Superintendent & teachers, then came on to [Warren](#) and Dined & in the Afternoon reached home

This little journey has been in a good degree proffitable to me - my views have been extended, I have seen a greater extent of inland country than I ever did before, - it was the first time, & may be the only time I ever shall be in the State of Connecticut. – The Scenerey of the country has afforded an abundant theme for reflection & much beyond my theme of contemplation. - but according to my measure, I endeavour'd to proffit by it - In & about [Providence](#) I met with some of my friends that I love, & whose company is proffitable, so that altho' there has been no pecuniary benefit, yet is has been no loss. –

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August 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 8 m 1821 / This morning visited my Uncle Benjamin Gould who is in the 87th Year of his Age & so very low as to be apparantly near the close of life, hourly his dissolution may be expected. In consequence of an old family difficulty I have not been in the habit of visiting him since I was a boy & was afraid visiting him at this late period when he is so low as to speak but in a whisper, would disturb him. - but on going into the room, I found he looked quiet appeared to know me & on my inquiring of him how he did he answered in a whisper in his usual reply, that he was "meagre" - on sitting with him I felt a degree of quietude (tho not wholly free from exercise) yet a hope was raised in my heart that his peace was made. - on parting with he he squeezed my hand. –

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August 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 8 M / Mary Morton was engaged in testimony in the forenoon & father Rodman in the Afternoon --After meeting in the Afternoon with Job Sherman visited J–[obscured] Mason aged 84 Years. he is a seventh day [Baptist](#), & very Sweet & lively in spirit. I dont know when I have visited any old man that seemed more quiet in spirit & being with him, did raise in my mind strong desires that my last days might be as tranquil as



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his. -

In a thunder gust last evening two men were drowned near Rose Island, a boat went off this Afternoon to look for them but found only their boat. One was Elisha Billington of this town & the other Simmons of Connanicut. -

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 August 20, Monday: A meeting was held at Canandaigua's Mill's Hotel to discuss the building of a [canal](#) linking Canandaigua Lake with the [Erie Canal](#). John C. Spencer, James D. Bemis, Asa Stanley, Dudley Marvin, William H. Adams were appointed to study a route.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 8 M 1821 / Between 11 & 12 OClock at night Uncle BENJAMIN GOULD departed this life In the 87th Year of his Age, he was the oldest child of my Grandfather James Gould & Martha his wife - he is all the own Uncle I ever knew, there was another brother by the name of Joseph but he died before I was born. -

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 August 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 8 M / Attended the funeral of Uncle Benjamin Gould, it was a solid sitting of Friends - silent & concluded to satisfaction. - his remains were decently intered in the Burying ground near friends Meeting House, where his last wife several of his children his Father & Mother & his grandfather Stanton are all buried. - After the funeral we returned home with cousin Henry & took tea in company with David Buffum & wife, Jonathon Dennis & wife & severl others. -

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 August 23, Thursday: Three songs by Franz Schubert were published by Cappi and Diabelli, Vienna as his op.6: "Memnon" and "Antigone und Oedip" to words of Mayrhofer, and "Am Grabe Anselmos" to words of Claudius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 8 M / Silent but comfortable Meeting - in the Preparative meeting we had no buisness. - - In the Afternoon the committee met & Adam Anthony at our House, on the subject of his request which was[?] solid & satisfactory, & we agreed on a report to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting
My mind in the investigation of Adams application has been concerned to[?] feel after true judgement where by we may be satisfied both with [obscured] his[?] and our own Conduct -
Whoever is engaged rightly in the concerns in society will find frequent need of deep dipping -*

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 August 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 8 M 1821 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman delivered a short but impressive testimony on the subject of death. - Silent in the Afternoon. - After meeting took a walk with John over to the Point & called in a few moments to see A Robinson & Mary Morton. -

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 August 30, Thursday: The New York state constitutional convention began in Albany.

Franz Schubert's female chorus Der 23. Psalm, translated by Moses Mendelssohn, was performed for the initial time, in the Gundelhof, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 8 M / Rose early & with my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting on the way went down to Uncle Stantons of which circumstance I was glad as Aunt would not have been able to get to meeting without our assistance as Uncle was lame & The boy not at home
At the first meeting Anne Dennis appeared in a few words follow'd by Mary Morton Hannah Dennis & Ruth Mealy all well adapted & pertinent & I thought it a pretty good meeting - In the last Adam Anthony was received into Membership - & Several other subjects of weight & importance came before us, some of them occasioned close exercise, but on the whole I considered truth gained the Victory & the meeting closed pretty well - We returned with Aunt Patty & dined, & then rode home*

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 September 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2nd of 9th M 1821 / In the forenoon Father Rodman & in the Afternoon Mary Morton & Hannah Dennis were engaged in short testimonys. - Poverty in both Meetings were my portion. - In the evening called at D Williams to see Wm R Thurston & his wife from NYork, but finding they were not at home, went down to Sally Eastons where we found them, & his wife to be appeared an amiable intersting & religious woman. -

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September 6, Thursday: After his retirement and after the deaths of his wife, a son, and a daughter, the Reverend [Vicesimus Knox II](#) had resided upon the Adelphi Terrace in London.



At this point he died of an obstruction of the bowels in the 69th year of his age, while paying a visit to one of his two surviving sons, the Reverend Thomas Knox, in Tonbridge in Kent where this son had succeeded him as headmaster at the Tonbridge School. His remains would be deposited in the chancel of the parish church on the 13th and eventually a memorial would be positioned there:

**TO THE MEMORY OF
VICESIMUS KNOX, D.D.
MASTER OF TUNBRIDGE SCHOOL, AND RECTOR OF RUNWELL AND
RAMSDEN CRAYS IN ESSEX.
BORN DEC. 8, 1752. — DIED, SEPT. 6, 1821.**

**A SOUND DIVINE,
AN ELEGANT AND PROFOUND SCHOLAR,
A POLISHED AND POWERFUL WRITER,
AN ELOQUENT, ZEALOUS, AND PERSUASIVE PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL,
HE EMPLOYED HIS HIGH ENDOWMENTS
TO THE GLORY OF GOD,
AND THE MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL IMPROVEMENT OF MAN.
ANXIOUS EVER TO ADVANCE THE HAPPINESS OF HIS FELLOW-CREATURES,
UPON THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN PHILANTHROPY,
WITH A LOFTY SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE,**



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**AND A RARE DISINTERESTEDNESS IN CONDUCT,
HE DISREGARDED THE ORDINARY OBJECTS OF WORLDLY AMBITION,
AND SHEWED HIMSELF ON ALL OCCASIONS
THE ENEMY OF PUBLIC ABUSES,
THE FRIEND OF CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY,
THE OPPONENT OF OFFENSIVE WAR,
THE PROMOTER OF PEACE,
AND THE ADVOCATE OF ALL THE CLAIMS OF HUMANITY.**

“HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 9 M / Our Meeting was larger than usual a number
of Strangers were present some that were & some that were not
Members. – Jonathon & Hannah Dennis both delivered short
testimonies – & I thought it was a pretty good meeting. –*

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 September 9, Sunday: There was a hurricane at the islands of Antigua and St. Barths in the Caribbean. Warner,



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New Hampshire experienced a severe tornado which is said to have commenced near Lake Champlain. This phenomenon passed over Lake Sunapee and through a portion of New London and Sutton, and entered that part of Warner called the Gore not far from the base of Kearsarge Mountain. The barn of William Harwood was carried away, and the homes of M.F. Goodwin, J. Ferrin, and Abner Watkins were damaged. Ferrin's barn was ripped to pieces and Watkins's barn lost its roof. A stone weighing six hundred pounds moved several feet. At the home of Daniel Savory, his 72-year-old father Samuel and the women who were present were upstairs attempting to secure an open window when the tornado lifted the building and whirled it. The bodies of six of the family would be recovered from the wreckage. Samuel Savory's brains had been dashed out. His wife Elizabeth was badly injured by the debris. Daniel Savory's wife Mary had severe bruises, and her infant in arms did not survive. The nearby house of Robert Savory was also lost, and all eight members of the family were hurt to one degree or another. John Palmer, half a mile away, saw the cloud coming, too late, and would relate that it looked like an inverted funnel. The buildings of Peter Flanders were torn apart, and the Flanders infant was very severely injured. A Miss Anna Richardson was killed. The buildings of Deacon Joseph True, in the corner of Salisbury, New Hampshire, were demolished and the entire family buried in chimney bricks. The deacon's life was saved when a huge timber stuck endways into the ground within two feet of the place in which he was standing, because then the wreckage falling upon that upright piece protected him from being crushed. He was able to dig his family out from under more than a foot of crushed bricks. The oven had just been heated and the brick wreckage he removed was so hot that his fingers burned to the bone. At the end, the tornado passed again into Warner, tearing down another barn and passing over a pond in such manner as to



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draw its waters noticeably up at its center. The tornado then played itself out in a quarter of the woods bordering on what would become Webster, New Hampshire.

William C. Redfield of Connecticut would follow a portion of the path of this hurricane on foot, and would notice that in some places where trees had been knocked over, they had been knocked over toward the southeast, whereas elsewhere some fruit trees and some corn plants had been knocked down toward the northwest. He correctly inferred therefore, in the Ben-Franklin manner, that these hurricanes must be of the nature of whirlwinds. (Other meteorologists of the time, however, would disagree, insisting that because hurricanes were driven by convection forces, the general movement of air in a hurricane must be upward rather than at a horizontal angle.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 9th M 1821 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman & in the Afternoon D Buffum had short but lively testimonies & to me the Afternoon (particularly) was a season of some favor, for which I desire to be thankful
Oh the leanness of my spirit of late. -*

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September 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 9 M / Attended the funeral of John Goddards Child about 14 Months old - it was to me a season of favor, it seemed a little like the removal of the Vale, or a change from a state of leanness to a state of sweet tenderness, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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September 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 9 M / Our Meeting was to me rather an unsettled season but a degree of favor was experienced - A few words by J Dennis - At 2 O'clock the committee in care of the Request of John A Wardsworth met at our house, which was a solid interesting opportunity - After which I rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Benjamin & Niobe Marshall who arrived just before Meeting time on a visit to their father & Mother, we got there in season to return before dark. - Aunt Patty had gone to take a ride with Ellen, but Uncle was at home & highly pleased to see his children & grandchild -

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September 16, Sunday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia claimed the west coast of North America from the Bering Sea to latitude 51° north. He further banned foreign ships from coming within 185 kilometers of the coast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 9th M / Our Morning Meeting was large & favord - Mary Morton was first engaged in a lively testimony, her opening was [obscure] ist the Devil & he will flee from us & was favord to shew the -ration of the divine principle, the way to escape temptation & finally land safe in the kingdom of heaven



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*—The Hannah Dennis was large in testimony & much favord on the general subjects of religion - Then David Buffum pointed out the operations of truth & endeavoured to turn our minds to the principle, from the outward to the inward Stating that we [-] ed must talk about religion, must bubby [?] theory we [-] no more about religion than we did about a country [-]rewing a map, but the way to have a correct understanding was to go & see the country, so with religion, doctrine & theory would answer no better purpose but we must come to the experimental part, to feel it in our selves & obey its leadings & directions & concluded with saying what an Awful thing it would be should the language be applicable to any "The summers is past & the harvest is ended & we are not gathered "Then Hannah Dennis rose & very feelingly addressed the Aged particularly & concluded with a few words to the Middle aged & the Youth. -
In the Afternoon we had a short but lively testimony from father Rodman. -
In the evening I visited my cousins, Peggy & Hannah Gould. -*

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 September 20, Thursday: Captain Hezekiah Weatherbee [Wetherbee] got married with Grace E. Baker [Billings].

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 9 M 1821 / Silent Meeting. - & in The last there was some buisness - Jm Wilbour reported as having married out of the order of Society. -

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 September 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 9 M / Silent meeting in the forenoon - in the Afternoon a few words from father Rodman. -

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 September 27, Thursday: Augustin de Iturbide entered Mexico City in triumph after his Mexican forces defeated Spanish troops.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 9 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this day held in town. The first was a season of some favor, Anne Dennis was concerned in a few words - Anne Greene followed in a communication of some length & father Rodman closed in a short testimony - in the last Meeting we had but little buisness & The Meeting closed at a little past on OClock Uncle Saml Thurston & Aunt Stanton Dined with us, after which My H & John went out with Aunt Stanton intending to Spend a few days on a visit to them -

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 September 29, Saturday: The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music, compiled by Lowell Mason, was announced in the leading American music journal, The Euterpeiad.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29th of 9 M 1821 / Towards night Cousin Henry Gould took me to [Portsmouth](#) in his Chaise as far as black Sam's Corner & I walked from thence down to Uncle Stantons, & staid all night

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 September 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Next Morning took Aunt Patty my H & John in the Waggon & went to meeting - Abigail Sherman & Anne Dennis said a little & I thought it was a pretty good meeting - returned & dined at Uncle Stantons & in the Afternoon returned home, rode part of the way & walked a part of the way, leaving Hannah & John to complete their visit.

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 October: The Universalist Reverend John Murray had between 1772 and 1815 preached frequently in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), and other Universalists had preached there from time to time. At this point the first Universalist society was incorporated. It would come to occupy two churches on Westminster Street before erecting a more spacious building at the corner of Greene Street and Washington Street.

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The second such Universalist society, known as "The Church of the Mediator," would be established in 1845, and would occupy the substantial edifice on Cranston Street at the corner of Burgess Street. Besides these two parishes there would be in Rhode Island three other Universalist parishes: one in [Woonsocket](#), one in Pawtucket, and one in East Providence where a new church edifice would be dedicated on October 24, 1882. There would be Universalist chapels at Valley Falls and Cumberland and for some years a missionary reverend would be going out to preach at Burrillville, Anthony, Harmony, and other towns.

 October 5, Friday: The publication of twelve Monferrinas for piano op.49 by Muzio Clementi was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Greek rebels captured Tripolitza in the Morea and massacred the Turks living there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 10th M 1821 / On buisness of the Estate of the late Mary Tillinghast, I went this Morning to the Island of Prudence. We took Quarters at Saml Pearces[?], & on 7th day evening about a 1 / 2 past 7 OC after we had finished our buisness & got our supper we got on board the boat & by Moon light had a pleasant Sail down the river & got home before bed



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 October 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 10th M / Both our Meetings were Silent, but pretty well attended - to me they were seasons of great poverty & need, Oh! that it was a season of more life, but I hope not to be in a State I am now in for any great length of time. –

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 October 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 10th M / Our Meeting was a season of some favor to me Father Rodman & Anned Dennis delivered short testimonies- The Select Meeting was a season of depression as to life

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 October 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 10 M / This Afternoon to Connanicut to take my turn as one of the committee to attend the Meeting there. lodged at cousin Greenes - Next Morning went to Meeting, the tide was so high that I had to wade across the bridge & this reminded me of the primitive going [-] meeting - The Meeting was a favored time to me & after Dining at Joseph Greenes crossed the ferry & came home –

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 October 18, Thursday: [John Wedderburn Halkett](#) was in Montréal as an executor of the estate of Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk, when he was confronted in front of his hotel by a couple of former North West Company employees. Angry at what he had written about their activities in Canada, they threatened him with a horsewhip, whereupon he had them arrested. As a precaution he then armed himself with a brace of pistols. That evening he was attacked with a whip by Jasper Vandersluys and struck twice, whereupon he shot Vandersluys. Wounded, Vandersluys would get him charged with “assault with the intent to kill” — but that charge would then be dropped.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 10 M 1821 / Our meeting was a season of no small suffering as we sat in the Middle part & The weather was very cold & raw A few words were spoken by Father Rodman, after which the opportunity soon closed

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 October 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 10th M / Our Mornng Meeting seemed to be a remarkably solid season, soon after we were settled, life rose in my mind, & I thought spread - Mary Morton was engaged in a



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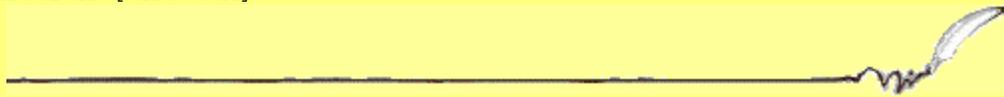
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*very lively solid & pertinent testimony
In the Afternoon we were favoured with a good degree of the
Mornings Solidity & some reverences & the Meeting closed in
Silence. -*

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[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

In England they are hardened by long unquestioned custom to survey with indifference this odious spectacle [of political corruption]. Indeed I know not what of malignant crime, of dark enormity, or wide-spread wickedness would startle the public mind there. I am proud and thankful when I contrast this with the uncontaminated innocence of my own country and it is this comparative purity joined to the energy of a youthful people still free from the complicated difficulties of an old government which constitutes the distinction and promise of this nation [the USA].



 October 25, Thursday: The Kyrie and Gloria from the Missa Solemnis by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) were performed for the initial time, in the Landstandischer Saal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 10th M / Last evening Uncle Stanton sent his Waggon in & with My H & John went to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at his House - This forenoon we went to Meeting - In the first, father Rodman spoke a little which to me was Savory, & it was a pretty good meeting - In the last which was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting we had considerable buisness, attended with exercise, but Truth rose over all & had dominion over all wrong things - John A Wadsworth was recd into membeership, & Holder C Weeden & Abby Anthony proposed their intentions of Marriage - After Meeting which held pretty late in consequence of considerable buisness -we Rode back to Uncle Stantons & again lodged, as there was not time for the Carriage to come to Town & return -

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 October 26, Friday: [Hector Berlioz](#) received a passport for domestic travel at the Grenoble Town Hall. Before the month was out, he would use it to travel to Paris to study the art of medicine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

This 6 day Uncle Brot us home.

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Perhaps thy lot in life is higher
Than the fates assign to me
While they fulfil thy large desire
And bid my hopes as visions flee
But grant me steel in joy or sorrow
In grief or hope to clame thy heart
And I will them defy the morrow
Whilst I fulfil a loyal part.

MEMORY SKETCH OF MARTIN GAY, BY EMERSON

In his Journal for 1821



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 October 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day, 28th of 10th M / Our Meetings were well attended Solid & good, in the forenoon father Rodman was concerned in testimony - in the Afternoon J Dennis & Mary Morton were concerned - We set the evening at father Rodmans, Mary Morton was also there -

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 November 1, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived in [Pisa](#). (The Gambas had preceded him during August.)

When the Lake Erie Steamboat Company's Great Lakes steamer *Walk-in-the-Water*, 1st steamship to have plied the Great Lakes waterways on a regular schedule, ran aground during a storm in Lake Erie off Buffalo, there were no injuries. Judge Samuel Wilkinson made a deal with a representative of the steamboat company: he would see to it that the boat was freed by May 1st of the following year or forfeit \$150 for each day that deadline was missed, whereas if that deadline was met, the company would commission the building of a new boat in Buffalo.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th M 1st 1821 / Our meeting was very small owing to its being a Stormy day & the Quarterly Meeting that is now Sitting at Swansey. - to me it was a season of wading but by keeping under the exercise & a pretty close watch (for me) I thought the meeting was favord in closing solidly. - It would have been greatful to have been able to go to the Quarterly meeting & from thence to [Providence](#) to meet with the School committee, but So is my way hedged about, in such away that much travelling is not proper for me - may, I however cultivate in my mind a spirit of gratitude for favors vouchsafed & humbly hope for more.

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 November 4, Sunday: In Weimar, Felix Mendelssohn met [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) for the initial time. In spite of the vast difference in their ages, over the following couple of weeks the two would forge a strong friendship. Felix had brought several songs by his sister Fanny on Goethe texts — the poet was delighted and would in gratitude compose a poem for Fanny. Also present was the Weimar Kapellmeister, [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 11th M / Our Meetings were both Silent & small, the day being rainy. - to me seasons of wading, but some help experienced, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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November 8, Thursday, evening: Captain Jackson's brig *Cobbesecontee* had sailed that morning from Havana for Boston. He had only proceeded about four miles from Moro Castle when brought to by a vessel with about 30 pirates. Captain Jackson had noticed their sloop at Regla the day before. These Cubans took the personal items of the captain and his mate, stripping them nearly naked. They broke a large broadsword across the captain's back and stabbed him through his thigh so that he almost bled to death. After they beat the mate, he was [hanged](#) under the maintop. From the cargo were obtained three bales of cochineal and six boxes of cigars. Captain Jackson would confirm a report brought by other American sailors who had been brought to grief in Havana, that some of the local whites were openly countenancing these acts of [piracy](#) against US citizens — as a gesture of retaliation against US interference with the Cuban [slave](#) trade.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day of 11 M / Our Meeting was small - a considerable portion of those who generally attend were absent at David Buffums where Sarah Sherman has lain very ill for some weeks & while the Meeting was sitting today She expired - She was a [-]lid [solid?, words obscured by binding crease] young woman & tho' all the forepart of her illness she was deprived of her mental powers, but a few days previous to her death she came to her understanding & expressed her reconciliation to the Solemn Change -

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THE WEST INDIA PIRATES

CONTAINING ACCOUNTS OF THEIR ATROCITIES, MANNERS OF LIVING, &C., WITH PROCEEDINGS OF THE SQUADRON UNDER COMMODORE PORTER IN THOSE SEAS, THE VICTORY AND DEATH OF LIEUTENANT ALLEN, THE INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF CAPTAIN LINCOLN, &C.³²³



Those innumerable groups of islands, keys and sandbanks, known as the West-Indies, are peculiarly adapted from their locality and formation, to be a favorite resort for pirates; many of them are composed of coral rocks, on which a few cocoa trees raise their lofty heads; where there is sufficient earth for vegetation between the interstices of the rocks, stunted brushwood grows. But a chief peculiarity of some of the islands, and which renders them suitable to those who frequent them as

323. THE PIRATES OWN BOOK, OR AUTHENTIC NARRATIVES OF THE LIVES, EXPLOITS, AND EXECUTIONS OF THE MOST CELEBRATED SEA ROBBERS, by Charles Ellms (Portland: Published by Sanborn & Carter; Philadelphia: Thomas, Comperthwait, & Co., 1837. This would be republished in 1842 by A. and C.B. Edwards of New-York & Philadelphia, and in 1844 in Portland by Sanborn & Carter, and in 1855 by A. and C.B. Edwards of New-York, and in 1924 by Marine res. of Massachusetts, and in 1996 by Random House of New York.)



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pirates, are the numerous caves with which the rocks are perforated; some of them are above high-water mark, but the majority with the sea water flowing in and out of them, in some cases merely rushing in at high-water filling deep pools, which are detached from each other when the tide recedes, in others with a sufficient depth of water to allow a large boat to float in. It is hardly necessary to observe how convenient the higher and dry caves are as receptacles for articles which are intended to be concealed, until an opportunity occurs to dispose of them. The Bahamas, themselves are a singular group of isles, reefs and quays; consisting of several hundred in number, and were the chief resort of pirates in old times, but now they are all rooted from them; they are low and not elevated, and are more than 600 miles in extent, cut up into numerous intricate passages and channels, full of sunken rocks and coral reefs. They afforded a sure retreat to desperadoes. Other islands are full of mountain fastnesses, where all pursuit can be eluded. Many of the low shores are skirted, and the islands covered by the mangrove, a singular tree, shooting fresh roots as it grows, which, when the tree is at its full age, may be found six or eight feet from the ground, to which the shoots gradually tend in regular succession; the leaf is very thick and stiff and about eight inches long and nine wide, the interval between the roots offer secure hiding places for those who are suddenly pursued. Another circumstance assists the pirate when pursued. – As the islands belong to several different nations, when pursued from one island he can pass to that under the jurisdiction of another power. And as permission must be got by those in pursuit of him, from the authorities of the island to land and take him, he thus gains time to secrete himself. A tropical climate is suited to a roving life, and liquor as well as dissolute women being in great abundance, to gratify him during his hours of relaxation, makes this a congenial region for the lawless.

The crews of pirate vessels in these seas are chiefly composed of Spaniards, Portuguese, French, Mulattoes, Negroes, and a few natives of other countries. The island of Cuba is the great nest of pirates at the present day, and at the Havana, piracy is as much tolerated as any other profession. As the piracies committed in these seas, during a single year, have amounted to more than fifty, we shall give only a few accounts of the most interesting.

In November 1821, the brig *Cobbesecontee*, Captain Jackson, sailed from Havana, on the morning of the 8th for Boston, and on the evening of the same day, about four miles from the Moro, was brought to by a piratical sloop containing about 30 men. A boat from her, with 10 men, came alongside, and soon after they got on board commenced plundering. They took nearly all the clothing from the captain and mate – all the cooking utensils and spare rigging – unrove part of the running rigging – cut the small cable – broke the compasses – cut the mast's coats to pieces – took from the captain his watch and four boxes cigars – and from the cargo three bales cochineal and six boxes cigars. They beat the mate unmercifully, and hung him up by the neck under the maintop. They also beat the captain severely – broke



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a large broad sword across his back, and ran a long knife through his thigh, so that he almost bled to death. Captain Jackson saw the sloop at Regla the day before.

Captain Jackson informs us, and we have also been informed by other persons from the Havana, that this system of piracy is openly countenanced by some of the inhabitants of that place – who say that it is a retaliation on the Americans for interfering against the Slave Trade.

About this time the ship Liverpool Packet, Ricker, of Portsmouth, N.H., was boarded off Cape St. Antonio, Cuba, by two piratical schooners; two barges containing thirty or forty men, robbed the vessel of every thing movable, even of her *flags*, rigging, and a boat which happened to be afloat, having a boy in it, which belonged to the ship. They held a consultation whether they should murder the crew, as they had done before, or not – in the mean time taking the ship into anchoring ground. On bringing her to anchor, the crew saw a brig close alongside, burnt to the water's edge, and three dead bodies floating near her. The pirates said they had burnt the brig the day before, and *murdered all the crew!* – and intended doing the same with them. They said "look at the turtles (meaning the dead bodies) you will soon be the same." They said the vessel was a Baltimore brig, which they had robbed and burnt, and murdered the crew as before stated, of which they had little doubt. Captain Ricker was most shockingly bruised by them. The mate was hung till he was supposed to be dead, but came to, and is now alive. They told the captain that they belonged in Regla, and should kill them all to prevent discovery.

In 1822, the United States had several cruisers among the West-India islands, to keep the pirates in check. Much good was done but still many vessels were robbed and destroyed, together with their crews. This year the brave Lieutenant Allen fell by the hand of pirates; he was in the United States schooner Alligator, and receiving intelligence at Matanzas, that several vessels which had sailed from that port, had been taken by the pirates, and were then in the bay of Lejuapo. He hastened to their assistance. He arrived just in time to save five sail of vessels which he found in possession of a gang of pirates, 300 strong, established in the bay of Lejuapo, about 15 leagues east of this. He fell, pierced by two musket balls, in the van of a division of boats, attacking their principal vessel, a fine schooner of about eighty tons, with a long eighteen pounder on a pivot, and four smaller guns, *with the bloody flag nailed to the mast*. Himself, Captain Freeman of Marines, and twelve men, were in the boat, much in advance of his other boats, and even took possession of the schooner, after a desperate resistance, which nothing but a bravery almost too daring could have overcome. The pirates, all but one, escaped by taking to their boats and jumping overboard, before the Alligator's boat reached them. Two other schooners escaped by the use of their oars, the wind being light.

Captain Allen survived about four hours, during which his conversation evinced a composure and firmness of mind, and correctness of feeling, as honorable to his character, and more



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consoling to his friends, than even the dauntless bravery he before exhibited.

The surgeon of the Alligator in a letter to a friend, says, "He continued giving orders and conversing with Mr. Dale and the rest of us, until a few minutes before his death, with a degree of cheerfulness that was little to be expected from a man in his condition. He said he wished his relatives and his country to know that he had fought well, and added that he died in peace and good will towards all the world, and hoped for his reward in the next."

Lieutenant Allen had but few equals in the service. He was ardently devoted to the interest of his country, was brave, intelligent, and accomplished in his profession. He displayed, living and dying, a magnanimity that sheds lustre on his relatives, his friends, and his country.

About this time Captain Lincoln fell into the hands of the pirates, and as his treatment shows the peculiar habits and practices of these wretches, we insert the very interesting narrative of the captain.

The schooner Exertion, Captain Lincoln, sailed from Boston, bound for Trinidad de Cuba, Nov. 13th, 1821, with the following crew; Joshua Bracket, mate; David Warren, cook; and Thomas Young, Francis De Suze, and George Reed, seamen.

The cargo consisted of flour, beef, pork, lard, butter, fish, beans, onions, potatoes, apples, hams, furniture, sugar box shooks, &c., invoiced at about eight thousand dollars. Nothing remarkable occurred during the passage, except much bad weather, until my capture, which was as follows: -

Monday, December 17th, 1821, commenced with fine breezes from the eastward. At daybreak saw some of the islands northward of Cape Cruz, called Keys - stood along northwest; every thing now seemed favorable for a happy termination of our voyage. At 3 o'clock, P.M., saw a sail coming round one of the Keys, into a channel called Boca de Cavolone by the chart, nearly in latitude $20^{\circ} 55'$ north, longitude $79^{\circ} 55'$ west, she made directly for us with all sails set, sweeps on both sides (the wind being light) and was soon near enough for us to discover about forty men on her deck, armed with muskets, blunderbusses, cutlasses, long knives, dirks, &c., two carronades, one a twelve, the other a six pounder; she was a schooner, wearing the Patriot flag (blue, white and blue) of the Republic of Mexico. I thought it not prudent to resist them, should they be pirates, with a crew of seven men, and only five muskets; accordingly ordered the arms and ammunition to be immediately stowed away in as secret a place as possible, and suffer her to speak us, hoping and believing that a republican flag indicated both honor and friendship from those who wore it, and which we might expect even from Spaniards. But how great was my astonishment, when the schooner having approached very near us, hailed in English, and ordered me to heave my boat out immediately and come on board of her with my papers. - Accordingly my boat was hove out, but filled before I could get into her. - I was then ordered to tack ship and lay by for the pirates' boat to board me; which was done by Bolidar, their first lieutenant, with six or eight Spaniards armed with



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as many of the before mentioned weapons as they could well sling about their bodies. They drove me into the boat, and two of them rowed me to their privateer (as they called their vessel), where I shook hands with their commander, Captain Jonnia, a Spaniard, who before looking at my papers, ordered Bolidar, his lieutenant, to follow the Mexican in, back of the Key they had left, which was done. At 6 o'clock, P.M., the Exertion was anchored in eleven feet water, near this vessel, and an island, which they called Twelve League Key (called by the chart Key Largo), about thirty or thirty-five leagues from Trinidad. After this strange conduct they began examining my papers by a Scotchman who went by the name of Nickola, their sailing master. — He spoke good English, had a countenance rather pleasing, although his beard and mustachios had a frightful appearance — his face, apparently full of anxiety, indicated something in my favor; he gave me my papers, saying "take good care of them, for I am afraid you have fallen into bad hands." The pirates' boat was then sent to the Exertion with more men and arms; a part of them left on board her; the rest returning with three of my crew to their vessel; viz., Thomas Young, Thomas Goodall, and George Reed — they treated them with something to drink, and offered them equal shares with themselves, and some money, if they would enlist, but they could not prevail on them. I then requested permission to go on board my vessel which was granted, and further requested Nickola should go with me, but was refused by the captain, who vociferated in a harsh manner, "No, No, No." accompanied with a heavy stamp upon the deck. When I got on board, I was invited below by Bolidar, where I found they had emptied the case of liquors, and broken a cheese to pieces and crumbled it on the table and cabin floor; the pirates, elated with their prize (as they called it), had drank so much as to make them desperately abusive. I was permitted to lie down in my berth; but, reader, if you have ever been awakened by a gang of armed, desperadoes, who have taken possession of your habitation in the midnight hour, you can imagine my feelings. — Sleep was a stranger to me, and anxiety was my guest. Bolidar, however, pretended friendship, and flattered me with the prospect of being soon set at liberty. But I found him, as I suspected, a consummate hypocrite; indeed, his very looks indicated it. He was a stout and well built man, of a dark, swarthy complexion, with keen, ferocious eyes, huge whiskers, and beard under his chin and on his lips, four or five inches long; he was a Portuguese by birth, but had become a naturalized Frenchman — had a wife, if not children (as I was told) in France, and was well known there as commander of a first rate privateer. His appearance was truly terrific; he could talk some English, and had a most lion-like voice.

Tuesday, 18th. — Early this morning the captain of the pirates came on board the Exertion; took a look at the cabin stores, and cargo in the state rooms, and then ordered me back with him to his vessel, where he, with his crew, held a consultation for some time respecting the cargo. After which, the interpreter, Nickola, told



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me that "the captain had, or pretended to have, a commission under General Traspelascus, commander-in-chief of the republic of Mexico, authorizing him to take all cargoes whatever of provisions, bound to any royalist Spanish port – that my cargo being bound to an enemy's port, must be condemned; but that the vessel should be given up and be put into a fair channel for Trinidad, where I was bound." I requested him to examine the papers thoroughly, and perhaps he would be convinced to the contrary, and told him my cargo was all American property taken in at Boston, and consigned to an American gentleman, agent at Trinidad. But the captain would not take the trouble, but ordered both vessels under way immediately, and commenced beating up amongst the Keys through most of the day, the wind being very light. They now sent their boats on board the Exertion for stores, and commenced plundering her of bread, butter, lard, onions, potatoes, fish, beans, &c., took up some sugar box shocks that were on deck, and found the barrels of apples; selected the best of them and threw the rest overboard. They inquired for spirits, wine, cider, &c. and were told "they had already taken all that was on board." But not satisfied they proceeded to search the state rooms and forcastle, ripped up the floor of the later and found some boxes of bottled cider, which they carried to their vessel, gave three cheers, in an exulting manner to me, and then began drinking it with such freedom, that a violent quarrel arose between officers and men, which came very near ending in bloodshed. I was accused of falsehood, for saying they had got all the liquors that were on board, and I thought they had; the truth was, I never had any bill of lading of the cider, and consequently had no recollection of its being on board; yet it served them as an excuse for being insolent. In the evening peace was restored and they sung songs. I was suffered to go below for the night, and they placed a guard over me, stationed at the companion way.

Wednesday, 19th, commenced with moderate easterly winds, beating towards the northeast, the pirate's boats frequently going on board the Exertion for potatoes, fish, beans, butter, &c. which were used with great waste and extravagance. They gave me food and drink, but of bad quality, more particularly the victuals, which was wretchedly cooked. The place assigned me to eat was covered with dirt and vermin. It appeared that their great object was to hurt my feelings with threats and observations, and to make my situation as unpleasant as circumstances would admit. We came to anchor near a Key, called by them Brigantine, where myself and mate were permitted to go on shore, but were guarded by several armed pirates. I soon returned to the Mexican and my mate to the Exertion, with George Reed,



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one of my crew; the other two being kept on board the Mexican. In the course of this day I had considerable conversation with Nickola, who appeared well disposed towards me. He lamented most deeply his own situation, for he was one of those men, whose early good impressions were not entirely effaced, although confederated with guilt. He told me "those who had taken me were no better than pirates, and their end would be the halter; but," he added, with peculiar emotion, "I will never be hung as a pirate," showing me a bottle of laudanum which he had found in my medicine chest, saying, "If we are taken, that shall cheat the hangman, before we are condemned." I endeavored to get it from him, but did not succeed. I then asked him how he came to be in such company, as he appeared to be dissatisfied. He stated, that he was at New Orleans last summer, out of employment, and became acquainted with one Captain August Orgamar, a Frenchman, who had bought a small schooner of about fifteen tons, and was going down to the bay of Mexico to get a commission under General Traspelascus, in order to go a privateering under the patriot flag. Capt. Orgamar made him liberal offers respecting shares, and promised him a sailing master's berth, which he accepted and embarked on board the schooner, without sufficiently reflecting on the danger of such an undertaking. Soon after she sailed from Mexico, where they got a commission, and the vessel was called Mexican. They made up a complement of twenty men, and after rendering the General some little service, in transporting his troops to a place called ----- proceeded on a cruise; took some small prizes off Campeachy; afterwards came on the south coast of Cuba, where they took other small prizes, and the one which we were now on board of. By this time the crew were increased to about forty, nearly one half Spaniards, the others Frenchmen and Portuguese. Several of them had sailed out of ports in the United States with American protections; but, I confidently believe, none are natives, especially of the northern states. I was careful in examining the men, being desirous of knowing if any of my countrymen were among this wretched crew; but am satisfied there were none, and my Scotch friend concurred in the opinion. And now, with a new vessel, which was the prize of these plunderers, they sailed up Manganeil bay; previously, however, they fell in with an American schooner, from which they bought four barrels of beef, and paid in tobacco. At the Bay was an English brig belonging to Jamaica, owned by Mr. John Louden of that place. On board of this vessel the Spanish part of the crew commenced their depredations as pirates, although Captain Orgamar and Nickola protested against it, and refused any participation; but they persisted, and like so many ferocious blood-hounds, boarded the brig, plundered the cabin, stores,



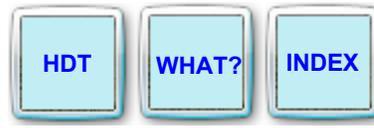
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furniture, captain's trunk, &c., took a hogshead of rum, one twelve pound carronade, some rigging and sails. One of them plundered the chest of a sailor, who made some resistance, so that the Spaniard took his cutlass, and beat and wounded him without mercy. Nickola asked him "why he did it?" the fellow answered, "I will let you know," and took up the cook's axe and gave him a cut on the head, which nearly deprived him of life. Then they ordered Captain Orgamar to leave his vessel, allowing him his trunk and turned him ashore, to seek for himself. Nickola begged them to dismiss him with his captain, but no, no, was the answer; for they had no complete navigator but him. After Captain Orgamar was gone, they put in his stead the present brave (or as I should call him cowardly) Captain Jonnia, who headed them in plundering the before mentioned brig, and made Bolidar their first lieutenant, and then proceeded down among those Keys or Islands, where I was captured. This is the amount of what my friend Nickola told me of their history.

Saturday, 22d. - Both vessels under way standing to the eastward, they ran the Exertion aground on a bar, but after throwing overboard most of her deck load of shooks, she floated off; a pilot was sent to her, and she was run into a narrow creek between two keys, where they moored her head and stern along side of the mangrove trees, set down her yards and topmasts, and covered her mast heads and shrouds with bushes to prevent her being seen by vessels which might pass that way. I was then suffered to go on board my own vessel, and found her in a very filthy condition; sails torn, rigging cut to pieces, and every thing in the cabin in waste and confusion. The swarms of moschetoes and sand-flies made it impossible to get any sleep or rest. The pirate's large boat was armed and manned under Bolidar, and sent off with letters to a merchant (as they called him) by the name of Dominico, residing in a town called Principe, on the main island of Cuba. I was told by one of them, who could speak English, that Principe was a very large and populous town, situated at the head of St. Maria, which was about twenty miles northeast from where we lay, and the Keys lying around us were called Cotton Keys. - The captain pressed into his service Francis de Suze, one of my crew, saying that he was one of his countrymen. Francis was very reluctant in going, and said to me, with tears in his eyes, "I shall do nothing but what I am obliged to do, and will not aid in the least to hurt you or the vessel; I am very sorry to leave you." He was immediately put on duty and Thomas Goodall sent back to the Exertion.

Sunday, 23d. - Early this morning a large number of the pirates came on board of the Exertion, threw out the long boat, broke open the hatches, and took out



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considerable of the cargo, in search of rum, gin, &c., still telling me "I had some and they would find it," uttering the most awful profaneness. In the afternoon their boat returned with a perough, having on board the captain, his first lieutenant and seven men of a patriot or piratical vessel that was chased ashore at Cape Cruz by a Spanish armed brig. These seven men made their escape in said boat, and after four days, found our pirates and joined them; the remainder of the crew being killed or taken prisoners.

Monday, 24th. - Their boat was manned and sent to the before-mentioned town. - I was informed by a line from Nickola, that the pirates had a man on board, a native of Principe, who, in the garb of a sailor, was a partner with Dominico, but I could not get sight of him. This lets us a little into the plans by which this atrocious system of piracy has been carried on. Merchants having partners on board of these pirates! thus pirates at sea and robbers on land are associated to destroy the peaceful trader. The willingness exhibited by the seven above-mentioned men, to join our gang of pirates, seems to look like a general understanding among them; and from there being merchants on shore so base as to encourage the plunder and vend the goods, I am persuaded there has been a systematic confederacy on the part of these unprincipled desperadoes, under cover of the patriot flag; and those on land are no better than those on the sea. If the governments to whom they belong know of the atrocities committed (and I have but little doubt they do) they deserve the execration of all mankind.

Thursday, 27th. - A gang of the pirates came and stripped our masts of the green bushes, saying, "she appeared more like a sail than trees" - took one barrel of bread and one of potatoes, using about one of each every day. I understood they were waiting for boats to take the cargo; for the principal merchant had gone to Trinidad.

Sunday, 30th. - The beginning of trouble! This day, which peculiarly reminds Christians of the high duties of compassion and benevolence, was never observed by these pirates. This, of course, we might expect, as they did not often know when the day came, and if they knew it, it was spent in gambling. The old saying among seamen, "no Sunday off soundings," was not thought of; and even this poor plea was not theirs, for they were on soundings and often at anchor. - Early this morning, the merchant, as they called him, came with a large boat for the cargo. I was immediately ordered into the boat with my crew, not allowed any breakfast, and carried about three miles to a small island out of sight of the Exertion, and left there by the side of a little pond of thick, muddy water, which proved to be very brackish,



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with nothing to eat but a few biscuits. One of the boat's men told us the merchant was afraid of being recognized, and when he had gone the boat would return for us; but we had great reason to apprehend they would deceive us, and therefore passed the day in the utmost anxiety. At night, however, the boats came and took us again on board the Exertion; when, to our surprise and astonishment, we found they had broken open the trunks and chests, and taken all our wearing apparel, not even leaving a shirt or pair of pantaloons, nor sparing a small miniature of my wife which was in my trunk. The little money I and my mate had, with some belonging to the owners, my mate had previously distributed about the cabin in three or four parcels, while I was on board the pirate, for we dare not keep it about us; one parcel in a butter pot they did not discover. — Amidst the hurry with which I was obliged to go to the before-mentioned island, I fortunately snatched by vessel's papers, and hid them in my bosom, which the reader will find was a happy circumstance for me. My writing desk, with papers, accounts, &c., all Mr. Lord's letters (the gentlemen to whom my cargo was consigned) and several others were taken and maliciously destroyed. My medicine chest, which I so much wanted, was kept for their own use. What their motive could be to take my papers I could not imagine, except they had hopes of finding bills of lading for some Spaniards, to clear them from piracy. Mr. Bracket had some notes and papers of consequence to him, which shared the same fate. My quadrant, charts, books and bedding were not yet taken, but I found it impossible to hide them, and they were soon gone from my sight.

Tuesday, January 1st, 1822 — A sad new-year's day to me. Before breakfast orders came for me to cut down the Exertion's railing and bulwarks on one side, for their vessel to heave out by, and clean her bottom. On my hesitating a little they observed with anger, "very well, captain, suppose you no do it quick, we do it for you." Directly afterwards another boat full of armed men came along side; they jumped on deck with swords drawn, and ordered all of us into her immediately; I stepped below, in hopes of getting something which would be of service to us; but the captain hallooed, "Go into the boat directly or I will fire upon you." Thus compelled to obey, we were carried, together with four Spanish prisoners, to a small, low island or key of sand in the shape of a half moon, and partly covered with mangrove trees; which was about one mile from and in sight of my vessel. There they left nine of us, with a little bread, flour, fish, lard, a little coffee and molasses; two or three kegs of water, which was brackish; an old sail for a covering, and a pot and some other articles no way fit to cook in. Leaving us these, which were much less than



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they appear in the enumeration, they pushed off, saying, "we will come to see you in a day or two." Selecting the best place, we spread the old sail for an awning; but no place was free from flies, moschetoës, snakes, the venomous skinned scorpion, and the more venomous santipee. Sometimes they were found crawling inside of our pantaloons, but fortunately no injury was received. This afternoon the pirates hove their vessel out by the Exertion and cleaned one side, using her paints, oil, &c. for that purpose. To see my vessel in that situation and to think of our prospects was a source of the deepest distress. At night we retired to our tent; but having nothing but the cold damp ground for a bed, and the heavy dew of night penetrating the old canvass – the situation of the island being fifty miles from the usual track of friendly vessels, and one hundred and thirty-five from Trinidad – seeing my owner's property so unjustly and wantonly destroyed – considering my condition, the hands at whose mercy I was, and deprived of all hopes, rendered sleep or rest a stranger to me.

Friday, 4th. – Commenced with light winds and hot sun, saw a boat coming from the Exertion, apparently loaded; she passed between two small Keys to northward, supposed to be bound for Cuba. At sunset a boat came and inquired if we wanted anything, but instead of adding to our provisions, took away our molasses, and pushed off. We found one of the Exertion's water casks, and several pieces of plank, which we carefully laid up, in hopes of getting enough to make a raft.

Saturday, 5th. – Pirates again in sight, coming from the eastward; they beat up along side their prize, and commenced loading. In the afternoon Nickola came to us, bringing with him two more prisoners, which they had taken in a small sail boat coming from Trinidad to Manganeil, one a Frenchman, the other a Scotchman, with two Spaniards, who remained on board the pirate, and who afterwards joined them. The back of one of these poor fellows was extremely sore, having just suffered a cruel beating from Bolidar, with the broad side of a cutlass. It appeared, that when the officer asked him "where their money was, and how much," he answered, "he was not certain but believed they had only two ounces of gold" – Bolidar furiously swore he said "ten," and not finding any more, gave him the beating. Nickola now related to me a singular fact; which was, that the Spanish part of the crew were determined to shoot him; that they tied him to the mast, and a man was appointed for the purpose; but Lion, a Frenchman, his particular friend, stepped up and told them, if they shot him they must shoot several more; some of the Spaniards sided with him, and he was released. Nickola told me, the reason for such treatment was, that he continually objected to their conduct towards me, and their opinion if he should



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escape, they would be discovered, as he declared he would take no prize money. While with us he gave me a letter written in great haste, which contains some particulars respecting the cargo; – as follows: –

January 4th, 1822.

Sir, – We arrived here this morning, and before we came to anchor, had five canoes alongside ready to take your cargo, part of which we had in; and as I heard you express a wish to know what they took out of her, to this moment, you may depend upon this account of Jamieson for quality and quantity; if I have the same opportunity you will have an account of the whole. The villain who bought your cargo is from the town of Principe, his name is Dominico, as to that it is all that I can learn; they have taken your charts aboard the schooner Mexican, and I suppose mean to keep them, as the other captain has agreed to act the same infamous part in the tragedy of his life. Your clothes are here on board, but do not let me flatter you that you will get them back; it may be so, and it may not. Perhaps in your old age, when you recline with ease in a corner of your cottage, you will have the goodness to drop a tear of pleasure to the memory of him, whose highest ambition should have been to subscribe himself, though devoted to the gallows, your friend,
Excuse haste. NICKOLA MONACRE.

Sunday, 6th. – The pirates were under way at sunrise, with a full load of the Exertion's cargo, going to Principe again to sell a second freight, which was done readily for cash. I afterwards heard that the flour only fetched five dollars per barrel, when it was worth at Trinidad thirteen; so that the villain who bought my cargo at Principe, made very large profits by it.

Tuesday, 8th. – Early this morning the pirates in sight again, with fore top sail and top gallant sail set; beat up along side of the Exertion and commenced loading; having, as I supposed, sold and discharged her last freight among some of the inhabitants of Cuba. They appeared to load in great haste; and the song, "O he oh," which echoed from one vessel to the other, was distinctly heard by us. How wounding was this to me! How different was this sound from what it would have been, had I been permitted to pass unmolested by these lawless plunderers, and been favored with a safe arrival at the port of my destination, where my cargo would have found an excellent sale. Then would the "O he oh," on its discharging, have been a delightful sound to me. In the afternoon she sailed with the perough in tow, both with a full load, having chairs, which was part of the cargo, slung at her quarters.

Monday, 14th. – They again hove in sight, and beat up as usual, along-side their prize. While passing our



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solitary island, they laughed at our misery, which was almost insupportable – looking upon us as though we had committed some heinous crime, and they had not sufficiently punished us; they hallooed to us, crying out “Captain, Captain,” accompanied with obscene motions and words, with which I shall not blacken these pages – yet I heard no check upon such conduct, nor could I expect it among such a gang, who have no idea of subordination on board, except when in chase of vessels, and even then but very little. My resentment was excited at such a malicious outrage, and I felt a disposition to revenge myself, should fortune ever favor me with an opportunity. It was beyond human nature not to feel and express some indignation at such treatment. – Soon after, Bolidar, with five men, well armed, came to us; he having a blunderbuss, cutlass, a long knife and pair of pistols – but for what purpose did he come? He took me by the hand, saying, “Captain, me speak with you, walk this way.” I obeyed, and when at some distance from my fellow prisoners, (his men following) he said, “the captain send me for your wash” I pretended not to understand what he meant, and replied, “I have no clothes, nor any soap to wash with – you have taken them all,” for I had kept my watch about me, hoping they would not discover it. He demanded it again as before; and was answered, “I have nothing to wash;” this raised his anger, and lifting his blunderbuss, he roared out, “what the d – l you call him that make clock? give it me.” I considered it imprudent to contend any longer, and submitted to his unlawful demand. As he was going off, he gave me a small bundle, in which was a pair of linen drawers, sent to me by Nickola, and also the Rev. Mr. Brooks’ “Family Prayer Book.” This gave me great satisfaction. Soon after, he returned with his captain, who had one arm slung up, yet with as many implements of war, as his diminutive wicked self could conveniently carry; he told me (through an interpreter who was his prisoner.) “that on his cruise he had fallen in with two Spanish privateers, and beat them off; but had three of his men killed, and himself wounded in the arm” – Bolidar turned to me and said, “it is a d – n lie” – which words proved to be correct, for his arm was not wounded, and when I saw him again, which was soon afterwards, he had forgotten to sling it up. He further told me, “after tomorrow you shall go with your vessel, and we will accompany you towards Trinidad.” This gave me some new hopes, and why I could not tell. They then left us without rendering any assistance. – This night we got some rest.

Tuesday, 15th. The words “go after tomorrow,” were used among our Spanish fellow prisoners, as though that happy tomorrow would never come – in what manner it came will



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soon be noticed.

Friday, 18th commenced with brighter prospects of liberty than ever. The pirates were employed in setting up our devoted schooner's shrouds, stays, &c. My condition now reminded me of the hungry man, chained in one corner of a room, while at another part was a table loaded with delicious food and fruits, the smell and sight of which he was continually to experience, but alas! his chains were never to be loosed that he might go and partake – at almost the same moment they were thus employed, the axe was applied with the greatest dexterity to both her masts and I saw them fall over the side! Here fell my hopes – I looked at my condition, and then thought of home. – Our Spanish fellow prisoners were so disappointed and alarmed that they recommended hiding ourselves, if possible, among the mangrove trees, believing, as they said, we should now certainly be put to death; or, what was worse, compelled to serve on board the Mexican as pirates. Little else it is true, seemed left for us; however, we kept a bright look out for them during the day, and at night "an anchor watch" as we called it, determined if we discovered their boats coming towards us, to adopt the plan of hiding, although starvation stared us in the face – yet preferred that to instant death. This night was passed in sufficient anxiety – I took the first watch.

Saturday, 19th. – The pirate's largest boat came for us – it being day-light, and supposing they could see us, determined to stand our ground and wait the result. They ordered us all into the boat, but left every thing else; they rowed towards the Exertion – I noticed a dejection of spirits in one of the pirates, and inquired of him where they were going to carry us? He shook his head and replied, "I do not know." I now had some hopes of visiting my vessel again – but the pirates made sail, ran down, took us in tow and stood out of the harbor. Bolidar afterwards took me, my mate and two of my men on board and gave us some coffee. On examination I found they had several additional light sails, made of the Exertion's. Almost every man, a pair of canvas trousers; and my colors cut up and made into belts to carry their money about them. My jolly boat was on deck, and I was informed, all my rigging was disposed of. Several of the pirates had on some of my clothes, and the captain one of my best shirts, a cleaner one, than I had ever seen him have on before. – He kept at a good distance from me, and forbid my friend Nickola's speaking to me. – I saw from the companion way in the captain's cabin my quadrant, spy glass and other things which belonged to us, and observed by the compass, that the course steered was about west by south, – distance nearly twenty miles, which brought them up with a cluster of islands called by some "Cayman Keys." Here they anchored and caught



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some fish, (one of which was named *guard fish*) of which we had a taste. I observed that my friend Mr. Bracket was somewhat dejected, and asked him in a low voice, what his opinion was with respects to our fate? He answered, "I cannot tell you, but it appears to me the worst is to come." I told him that I hoped not, but thought they would give us our small boat and liberate the prisoners. But mercy even in this shape was not left-for us. Soon after, saw the captain and officers whispering for some time in private conference. When over, their boat was manned under the command of Bolidar, and went to one of those Islands or Keys before mentioned. On their return, another conference took place - whether it was a jury upon our lives we could not tell. I did not think conscience could be entirely extinguished in the human breast, or that men could become fiends. In the afternoon, while we knew not the doom which had been fixed for us, the captain was engaged with several of his men in gambling, in hopes to get back some of the five hundred dollars, they said, he lost but a few nights before; which had made him unusually fractious. A little before sunset he ordered all the prisoners into the large boat, with a supply of provisions and water, and to be put on shore. While we were getting into her, one of my fellow prisoners, a Spaniard, attempted with tears in his eyes to speak to the captain, but was refused with the answer. "I'll have nothing to say to any prisoner, go into the boat." In the mean time Nickola said to me, "My friend, I will give you your book," (being Mr. Colman's Sermons,) "it is the only thing of yours that is in my possession; I dare not attempt any thing more." But the captain forbid his giving it to me, and I stepped into the boat - at that moment Nickola said in a low voice, "never mind, I may see you again before I die." The small boat was well armed and manned, and both set off together for the island, where they had agreed to leave us to perish! The scene to us was a funereal scene. There were no arms in the prisoners boat, and, of course, all attempts to relieve ourselves would have been throwing our lives away, as Bolidar was near us, well armed. We were rowed about two miles north-easterly from the pirates, to a small low island, lonely and desolate. We arrived about sunset; and for the support of us eleven prisoners, they only left a ten gallon keg of water, and perhaps a few quarts, in another small vessel, which was very poor; part of a barrel of flour, a small keg of lard, one ham and some salt fish; a small kettle and an old broken pot; an old sail for a covering, and a small mattress and blanket, which was thrown out as the boats hastened away. One of the prisoners happened to have a little coffee in his pocket, and these comprehended all our means of sustaining life, and for what length of time we knew not. We now felt the need of water, and our



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supply was comparatively nothing. A man may live nearly twice as long without food, as without water. Look at us now, my friends, left benighted on a little spot of sand in the midst of the ocean, far from the usual track of vessels, and every appearance of a violent thunder tempest, and a boisterous night. Judge of my feelings, and the circumstances which our band of sufferers now witnessed. Perhaps you can and have pitied us. I assure you, we were very wretched; and to paint the scene, is not within my power. When the boats were moving from the shore, on recovering myself a little, I asked Bolidar, "If he was going to leave us so?" – he answered, "no, only two days – we go for water and wood, then come back, take you." I requested him to give us bread and other stores, for they had plenty in the boat, and at least one hundred barrels of flour in the Mexican. "No, no, suppose to-morrow morning me come, me give you bread," and hurried off to the vessel. This was the last time I saw him. We then turned our attention upon finding a spot most convenient for our comfort, and soon discovered a little roof supported by stakes driven into the sand; it was thatched with leaves of the cocoa-nut tree, considerable part of which was torn or blown off. After spreading the old sail over this roof, we placed our little stock of provisions under it. Soon after came on a heavy shower of rain which penetrated the canvas, and made it nearly as uncomfortable inside, as it would have been out. We were not prepared to catch water, having nothing to put it in. Our next object was to get fire, and after gathering some of the driest fuel to be found, and having a small piece of cotton wick-yarn, with flint and steel, we kindled a fire, which was never afterwards suffered to be extinguished. The night was very dark, but we found a piece of old rope, which when well lighted served for a candle. On examining the ground under the roof, we found perhaps thousands of creeping insects, scorpions, lizards, crickets, &c. After scraping them out as well as we could, the most of us having nothing but the damp earth for a bed, laid ourselves down in hopes of some rest; but it being so wet, gave many of us severe colds, and one of the Spaniards was quite sick for several days.

Sunday, 20th. – As soon as day-light came on, we proceeded to take a view of our little island, and found it to measure only one acre, of coarse, white sand; about two feet, and in some spots perhaps three feet above the surface of the ocean. On the highest part were growing some bushes and small mangroves, (the dry part of which was our fuel) and the wild castor oil beans. We were greatly disappointed in not finding the latter suitable food; likewise some of the prickly pear bushes, which gave us only a few pears about the size of our small button pear; the outside has thorns, which if



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applied to the fingers or lips, will remain there, and cause a severe smarting similar to the nettle; the inside a spongy substance, full of juice and seeds, which are red and a little tartish – had they been there in abundance, we should not have suffered so much for water – but alas! even this substitute was not for us. On the northerly side of the island was a hollow, where the tide penetrated the sand, leaving stagnant water. We presumed, in hurricanes the island was nearly overflowed. According to the best calculations I could make, we were about thirty-five miles from any part of Cuba, one hundred from Trinidad and forty from the usual track of American vessels, or others which might pass that way. No vessel of any considerable size, can safely pass among these Keys (or “Queen’s Gardens,” as the Spaniards call them) being a large number extending from Cape Cruz to Trinidad, one hundred and fifty miles distance; and many more than the charts have laid down, most of them very low and some covered at high water, which makes it very dangerous for navigators without a skilful pilot. After taking this view of our condition, which was very gloomy, we began to suspect we were left on this desolate island by those merciless plunderers to perish. Of this I am now fully convinced; still we looked anxiously for the pirate’s boat to come according to promise with more water and provisions, but looked in vain. We saw them soon after get under way with all sail set and run directly from us until out of our sight, and *we never saw them again!* One may partially imagine our feelings, but they cannot be put into words. Before they were entirely out of sight of us, we raised the white blanket upon a pole, waving it in the air, in hopes, that at two miles distance they would see it and be moved to pity. But pity in such monsters was not to be found. It was not their interest to save us from the lingering death, which we now saw before us. We tried to compose ourselves, trusting to God, who had witnessed our sufferings, would yet make use of some one, as the instrument of his mercy towards us. Our next care, now, was to try for water. We dug several holes in the sand and found it, but quite too salt for use. The tide penetrates probably through the island. We now came on short allowances for water. Having no means of securing what we had by lock and key, some one in the night would slyly drink, and it was soon gone. The next was to bake some bread, which we did by mixing flour with salt water and frying it in lard, allowing ourselves eight quite small pancakes to begin with. The ham was reserved for some more important occasion, and the salt fish was lost for want of fresh water. The remainder of this day was passed in the most serious conversation and reflection. At night, I read prayers from the “Prayer Book,” before mentioned, which I most carefully concealed while last on board the pirates. This plan was pursued morning and



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evening, during our stay there. Then retired for rest and sleep, but realized little of either.

Monday, 21st. – In the morning we walked round the beach, in expectation of finding something useful. On our way picked up a paddle about three feet long, very similar to the Indian canoe paddle, except the handle, which was like that of a shovel, the top part being split off; we laid it by for the present. We likewise found some konchs and roasted them; they were pretty good shell fish, though rather tough. We discovered at low water, a bar or spit of sand extending north-easterly from us, about three miles distant, to a cluster of Keys, which were covered with mangrove trees, perhaps as high as our quince tree. My friend Mr. Bracket and George attempted to wade across, being at that time of tide only up to their armpits; but were pursued by a shark, and returned without success. The tide rises about four feet.

Tuesday, 22d. – We found several pieces of the palmetto or cabbage tree, and some pieces of boards, put them together in the form of a raft, and endeavored to cross, but that proved ineffectual. Being disappointed, we set down to reflect upon other means of relief, intending to do all in our power for safety while our strength continued. While setting here, the sun was so powerful and oppressive, reflecting its rays upon the sea, which was then calm, and the white sand which dazzled the eye, was so painful, that we retired under the awning; there the moschetoës and flies were so numerous, that good rest could not be found. We were, however, a little cheered, when, in scraping out the top of the ground to clear out, I may say, thousands of crickets and bugs, we found a hatchet, which was to us peculiarly serviceable. At night the strong north-easterly wind, which prevails there at all seasons, was so cold as to make it equally uncomfortable with the day. Thus day after day, our sufferings and apprehensions multiplying, we were very generally alarmed.

Thursday, 24th. – This morning, after taking a little coffee, made of the water which we thought least salt, and two or three of the little cakes, we felt somewhat refreshed, and concluded to make another visit to those Keys, in hopes of finding something more, which might make a raft for us to escape the pirates, and avoid perishing by thirst. Accordingly seven of us set off, waded across the bar and searched all the Keys thereabouts. On one we found a number of sugar-box shooks, two lashing plank and some pieces of old spars, which were a part of the Exertion's deck load, that was thrown overboard when she grounded on the bar, spoken of in the first part of the narrative. It seems they had drifted fifteen miles, and had accidentally lodged on



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these very Keys within our reach. Had the pirates known this, they would undoubtedly have placed us in another direction. They no doubt thought that they could not place us on a worse place. The wind at this time was blowing so strong on shore, as to prevent rafting our stuff round to our island, and we were obliged to haul it upon the beach for the present; then dug for water in the highest place, but found it as salt as ever, and then returned to our habitation. But hunger and thirst began to prey upon us, and our comforts were as few as our hopes.

Friday, 25th. – Again passed over to those Keys to windward in order to raft our stuff to our island, it being most convenient for building. But the surf on the beach was so very rough, that we were again compelled to postpone it. Our courage, however, did not fail where there was the slightest hopes of life. Returning without it, we found on our way an old top timber of some vessel; it had several spikes on it, which we afterwards found very serviceable. In the hollow of an old tree, we found two guarnas of small size, one male, the other female. Only one was caught. After taking off the skin, we judged it weighed a pound and a half. With some flour and lard, (the only things we had except salt water,) it made us a fine little mess. We thought it a rare dish, though a small one for eleven half starved persons. At the same time a small vessel hove in sight; we made a signal to her with the blanket tied to a pole and placed it on the highest tree – some took off their white clothes and waved them in the air, hoping they would come to us; should they be pirates, they could do no more than kill us, and perhaps would give us some water, for which we began to suffer most excessively; but, notwithstanding all our efforts, she took no notice of us.

Saturday, 26th. – This day commenced with moderate weather and smooth sea; at low tide found some cockles; boiled and eat them, but they were very painful to the stomach. David Warren had a fit of strangling, with swelling of the bowels; but soon recovered, and said, "something like salt rose in his throat and choked him." Most of us then set off for the Keys, where the plank and shooks were put together in a raft, which we with pieces of boards paddled over to our island; when we consulted the best plan, either to build a raft large enough for us all to go on, or a boat; but the shooks having three or four nails in each, and having a piece of large reed or bamboo, previously found, of which we made pins, we concluded to make a boat.

Sunday, 27 – Commenced our labor, for which I know we need offer no apology. We took the two planks, which were about fourteen feet long, and two and a half wide,



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and fixed them together for the bottom of the boat; then with moulds made of palmetto bark, cut timber and knees from mangrove trees which spread so much as to make the boat four feet wide at the top, placed them exactly the distance apart of an Havana sugar box. — Her stern was square and the bows tapered to a peak, making her form resemble a flat-iron. We proceeded thus far and returned to rest for the night — but Mr. Bracket was too unwell to get much sleep.

Monday, 28 — Went on with the work as fast as possible. Some of the Spaniards had long knives about them, which proved very useful in fitting timbers, and a gimlet of mine, accidentally found on board the pirate, enabled us to use the wooden pins. And now our spirits began to revive, though *water, water*, was continually in our minds. We now feared the pirates might possibly come, find out our plan and put us to death, (although before we had wished to see them, being so much in want of water.) Our labor was extremely burdensome, and the Spaniards considerably peevish — but they would often say to me “never mind captain, by and by, Americana or Spanyol catch them, me go and see ‘um hung.” We quitted work for the day, cooked some cakes but found it necessary to reduce the quantity again, however small before. We found some herbs on a windward Key, which the Spaniards called Spanish tea. — This when well boiled we found somewhat palatable, although the water was very salt. This herb resembles pennyroyal in look and taste, though not so pungent. In the evening when we were setting round the fire to keep of the moschetoës, I observed David Warren’s eyes shone like glass. The mate said to him — “David I think you will die before morning — I think you are struck with death now.” I thought so too, and told him, “I thought it most likely we should all die here soon; but as some one of us might survive to carry the tidings to our friends, if you have any thing to say respecting your family, now is the time.” — He then said, “I have a mother in Saco where I belong — she is a second time a widow — to-morrow if you can spare a scrap of paper and pencil I will write something.” But no tomorrow came to him. — In the course of the night he had another spell of strangling, and soon after expired, without much pain and without a groan. He was about twenty-six years old. — How solemn was this scene to us! Here we beheld the ravages of death commenced upon us. More than one of us considered death a happy release. For myself I thought of my wife and children; and wished to live if God should so order it, though extreme thirst, hunger and exhaustion had well nigh prostrated my fondest hopes.

Tuesday, 29th. — Part of us recommenced labor on the boat, while myself and Mr. Bracket went and selected the highest clear spot of sand on the northern side of the



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island, where we dug Warren's grave, and boxed it up with shooks, thinking it would be the most suitable spot for the rest of us – whose turn would come next, we knew not. At about ten o'clock, A.M. conveyed the corpse to the grave, followed by us survivors – a scene, whose awful solemnity can never be painted. We stood around the grave, and there I read the funeral prayer from the Rev. Mr. Brooks's Family Prayer Book; and committed the body to the earth; covered it with some pieces of board and sand, and returned to our labor. One of the Spaniards, an old man, named Manuel, who was partial to me, and I to him, made a cross and placed it at the head of the grave saying, "Jesus Christ hath him now." Although I did not believe in any mysterious influence of this cross, yet I was perfectly willing it should stand there. The middle part of the day being very warm, our mouths parched with thirst, and our spirits so depressed, that we made but little progress during the remainder of this day, but in the evening were employed in picking oakum out of the bolt rope taken from the old sail.

Wednesday, 30th. – Returned to labor on the boat with as much vigor as our weak and debilitated state would admit, but it was a day of trial to us all; for the Spaniards and we Americans could not well understand each other's plans, and they being naturally petulant, would not work, nor listen with any patience for Joseph, our English fellow prisoner, to explain our views – they would sometimes undo what they had done, and in a few minutes replace it again; however before night we began to caulk her seams, by means of pieces of hard mangrove, made in form of a caulking-iron, and had the satisfaction of seeing her in a form something like a boat.

Thursday, 31st. – Went on with the work, some at caulking, others at battening the seams with strips of canvas, and pieces of pine nailed over, to keep the oakum in. Having found a suitable pole for a mast, the rest went about making a sail from the one we had used for a covering, also fitting oars of short pieces of boards, in form of a paddle, tied on a pole, we having a piece of fishing line brought by one of the prisoners. Thus, at three P.M. the boat was completed and put afloat. – We had all this time confidently hoped, that she would be sufficiently large and strong to carry us all – we made a trial and were disappointed! This was indeed a severe trial, and the emotions it called up were not easy to be suppressed. She proved leaky, for we had no carpenter's yard, or smith's shop to go to. – And now the question was, "who should go, and how many?" I found it necessary for six; four to row, one to steer and one to bale. Three of the Spaniards and the Frenchman claimed the right, as being best acquainted



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with the nearest inhabitants; likewise, they had when taken, two boats left at St. Maria, (about forty miles distant,) which they were confident of finding. They promised to return within two or three days for the rest of us – I thought it best to consent – Mr. Bracket it was agreed should go in my stead, because my papers must accompany me as a necessary protection, and my men apprehended danger if they were lost. Joseph Baxter (I think was his name) they wished should go, because he could speak both languages – leaving Manuel, George, Thomas and myself, to wait their return. Having thus made all arrangements, and putting up a keg of the least salt water, with a few pancakes of salt fish, they set off a little before sunset with our best wishes and prayers for their safety and return to our relief. – To launch off into the wide ocean, with strength almost exhausted, and in such a frail boat as this, you will say was very hazardous, and in truth it was; but what else was left to us? – Their intention was to touch at the Key where the Exertion was and if no boat was to be found there, to proceed to St. Maria, and if none there, to go to Trinidad and send us relief. – But alas! it was the last time I ever saw them! – Our suffering this day was most acute.

Tuesday, 5th. – About ten o'clock, A.M. discovered a boat drifting by on the southeastern side of the island about a mile distant. I deemed it a providential thing to us, and urged Thomas and George trying the raft for her. They reluctantly consented and set off, but it was nearly three P.M. when they came up with her – it was the same boat we had built! Where then was my friend Bracket and those who went with him? Every appearance was unfavorable. – I hoped that a good Providence had yet preserved him. – The two men who went for the boat, found it full of water, without oars, paddle, or sail; being in this condition, and about three miles to the leeward, the men found it impossible to tow her up, so left her, and were until eleven o'clock at night getting back with the raft. They were so exhausted, that had it not been nearly calm, they could never have returned.

Wednesday, 6th. – This morning was indeed the most gloomy I had ever experienced. – There appeared hardly a ray of hope that my friend Bracket could return, seeing the boat was lost. Our provisions nearly gone; our mouths parched extremely with thirst; our strength wasted; our spirits broken, and our hopes imprisoned within the circumference of this desolate island in the midst of an unfrequented ocean; all these things gave to the scene around us the hue of death. In the midst of this dreadful despondence, a sail hove in sight bearing the white flag! Our hopes were raised, of course – but no sooner raised than darkened, by hearing a gun fired. Here then was another gang of pirates. She soon,



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however, came near enough to anchor, and her boat pushed off towards us with three men in her. – Thinking it now no worse to die by sword than famine, I walked down immediately to meet them. I knew them not. – A moment before the boat touched the ground, a man leaped from her bows and caught me in his arms! *It was Nickola!* – saying, “Do you now believe Nickola is your friend? yes, said he, *Jamieson* will yet prove himself so.” – No words can express my emotions at this moment. This was a friend indeed. The reason of my not recognizing them before, was that they had cut their beards and whiskers. Turning to my fellow-sufferers, Nickola asked – “Are these all that are left of you? where are the others?” – At this moment seeing David’s grave – “are they dead then? Ah! I suspected it, I know what you were put here for.” As soon as I could recover myself, I gave him an account of Mr. Bracket and the others. – “How unfortunate,” he said, “they must be lost, or some pirates have taken them.” – “But,” he continued, “we have no time to lose; you had better embark immediately with us, and go where you please, we are at your service.” The other two in the boat were Frenchmen, one named Lyon, the other Parrikete. They affectionately embraced each of us; then holding to my mouth the nose of a teakettle, filled with wine, said “Drink plenty, no hurt you.” I drank as much as I judged prudent. They then gave it to my fellow sufferers – I experienced almost immediate relief, not feeling it in my head; they had also brought in the boat for us, a dish of salt beef and potatoes, of which we took a little. Then sent the boat on board for the other two men, being five in all; who came ashore, and rejoiced enough was I to see among them Thomas Young, one of my crew, who was detained on board the Mexican, but had escaped through Nickola’s means; the other a Frenchman, named John Cadedt. I now thought again and again, with troubled emotion, of my dear friend Bracket’s fate. I took the last piece of paper I had, and wrote with pencil a few words, informing him (should he come there) that “I and the rest were safe; that I was not mistaken in the friend in whom I had placed so much confidence, that he had accomplished my highest expectations; and that I should go immediately to Trinidad, and requested him to go there also, and apply to Mr. Isaac W. Lord, my consignee, for assistance.” I put the paper into a junk bottle, previously found on the beach, put in a stopper, and left it, together with what little flour remained, a keg of water brought from Nickola’s vessel, and a few other things which I thought might be of service to him. We then repaired with our friends on board, where we were kindly treated. She was a sloop from Jamaica, of about twelve tons, with a cargo of rum and wine, bound to Trinidad. I asked “which way they intended to go?” They said “to Jamaica if agreeable to me.” As I



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preferred Trinidad, I told them, "if they would give me the Exertion's boat which was along-side (beside their own) some water and provisions, we would take chance in her." – "For perhaps," said I, "you will fare better at Jamaica, than at Trinidad." After a few minutes consultation, they said "you are too much exhausted to row the distance of one hundred miles, therefore we will go and carry you – we consider ourselves at your service." I expressed a wish to take a look at the Exertion, possibly we might hear something of Mr. Bracket. Nickola said "very well," so got under way, and run for her, having a light westerly wind. He then related to me the manner of their desertion from the pirates; as nearly as I can recollect his own words, he said, "A few days since, the pirates took four small vessels, I believe Spaniards; they having but two officers for the two first, the third fell to me as prize master, and having an understanding with the three Frenchmen and Thomas, selected them for my crew, and went on board with orders to follow the Mexican; which I obeyed. The fourth, the pirates took out all but one man and bade him also follow their vessel. Now our schooner leaked so bad, that we left her and in her stead agreed to take this little sloop (which we are now in) together with the one man. The night being very dark we all agreed to desert the pirates – altered our course and touched at St. Maria, where we landed the one man – saw no boats there, could hear nothing from you, and agreed one and all at the risk of our lives to come and liberate you if you were alive; knowing, as we did, that you were put on this Key to perish. On our way we boarded the Exertion, thinking possibly you might have been there. On board her we found a sail and paddle. We took one of the pirate's boats which they had left along-side of her, which proves how we came by two boats. My friend, the circumstance I am now about to relate, will somewhat astonish you. When the pirate's boat with Bolidar was sent to the before mentioned Key, on the 19th of January, it was their intention to leave you prisoners there, where was nothing but salt water and mangroves, and no possibility of escape. This was the plan of Baltizar, their abandoned pilot; but Bolidar's heart failed him, and he objected to it; then, after a conference, Captain Jonnia ordered you to be put on the little island from whence we have now taken you. But after this was done, that night the French and Portuguese part of the Mexican's crew protested against it; so that Captain Jonnia to satisfy them, sent his large boat to take you and your fellow prisoners back again, taking care to select his confidential Spaniards for this errand. And you will believe me they set off from the Mexican, and after spending about as much time as would really have taken them to come to you, they returned, and reported they had been to your island, and



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landed, and that none of you were there, somebody having taken you off! This, all my companions here know to be true. – I knew it was impossible you could have been liberated, and therefore we determined among ourselves, that should an opportunity occur we would come and save your lives, as we now have." He then expressed, as he hitherto had done (and I believe with sincerity), his disgust with the bad company which he had been in, and looked forward with anxiety to the day when he might return to his native country. I advised him to get on board an American vessel, whenever an opportunity offered, and come to the United States; and on his arrival direct a letter to me; repeating my earnest desire to make some return for the disinterested friendship which he had shown toward me. With the Frenchman I had but little conversation, being unacquainted with the language.

Here ended Nickola's account. "And now" said the Frenchman, "our hearts be easy." Nickola observed he had left all and found us. I gave them my warmest tribute of gratitude, saying I looked upon them under God as the preservers of our lives, and promised them all the assistance which my situation might enable me to afford. – This brings me to,

Thursday evening, 7th, when, at eleven o'clock, we anchored at the creek's mouth, near the Exertion. I was anxious to board her; accordingly took with me Nickola, Thomas, George and two others, well armed, each with a musket and cutlass. I jumped on her deck, saw a fire in the camboose, but no person there: I called aloud Mr. Bracket's name several times, saying "it is Captain Lincoln, don't be afraid, but show yourself," but no answer was given. She had no masts, spars, rigging, furniture, provisions or any thing left, except her bowsprit, and a few barrels of salt provisions of her cargo. Her ceiling had holes cut in it, no doubt in their foolish search for money. I left her with peculiar emotions, such as I hope never again to experience; and returned to the little sloop where we remained till –

Friday, 8th – When I had disposition to visit the island on which we were first imprisoned. – Found nothing there – saw a boat among the mangroves, near the Exertion. Returned, and got under way immediately for Trinidad. In the night while under full sail, run aground on a sunken Key, having rocks above the water, resembling old stumps of trees; we, however, soon got off and anchored. Most of those Keys have similar rocks about them, which navigators must carefully guard against.

Monday, 11th – Got under way – saw a brig at anchor about five miles below the mouth of the harbor; we hoped to avoid her speaking us; but when we opened in sight of her, discovered a boat making towards us, with a number of armed men in her. This alarmed my friends, and as we



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did not see the brig's ensign hoisted, they declared the boat was a pirate, and looking through the spy-glass, they knew some of them to be the Mexican's men! This state of things was quite alarming. They said, "we will not be taken alive by them." Immediately the boat fired a musket; the ball passed through our mainsail. My friends insisted on beating them off: I endeavored to dissuade them, believing, as I did, that the brig was a Spanish man-of-war, who had sent her boat to ascertain who we were. I thought we had better heave to. Immediately another shot came. Then they insisted on fighting, and said "if I would not help them, I was no friend." I reluctantly acquiesced, and handed up the guns – commenced firing upon them and they upon us. We received several shot through the sails, but no one was hurt on either side. Our boats had been cast adrift to make us go the faster, and we gained upon them – continued firing until they turned from us, and went for our boats, which they took in tow for the brig. Soon after this, it became calm: then I saw that the brig had us in her power. – She manned and armed two more boats for us. We now concluded, since we had scarcely any ammunition, to surrender; and were towed down alongside the brig on board, and were asked by the captain, who could speak English, "what for you fire on the boat?" I told him "we thought her a pirate, and did not like to be taken by them again, having already suffered too much;" showing my papers. He said, "Captain Americana, never mind, go and take some dinner – which are your men?" I pointed them out to him, and he ordered them the liberty of the decks; but my friend Nickola and his three associates were immediately put in irons. They were, however, afterwards taken out of irons and examined; and I understood the Frenchmen agreed to enlist, as they judged it the surest way to better their condition. Whether Nickola enlisted, I do not know, but think that he did, as I understood that offer was made to him: I however endeavored to explain more distinctly to the captain, the benevolent efforts of these four men by whom my life had been saved, and used every argument in my power to procure their discharge. I also applied to the governor, and exerted myself with peculiar interest, dictated as I trust with heartfelt gratitude – and I ardently hope ere this, that Nickola is on his way to this country, where I may have an opportunity of convincing him that such an act of benevolence will not go unrewarded. Previous to my leaving Trinidad, I made all the arrangements in my power with my influential friends, and doubt not, that their laudable efforts will be accomplished. – The sloop's cargo was then taken on board the brig; after which the captain requested a certificate that I was politely treated by him, saying that his name was Captain Candama, of the privateer brig Prudentee of eighteen guns. This request I complied



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with. His first lieutenant told me he had sailed out of Boston, as commander for T.C. Amory, Esq. during the last war. In the course of the evening my friends were taken out of irons and examined separately, then put back again. The captain invited me to supper in his cabin, and a berth for the night, which was truly acceptable. The next morning after breakfast, I with my people were set on shore with the few things we had, with the promise of the Exertion's small boat in a day or two, – but it was never sent me – the reason, let the reader imagine. On landing at the wharf Casildar, we were immediately taken by soldiers to the guard house, which was a very filthy place; thinking I suppose, and even calling us, pirates. Soon some friends came to see me. Mr. Cotton, who resides there brought us in some soup. Mr. Isaac W. Lord, of Boston, my merchant, came with Captain Tate, who sent immediately to the governor; for I would not show my papers to any one else. He came about sunset, and after examining Manuel my Spanish fellow prisoner, and my papers, said to be, giving me the papers, "Captain, you are at liberty." I was kindly invited by Captain Matthew Rice, of schooner Galaxy, of Boston, to go on board his vessel, and live with him during my stay there. This generous offer I accepted, and was treated by him with the greatest hospitality; for I was hungered and he gave me meat, I was athirst and he gave me drink, I was naked and he clothed me, a stranger and he took me in. He likewise took Manuel and my three men for that night. Next day Mr. Lord rendered me all necessary assistance in making my protest. He had heard nothing from me until my arrival. I was greatly disappointed in not finding Mr. Bracket, and requested Mr. Lord to give him all needful aid if he should come there. To Captain Carnes, of the schooner Hannah, of Boston, I would tender my sincere thanks, for his kindness in giving me a passage to Boston, which I gladly accepted. To those gentlemen of Trinidad, and many captains of American vessels, who gave me sea clothing, &c., I offer my cordial gratitude.

I am fully of the opinion that these ferocious pirates are linked in with many inhabitants of Cuba; and the government in many respects appears covertly to encourage them.

It is with heartfelt delight, that, since the above narrative was written, I have learned that Mr. Bracket and his companions are safe; he arrived at Port d'Esprit, about forty leagues east of Trinidad. A letter has been received from him, stating that he should proceed to Trinidad the first opportunity. – It appears that after reaching the wreck, they found a boat from the shore, taking on board some of the Exertion's cargo, in which they proceeded to the above place. Why it was not in his power to come to our relief will no doubt be satisfactorily disclosed when he may be so fortunate as once more to return to his native country and friends.



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I felt great anxiety to learn what became of Jamieson, who, my readers will recollect, was detained on board the Spanish brig Prudentee near Trinidad. I heard nothing from him, until I believe eighteen months after I reached home, when I received a letter from him, from Montego Bay, Jamaica, informing me that he was then residing in that island. I immediately wrote to him, and invited him to come on to the United States. He accordingly came on passenger with Captain Wilson of Cohasset, and arrived in Boston, in August, 1824. Our meeting was very affecting. Trying scenes were brought up before us; scenes gone forever, through which we had passed together, where our acquaintance was formed, and since which time, we had never met. I beheld once more the preserver of my life; the instrument, under Providence, of restoring me to my home, my family, and my friends, and I regarded him with no ordinary emotion. My family were delighted to see him, and cordially united in giving him a warm reception. He told me that after we separated in Trinidad, he remained on board the Spanish brig. The commander asked him and his companions if they would enlist; the Frenchmen replied that they would, but he said nothing, being determined to make his escape, the very first opportunity which should present. The Spanish brig afterwards fell in with a Columbian Patriot, an armed brig of eighteen guns. Being of about equal force, they gave battle, and fought between three and four hours. Both parties were very much injured; and, without any considerable advantage on either side, both drew off to make repairs. The Spanish brig Prudentee, put into St. Jago de Cuba. Jamieson was wounded in the action, by a musket ball, through his arm, and was taken on shore, with the other wounded, and placed in the hospital of St. Jago. Here he remained for a considerable time, until he had nearly recovered, when he found an opportunity of escaping, and embarking for Jamaica. He arrived in safety at Kingston, and from there, travelled barefoot over the mountains, until very much exhausted, he reached Montego Bay, where he had friends, and where one of his brothers possessed some property. From this place, he afterwards wrote to me. He told me that before he came to Massachusetts, he saw the villainous pilot of the Mexican, the infamous Baltizar, with several other pirates, brought into Montego Bay, from whence they were to be conveyed to Kingston to be executed. Whether the others were part of the Mexican's crew, or not, I do not know. Baltizar was an old man, and as Jamieson said, it was a melancholy and heart-rending sight, to see him borne to execution with those gray hairs, which might have been venerable in virtuous old age, now a shame and reproach to this hoary villain, for he was full of years, and old in iniquity. When Jamieson received the letter which I wrote him, he immediately embarked with Captain Wilson, and came to Boston, as I have before observed.

According to his own account he was of a very respectable family in Greenock, Scotland. His father when living was a rich cloth merchant, but both his father and mother had been dead many years. He was the youngest of thirteen children, and being, as he said, of a roving disposition, had always followed the seas. He had received a polite education, and was of a very gentlemanly



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deportment. He spoke several living languages, and was skilled in drawing and painting. He had travelled extensively in different countries, and acquired in consequence an excellent knowledge of their manners and customs. His varied information (for hardly any subject escaped him) rendered him a very entertaining companion. His observations on the character of different nations were very liberal; marking their various traits, their virtues and vices, with playful humorousness, quite free from bigotry, or narrow prejudice.

I was in trade, between Boston and Philadelphia, at the time he came to Massachusetts, and he sailed with me several trips as my mate. He afterwards went to Cuba, and was subsequently engaged in the mackerel fishery, out of the port of Hingham, during the warm season, and in the winter frequently employed himself in teaching navigation to young men, for which he was eminently qualified. He remained with us, until his death, which took place in 1829. At this time he had been out at sea two or three days, when he was taken sick, and was carried into Cape Cod, where he died, on the first day of May, 1829, and there his remains lie buried. Peace be to his ashes! They rest in a strange land, far from his kindred and his native country.

Since his death I have met with Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, who was Commercial Agent in Trinidad at the time of my capture. He informed me that the piratical schooner Mexican, was afterwards chased by an English government vessel, from Jamaica, which was cruising in search of it. Being hotly pursued, the pirates deserted their vessel, and fled to the mangrove bushes, on an island similar to that on which they had placed me and my crew to die. The English surrounded them, and thus they were cut off from all hopes of escape. They remained there, I think fourteen days, when being almost entirely subdued by famine, eleven surrendered themselves, and were taken. The others probably perished among the mangroves. The few who were taken were carried by the government vessel into Trinidad. Mr. Stewart said that he saw them himself, and such miserable objects, that had life, he never before beheld. They were in a state of starvation; their beards had grown to a frightful length, their bodies, were covered with filth and vermin, and their countenances were hideous. From Trinidad they were taken to Kingston, Jamaica, and there hung on Friday, the 7th of February, 1823.

About a quarter of an hour before day dawn, the wretched culprits were taken from the jail, under a guard of soldiers from the 50th regiment, and the City Guard. On their arrival at the wherry wharf, the military retired, and the prisoners, with the Town Guard were put on board two wherries, in which they proceeded to Port Royal Point, the usual place of execution in similar cases. They were there met by a strong party of military, consisting of 50 men, under command of an officer. They formed themselves into a square round the place of execution, with the sheriff and his officers with the prisoners in the centre. The gallows was of considerable length, and contrived with a drop so as to prevent the unpleasant circumstances which frequently occur.



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The unfortunate men had been in continual prayer from the time they were awakened out of a deep sleep till they arrived at that place, where they were to close their existence.

They all expressed their gratitude for the attention they had met with from the sheriff and the inferior officers. Many pressed the hands of the turnkey to their lips, others to their hearts and on their knees, prayed that God, Jesus Christ, and the Virgin Mary would bless him and the other jailors for their goodness. They all then fervently joined in prayer. To the astonishment of all, no clerical character, of any persuasion, was present. They repeatedly called out "*Adonde esta el padre,*" (Where is the holy father).

Juan Hernandez called on all persons present to hear him – he was innocent; what they had said about his confessing himself guilty was untrue. He had admitted himself guilty, because he hoped for pardon; but that now he was to die, he called God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost, the Virgin Mary, and the Saints, to witness that he spoke the truth – that he was no pirate, no murderer – he had been forced. The Lieutenant of the pirates was a wretch, who did not fear God, and had compelled him to act.

Juan Gutierrez and Francisco de Sayas were loud in their protestations of innocence.

Manuel Lima said, for himself, he did not care; he felt for the old man (Miguel Jose). How could he be a pirate who could not help himself? If it were a Christian country, they would have pardoned him for his gray hairs. He was innocent – they had both been forced. Let none of his friends or relations ever venture to sea – he hoped his death would be a warning to them, that the innocent might suffer for the guilty. The language of this young man marked him a superior to the generality of his companions in misfortune. The seamen of the *Whim* stated that he was very kind to them when prisoners on board the piratical vessel. Just before he was turned off, he addressed the old man – "*Adios viejo, para siempre adios.*" – (Farewell, old man, forever farewell.)

Several of the prisoners cried out for mercy, pardon, pardon. Domingo Eucalla, the black man, then addressed them. "Do not look for mercy here, but pray to God; we are all brought here to die. This is not built for nothing; here we must end our lives. You know I am innocent, but I must die the same as you all. There is not any body here who can do us any good, so let us think only of God Almighty. We are not children but men, you know that all must die; and in a few years those who kill us must die too. When I was born, God set the way of my death; I do not blame any body. I was taken by the pirates and they made me help them; they would not let me be idle. I could not show that this was the truth, and therefore they have judged me by the people they have found me with. I am put to death unjustly, but I blame nobody. It was my misfortune. Come, let us pray. If we are innocent, so much the less we have to repent. I do not come here to accuse any one. Death must come one day or other; better to the innocent than guilty." He then joined in prayer with the others. He seemed to be much revered by his fellow prisoners. He chose those prayers he thought most adapted to the



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occasion. Hundreds were witnesses to the manly firmness of this negro. Observing a bystander listening attentively to the complaints of one of his fellow wretches, he translated what had been said into English. With a steady pace, and a resolute and resigned countenance, he ascended the fatal scaffold. Observing the executioner unable to untie a knot on the collar of one of the prisoners, he with his teeth untied it. He then prayed most fervently till the drop fell.

Miguel Jose protested his innocence. – *“No he robado, no he matado ningune, muero inocente.”* – (I have robbed no one, I have killed no one, I die innocent. I am an old man, but my family will feel my disgraceful death.)

Francisco Migul prayed devoutly, but inaudibly. – His soul seemed to have quitted the body before he was executed.

Breti Gullimillit called on all to witness his innocence; it was of no use for him to say an untruth, for he was going before the face of God.

Augustus Hernandez repeatedly declared his innocence, requested that no one would say he had made a confession; he had none to make.

Juan Hernandez was rather obstinate when the execution pulled the cap over his eyes. He said, rather passionately – *“Quita is de mis ojos.”* – (Remove it from my eyes.) He then rubbed it up against one of the posts of the gallows.

Miguel Jose made the same complaint, and drew the covering from his eyes by rubbing his head against a fellow sufferer.

Pedro Nondre was loud in his ejaculations for mercy. He wept bitterly. He was covered with marks of deep wounds.

The whole of the ten included in the death warrant, having been placed on the scaffold, and the ropes suspended, the drop was let down. Nondre being an immense heavy man, broke the rope, and fell to the ground alive. Juan Hernandez struggled long. Lima was much convulsed. The old man Gullimillit, and Migul, were apparently dead before the drop fell. Eucalla (the black man) gave one convulsion, and all was over.

When Nondre recovered from the fall and saw his nine lifeless companions stretched in death, he gave an agonizing shriek; he wrung his hands, screamed *“Favor, favor, me matan sin causa. O! buenos Christianos, me amparen, ampara me, ampara me, no hay Christiano en asta, tiara?”* (Mercy, mercy, they kill me without cause. – Oh, good Christians, protect me. Oh, protect me. Is there no Christian in this land?)

He then lifted his eyes to Heaven, and prayed long and loud. Upon being again suspended, he was for a long period convulsed. He was an immense powerful man, and died hard.

A piratical station was taken in the Island of Cuba by the U.S. schooners of war, Greyhound and Beagle. They left Thompson's Island June 7, 1823, under the command of Lieuts. Kearney and Newton, and cruised within the Key's on the south side of Cuba, as far as Cape Cruz, touching at all the intermediate ports on the island, to intercept pirates. On the 21st of July, they came to anchor off Cape Cruz, and Lieut. Kearney went in his boat to reconnoitre the shore, when he was fired on by a party of pirates who were concealed among the bushes. A fire was also opened from



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several pieces of cannon erected on a hill a short distance off. The boat returned, and five or six others were manned from the vessels, and pushed off for the shore, but a very heavy cannonade being kept up by the pirates on the heights, as well as from the boats, were compelled to retreat. The two schooners were then warped in, when they discharged several broadsides, and covered the landing of the boats. After a short time the pirates retreated to a hill that was well fortified. A small hamlet, in which the pirates resided, was set fire to and destroyed. Three guns, one a four pounder, and two large swivels, with several pistols, cutlasses, and eight large boats, were captured. A cave, about 150 feet deep, was discovered, near where the houses were, and after considerable difficulty, a party of seamen got to the bottom, where was found an immense quantity of plunder, consisting of broadcloths, dry goods, female dresses, saddlery, &c. Many human bones were also in the cave, supposed to have been unfortunate persons who were taken and put to death. A great many of the articles were brought away, and the rest destroyed. About forty pirates escaped to the heights, but many were supposed to have been killed from the fire of the schooners, as well as from the men who landed. The bushes were so thick that it was impossible to go after them. Several other caves are in the neighborhood, in which it was conjectured they occasionally take shelter.

In 1823, Commodore Porter commanded the United States squadron in these seas; much good was done in preventing new acts of piracy; but these wretches kept aloof and did not venture to sea as formerly, but some were taken.

Almost every day furnished accounts evincing the activity of Commodore Porter, and the officers and men under his command; but for a long time their industry and zeal was rather shown in the *suppression* of piracy than the *punishment* of it. At length, however, an opportunity offered for inflicting the latter, as detailed in the following letter, dated Matanzas, July 10, 1823. "I have the pleasure of informing you of a brilliant achievement obtained against the pirates on the 5th inst. by two barges attached to Commodore Porter's squadron, the Gallinipper, Lieut. Watson, 18 men, and the Moscheto, Lieut. Inman, 10 men. The barges were returning from a cruise to windward; when they were near Jiguapa Bay, 13 leagues to windward of Matanzas, they entered it – it being a rendezvous for pirates. They immediately discovered a large schooner under way, which they supposed to be a Patriot privateer; and as their stores were nearly exhausted, they hoped to obtain some supplies from her. They therefore made sail in pursuit. When they were within cannon shot distance, she rounded to and fired her long gun, at the same time run up the bloody flag, directing her course towards the shore, and continuing to fire without effect. When she had got within a short distance of the shore, she came to, with springs on her cable, continuing to fire; and when the barges were within 30 yards, they fired their muskets without touching boat or man; our men gave three cheers, and prepared to board; the pirates, discovering their intention, jumped into the water, when the bargemen, calling on the name of 'Allen,' commenced a



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destructive slaughter, killing them in the water and as they landed. So exasperated were our men, that it was impossible for their officers to restrain them, and many were killed after orders were given to grant quarter. Twenty-seven dead were counted, some sunk, five taken prisoners by the bargemen, and eight taken by a party of Spaniards on shore. The officers calculated that from 30 to 35 were killed. The schooner mounted a long nine pounder on a pivot, and 4 four pounders, with every other necessary armament, and a crew of 50 to 60 men, and ought to have blown the barges to atoms. She was commanded by the notorious Diablero or Little Devil. This statement I have from Lieut. Watson himself, and it is certainly the most decisive operation that has been effected against those murderers, either by the English or American force."

"This affair occurred on the same spot where the brave Allen fell about one year since. The prize was sent to Thompson's Island."

A British sloop of war, about the same time, captured a pirate schooner off St. Domingo, with a crew of 60 men. She had 200,000 dollars in specie, and other valuable articles on board. The brig Vestal sent another pirate schooner to New-Providence.



November 10, Saturday: The constitutional convention of the State of New York abolished nearly all property qualifications for voting. The remaining restrictions were upon voting by non-adult citizens, by non-male citizens, and it goes without saying, by non-white citizens (but hey, progress is progress).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), [William J. Brown](#) was seven years old — and so, as a black boy, it was time for him to get out there in the big world and make his own way:

PAGE 26: The colored people called a meeting in 1819 to take measures, to build a meetinghouse, with a basement for a school room. After appointing their Committee to carry out their wishes, they sent a special committee to Mr. [Moses Brown](#), to inform him of their intentions and see what he would do toward aiding them, knowing he belonged to the Society of Friends and was a very benevolent man, besides some of the members of the committee had been in his service. Mr. Brown, after hearing their statements, highly commended their movement, and said, "I always had it in my heart to help the colored people, whenever I saw they were ready to receive. Now go and select you out a lot, suitable for your purpose, and I will pay for it."

PAGE 25: Preparations were being made to open a school in the vestry of our new meeting house, which was just finished. This building was commenced in 1819, but for the want of funds it was not finished until 1821, two years after its commencement. Prior to this time, the people had no place of worship of their own, and were obliged to attend the white people's churches. Some attended the Congregational church, Rev. James Wilson, pastor; some attended the Methodist church; some attended the Episcopal church, Dr. Crocker, pastor; a few attended the Unitarian church, Rev. Mr. Cady, pastor; and a large number attended the First Baptist church, Dr. Gano, pastor. Some were members of



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each of the above named churches; the largest number, however, were Baptists, and belonged to the First Baptist Church, but many attended no church at all, because they said they were opposed to going to churches and sitting in pigeon holes, as all the churches at that time had some obscure place for the colored people to sit in.³²⁴

PAGES 86-88: After we had taken the lower tenement of the house, mother said to me one day, that it was my birthday; "that I was born on the 10th of November, and was seven years old, and it was commonly stated that the boy at seven years is old enough to earn his own living, but, I think seven years is too young, but I want you to remember when your birthday comes." And from that day forth I have never forgotten it....

In the Fall I waited anxiously for my birthday to come. I kept run of the months and days until the time came, and had the pleasure of telling mother that that was my birthday. I was eight years old. That was the time mother said a boy was capable of earning his own living, in her opinion. I tired to make myself useful by running errands and doing work around the house that mother wanted done. I frequently went out with brother Joseph, who was four years older than myself. He was a stout, thick-set boy, and often got into trouble with other boys....

Mother had a task to keep brother in his place, as he was twelve years old, and father was away to sea. Soon Mr. Eaton, a gentleman from Framingham, a relative of Judge Staples's wife, wanted a boy, and hearing of brother Joseph, came to see mother about him. He made an agreement to take him a year on trial, for his victuals, clothes and schooling, and he went home with Mr. Eaton on trial for a year. After he left home my services were required doing chores around the house, cutting wood, etc. This was before hard coal was brought in use in Providence, and every one burned wood, which cost four or five dollars a cord....

About this time some ladies opened a free school for colored youth ...I was large enough to go into the lowest class. A semi-circle was painted in front of the teacher's desk. When the class was called each scholar had to toe the circle. It extended across the room and would accommodate some twelve children, who stood front of the teacher to read and spell, the teacher remaining at her desk.... After speaking my piece and making a low bow, I descended from the stand, as I had been instructed to do by Miss Latham. I spoke it to her satisfaction, and the praise and admiration of all present, who declared that I was to be a great man, and if the necessary measures were taken, there was no doubt but that I would be of great use to my people; but that was the winding up of this school. Preparations were being made to open a school in the vestry of our new meeting house, which was just finished....

The house was finished in 1821. The committee lost some time in

324. Note well what Brown indicates clearly, that although "a few attended the Unitarian church," at this point there were zero persons of color who were willing to seat themselves in the "pigeon hole" loft that the Quakers of Providence had provided for the colored in their meetinghouse on Main Street at the foot of Meeting Street. This explains why in 1822 in a renovation of the Quaker meetinghouse, Friend Moses Brown would report that "what was called the Negros Gallery" had been removed. (The Negros Gallery or pigeon loft remains in existence in the meetinghouse in Saylesville, Rhode Island: go and look.)



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trying to find a teacher, to instruct the school under the Lancasterian plan. After searching in vain they procured a white gentleman by the name of Mr. Ormsbee, to teach them. The school was opened in the vestry, but not a free school, the price of tuition being \$1.50 per quarter. The colored people sent their children and they soon had the number of 125 scholars... Colored teachers were very rarely to be found, and it was difficult to procure a white teacher, as it was considered a disgraceful employment to be a teacher of colored children and still more disgraceful to have colored children in white schools....

At that time the colored people had little or no protection. It was thought a disgrace to plead a colored man's cause, or aid in getting his rights as a citizen, or to teach their children in schools. The teachers themselves were ashamed to have it known that they taught colored schools.... The feeling against the colored people was very bitter. The colored people themselves were ignorant of the cause, unless it could be attributed to our condition, not having the means to raise themselves in the scale of wealth and affluence, consequently those who were evil disposed would offer abuse whenever they saw fit, and there was no chance for resentment or redress....

But it was considered such a disgrace for white men to teach colored schools that they would be greatly offended if the colored children bowed or spoke to them on the street. Mr. Anthony, who was at one time teaching the colored school, became very angry because Zebedee Howland met him on the street, spoke to him, raised his hat and bowed. He took no notice of his dark complexioned scholar, but the next Monday morning took poor Zebedee and the whole school to task, saying, "When you meet me on the street, don't look towards me, or speak to me; if you do, I will flog you the first chance I get."....

It was the custom for children on seeing their parish teacher or minister to raise their hats and speak to them, and the girls to make a courtesy. This instruction was taught to them by their parents when small. It was often stated by elderly people that children were to be seen and not heard. When company were in the house they were not to make much noise, and when they came into their own house they must take off their hats and sit down. If they did not know enough to take off their hats they would soon teach them that their heads must be uncovered while in the house. They did not allow their children to be the first at the table; and when called they did not suffer them to help themselves, but to wait until they were helped; when they wanted anything always to ask for it, and when they had finished eating to rise from the table and thank their parents. My parents were so strict that they did not allow us to come to the table until they had finished eating; then they would put victuals on our plates and call us. When we came to the table we had to stand up to eat, not to sit down in chairs. We had to eat just what they put on our plate, and to have our plates cleared before we could have them replenished. When in the street to be respectful to every one, and be very careful not to run against any elderly person. If we did we were liable to feel the weight of their cane; also, to be particular when sent on an errand to a person's



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house, to knock at the door, and when we enter take off our hats and make a low bow, holding our hats in hand until we went out.

(We can see in the above the reality that lay behind Frederick Douglass's observation that in certain respects people of color in the antebellum northern society had moved from being the slaves of individuals to becoming "slaves of the community.")

 November 11, Sunday (October 30th Old Style³²⁵): [Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevski](#) was born at Moscow's hospital for the poor.

At a musical gathering in [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#)'s home in Weimar, visiting musicians played through Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Quartet in D, led by his teacher Carl Friedrich Zelter. Goethe, who had heard the 7-year-old [Mozart](#), stated that Mendelssohn's accomplishment at such a young age bordered "on the miraculous."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 11th M / Our morning meeting was a solemn favor season - Hannah Dennis first appeared in Supplication - then father Rodman in a lively testimony - then Hannah followed in a communication lively & pertinent & Solemn. & I thought the meeting closed with rather uncommon weight - In the Afternoon we were Silent but it appeared to me there was a good degree Of favor vouchsafed. -

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 November 15, Thursday: Billy Williams died of the beating he had received with an iron bar at the hands of fellow convict [Samuel Green](#) on November 8th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 11 M 1821 / Silent meeting, but a season of Some favor to me - for which I desire to be thankful

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 November 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 11 M / Last evening rode out to Uncle Stantons & Lodged - This morning rode to Meeting with Aunt Patty, which to me was a Season of uncommon favor to me - soon After I took my seat my mind became centered in solid reflection & life rose in which I was made sensible that, the same power which did in the days of Israel of old, exalt itself in the mountains, could also be exalted in the valleys, now as in those days, & much encouragement rose in my mind for which I desire to be thankful Anne Dennis & Abigail Sherman bore short testimonies & Hannah

325. Although Russia had moved the start of its year to January 1st as of 1700, it would not switch over from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar until February 14, 1918 (New Style). Hence they refer to the Revolution of 1917 as their October Revolution despite the fact that it did not break out until November 7th New Style (October 25th Old Style).



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Dennis was much favored in testimony – After Meeting I went to see my cousin Elizabeth Chase which is the first time I have seen her since Her mother died – After tea I walked home. –

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Franz Schubert's song "[Der Wanderer](#)" to words of Georg Philipp Schmidt von Lübeck was performed for the initial time, in the Gasthof "zum Römischen Kaiser" of Vienna.

Ich komme vom Gebirge her,
Es dampft das Tal, es braust das Meer,
Ich wandle still, bin wenig froh,
Und immer fragt der Seufzer, wo?

Die Sonne dünkt mich hier so kalt,
Die Blüte welk, das Leben alt,
Und was sie reden, leerer Schall,
Ich bin ein Fremdling überall.

Wo bist du, mein geliebtes Land,
Gesucht, geahnt, und nie gekannt?
Das Land, das Land so hoffnungsgrün,
Das Land, wo meine Rosen blühn;

Wo meine Freunde wandelnd gehen,
Wo meine Toten auferstehen,
Das Land, das meine Sprache spricht,
Das teure Land — hier ist es nicht. —

Ich wandle still, bin wenig froh,
Und immer fragt der Seufzer, wo?
Im Geisterhauch tö'nt's mir zurück,
"Dort, wo du nicht bist, ist das Glück."



November 27, Tuesday: Three songs of Franz Schubert were published by Cappi and Diabelli, Vienna as his op.7: "Die abgebluhte Linde" and "Der Flug der Zeit" to words of Szechenyi, and "Der Tod und das Madchen" to words of Claudius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 11 M / Yesterday I recd from my friend Thos Thompson a Packet containing a number of printed pamphlets & Manuscripts which were very acceptable. he also inclosed a small engraved likeness of George Fox with two lines of his hand writing pasted on the bottom of it - Also a view of Swarthmore hall the residence of Judge Fell & after his Marriage with his widow the residence of George Fox. - These views occasioned much serious reflection & feeling - For tho' we know "the Spirit of a man is not in the Picture of a man" nor is the picture of his house when he is Dead, - yet so striking a likeness of so great a man, in the best sense of the word great - can but call to our recollection his great services in his masters cause while on earth, & excite in our hearts fervant desires that we may so live as to be invested with the same spirit, with which he was - bound to the Same great & holy cause, in all humility & fear - in looking on the view of his residence as it stood in the year 1818 at which time it was deliniated in the presence of Thos Thompson My mind could but go back & trace some of the deep



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trials & sufferings that he with perhaps many of his brethren passed thro' at that place, also the many precious & heavenly seasons of Divine favor & power which they enjoyed

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November 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 11th M 1821 / Our Monthly Meeting this day held in Town was pretty large. There was a considerable Shew of young friends whose company is always pleasant & I have no doubt adds to the weight of the meeting – In the first, to [two] females young in the ministry offered a few words – In the last we had considerable buisness, which I thought was conducted with good order, & some encouragement, tho' in my own particular in neither Meeting, life rose to that height, that I have sometimes experienced. – B Freeborn Sarah Fowler Anne Anthony Wait Lawton & Adam Anthony Dined with us
After Meeting recd a letter from my Venerable friend [Moses Brown](#)*

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December 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 12 M 1821 / Our Meeting was Silent & favour'd this Morning - Father Rodman & Abigail Sherman were concerned in short but suitable testimonys – As to my own particular [I was?] favoured to desire good & a little was vouchsafed, but Oh [of la-?]te how have I been in the barran desert, with little more [priv] iledge than to see the goodly land – May I yet live [to] pass over Jordan & partake of the promise - this I find is the State of many & may I not give out by the Way

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December 6, Thursday: The South Orkney Islands were claimed for Great Britain.

Incidental music to von Kleist's play Prinz Friedrich von Homburg by Heinrich August Marschner was performed for the initial time, in Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 12th M 1821 / A short communication from H Dennis, & to me a Season of some favor at Meeting –

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 December 9, Sunday: William Brisbane, who owned a rice and cotton plantation called Milton Lodge on the Ashley River near Charleston, South Carolina, having no son who might inherit, had adopted [William Henry Brisbane](#), a son of his alcoholic brother Adam Fowler Brisbane (the family was calling William Henry by his middle name, Henry, to distinguish him from an elder brother also adopted and also named William). On this day when William Brisbane died, his adopted son William Henry Brisbane inherited a large number of slaves.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 12 M / Morning Meeting full & favord with solid quick & lively testimony from D Buffum & the London Epistle was read - Afternoon, Solid & quiet & tho' I labord was unable to feel the circulating of that life in my own mind, which crowns our Assemblies -

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 December 12, Thursday: Gustave Flaubert was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 12 M / A pretty good meeting & pretty well attended tho' a stormy Day A few words from J Dennis-

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 December 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 12 M / Our Meeting was a very solid good one, soon after taking my seat on centering the mind inward, I found life to spring up to no small degree of Consolation - Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & good testimony - After the meeting broke, spoke to a young man to relieve my mind of an exercise which I felt towards him - my message appeared to be received with tenderness & apparant conviction of the justness of my remarks - which afforded hope to my mind that he may yet be rightly restored to society. - In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent & to me a good one - Took John & went out to D Buffums & took tea & set the evening. -

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 December 20, Thursday: Michael Martin, who had robbed Major John Bray in Medford, was [hanged](#) at [Boston](#)'s and Cambridge's Lechmere Point. (An accomplice known as "Captain Lightfoot" had been able to escape, and would reside for many years incognito in Brattleboro, Vermont, not dying until 1835.)

[H. Heine](#) (the "H" at this point still stood for "Harry" rather than "Heinrich") made his debut as a poet with *GEDICHTE VON H. HEINE* (Berlin: in der Maurerfchen Buchhandlung, 1822; this included one of his most famous poems "Zwei Grenadiere" which reflected his admiration for [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 12th M / Our Meeting was a pretty solid one & silent - life seemed rather low in my own particular, but being favor'd with an evidence that favour was not withheld I desire



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to be thankful. –

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 December 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 12 M / Our Morning Meeting was large & I dont know but it may be called a favor'd time - D Buffum & Father Rodman were engaged in testimony & Hannah Dennis in Supplication –
In the Afternoon, Father had a few words to communicate. & the Meeting was pretty well attended –*

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 December 27, Thursday: At a benefit for Gioachino Rossini in the Teatro San Carlo, [Naples](#), attended by the king, royal family, ministers, and many members of the nobility, the composer's cantata La riconoscenza to words of Genoino was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 12 M 1821 / Last evening rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle Stanton, lodged at his House & found my Mother in pretty good health – This morning walked to meeting - the first was Silent & tho' I believe generally a pretty dull time yet my mind was in some good degree favour'd, at least with some feelings of a right kind – In the last (Monthly) our buisness went on pretty well. - among the concerns that came before us was the pleasant & encouraging circumstance of a request for membership from Eliza P Burrington wife of John Burrington of [Portsmouth](#). – Dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & Walked home –

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 December 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th M 30th 1821 / I am this day forty Years of Age -It has been to me a rather hard day - when I first awoke in the morning I endeavoured to center my mind & get it fixed on good but turn which way I would it seemed hard & the tempter near - Was favoured to labor in the Meeting which was silent yet unable to deel the predominance of that which I desired - In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & favoured testimony which suited my State & in the evening the clouds seemed da little to break away
Times & seasons are not at our command, indeed I find by experience They are not at mine, but may I labor more ardently -my life is fast spending, & my desire is to be prepared for the great Change –*

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Secretary of State John Quincy Adams proposed to Canning of Great Britain that the fleets of the two powers might usefully co-operate off the coast of Africa in the suppression of the [international slave trade](#). The government of Great Britain would promptly accept.



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W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Whatever England's motives were, it is certain that only a limited international Right of Visit on the high seas could suppress or greatly limit the slave-trade. Her diplomacy was therefore henceforth directed to this end. On the other hand, the maritime supremacy of England, so successfully asserted during the Napoleonic wars, would, in case a Right of Search were granted, virtually make England the policeman of the seas; and if nations like the United States had already, under present conditions, had just cause to complain of violations by England of their rights on the seas, might not any extension of rights by international agreement be dangerous? It was such considerations that for many years brought the powers to a deadlock in their efforts to suppress the slave-trade.

At first it looked as if England might attempt, by judicial decisions in her own courts, to seize even foreign slavers.³²⁶ After the war, however, her courts disavowed such action,³²⁷ and the right was sought for by treaty stipulation. Castlereagh took early opportunity to approach the United States on the matter, suggesting to Minister Rush, June 20, 1818, a mutual but strictly limited Right of Search.³²⁸ Rush was ordered to give him assurances of the solicitude of the United States to suppress the traffic, but to state that the concessions asked for appeared of a character not adaptable to our institutions. Negotiations were then transferred to Washington; and the new British minister, Mr. Stratford Canning, approached Adams with full instructions in December 1820.³²⁹

Meantime, it had become clear to many in the United States that the individual efforts of States could never suppress or even limit the trade without systematic co-operation. In 1817 a committee of the House had urged the opening of negotiations looking toward such international co-operation,³³⁰ and a Senate motion to the same effect had caused long debate.³³¹ In 1820 and 1821 two House committee reports, one of which recommended the granting of a Right of Search, were adopted by the House, but failed in the Senate.³³² Adams, notwithstanding this, saw constitutional objections to the plan proposed by Canning, and wrote to him, December 30: "A Compact, giving the power to the Naval Officers of one Nation to search the Merchant Vessels of another for Offenders and offences against the Laws of the latter, backed by a further power to seize and carry into a Foreign Port, and there subject to the decision of a Tribunal composed of at least one half Foreigners, irresponsible to the Supreme Corrective tribunal of this Union, and not amendable to the controul of impeachment for official misdemeanors, was an

326. For cases, see *I Acton*, 240, the "Amedie," and *I Dodson*, 81, the "Fortuna;" quoted in U.S. Reports, *10 Wheaton*, 66.

327. Cf. the case of the French ship "Le Louis": *2 Dodson*, 238; and also the case of the "San Juan Nepomuceno": *1 Haggard*, 267.

328. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1819-20, pages 375-9; also pages 220-2.

329. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 395-6.

330. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 14th Congress 2d session, II. No. 77.

331. 15th Congress 1st session, pages 71, 73-78, 94-109. The motion was opposed largely by Southern members, and passed by a vote of 17 to 16.

332. One was reported, May 9, 1820, by Mercer's committee, and passed May 12: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 497, 518, 520, 526; 16th Congress 1st session, pages 697-9. A similar resolution passed the House next session, and a committee reported in favor of the Right of Search: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 1064-71. Cf. HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 476, 743, 865, 1469.



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investment of power, over the persons, property and reputation of the Citizens of this Country, not only unwarranted by any delegation of Sovereign Power to the National Government, but so adverse to the elementary principles and indispensable securities of individual rights, ... that not even the most unqualified approbation of the ends ... could justify the transgression." He then suggested co-operation of the fleets on the coast of Africa, a proposal which was promptly accepted.³³³ The slave-trade was again a subject of international consideration at the Congress of Verona in 1822. Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia were represented. The English delegates declared that, although only Portugal and Brazil allowed the trade, yet the traffic was at that moment carried on to a greater extent than ever before. They said that in seven months of the year 1821 no less than 21,000 slaves were abducted, and three hundred and fifty-two vessels entered African ports north of the equator. "It is obvious," said they, "that this crime is committed in contravention of the Laws of every Country of Europe, and of America, excepting only of one, and that it requires something more than the ordinary operation of Law to prevent it." England therefore recommended: -

1. That each country denounce the trade as piracy, with a view of founding upon the aggregate of such separate declarations a general law to be incorporated in the Law of Nations.
2. A withdrawing of the flags of the Powers from persons not natives of these States, who engage in the traffic under the flags of these States.
3. A refusal to admit to their domains the produce of the colonies of States allowing the trade, a measure which would apply to Portugal and Brazil alone.

These proposals were not accepted. Austria would agree to the first two only; France refused to denounce the trade as piracy; and Prussia was non-committal. The utmost that could be gained was another denunciation of the trade couched in general terms.³³⁴



December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 12 M 31 / The Old Year runs out & with it many [you] th
[?] come to a conclusion of my particular acquaintance
May it be a warning. May it be a fresh incitement to greater
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333. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 397-400.

334. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1822-23, pages 94-110.



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→ The printer Everard Peck began publishing a WESTERN AGRICULTURAL [ALMANAC](#), with astronomical calculations by Lyman Wilmarth and innkeeper Oliver Loud (both of Bushnell's Basin in Rochesterville, New York).

THE RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1822, by Isaac Bickerstaff, and THE RHODE-ISLAND REGISTER AND UNITED STATES CALENDAR FOR 1822. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Brown and Danforth.

→ In his elder years [Michele Felice Cornè](#), who had in 1802 attempted unsuccessfully to grow [tomatoes](#) in his garden, relocated from Boston to [Newport, Rhode Island](#). He would reside at the southeast corner of what is now Corne Street and Mill Street until his death in 1845. Evidently, in the soil of his Newport garden, he would succeed in growing tomatoes for consumption.



→ [Friend Moses Brown](#) was a founding member of the [Rhode Island](#) Historical Society.



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 Friend Elizabeth Buffum, daughter of Friends [Arnold Buffum](#) and Rebecca Gould Buffum, is stated in documents as during this year to have been attending the Friends Boarding School on College Hill on the East Side in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). There is, however, an apparent discrepancy on the record, for she was said to be eighteen years of age when she attended the school, and since she was born in 1806, she would not be eighteen until 1824.)

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Elizabeth B. Chace.



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 Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse visited [Rhode Island](#).

DR. BENJAMIN WATERHOUSE

In [Providence](#), the original College Edifice of 1770, which is on the left in the depiction below, was in this year being supplemented by the Hope College structure on the right:



(It would not be accurate, to suspect that Hope College was so named as a truncation of the wish, “I hope they get around to paving Angell Street and Prospect Street sometime soon!”)

Here is a 20th-Century postcard, showing the iron fence which did not yet exist, and Manning Hall, which would be put between the two brick buildings in 1834:



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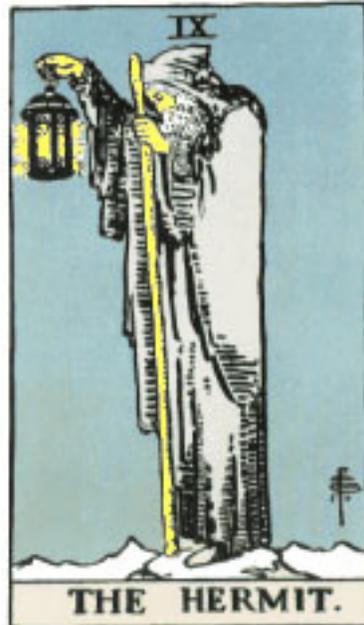
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During about this period, Tristram Brugiss granted to the hermit [Robert Voorhis](#) permission to use a small plot of land two miles from [Providence](#) Bridge, and take up his solitary existence again “in a thick pine grove, which threw its luxurious foliage over the brow of Arnold’s Hill,” a few rods east of the Seekonk River on the very border but within the state of Massachusetts rather than within the state of [Rhode Island](#).

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➡ When Moses Lopez, the last Jew in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) moved to New-York, care of the [Touro Synagogue](#) was taken over by Nathan H. Gould, a Christian.³³⁵ The ownership of the synagogue would devolve on the Shearith Israel Congregation in New-York. Abraham Touro died, bequeathing important sums of money for the maintenance of the abandoned synagogue structure “left to the bats and moles and to the occasional invasion, through its porches and windows, of boys who took pleasure in examining the furniture scattered about,” at which his father had once officiated while there had still been Jews living in the vicinity.

(The synagogue would later benefit also by a much larger bequest for its upkeep, \$10,000, sent by [Judah Touro](#), another son of the former rabbi, who would accumulate a fortune in New Orleans.)

➡ In [Rhode Island](#), it was decided to emulate the Connecticut decision of 1818, and so the free black citizens of that state would likewise no longer be allowed to cast ballots:

While most black Rhode Islanders were free after 1807, they remained victims of prejudice and oppression in every sphere of life. They were segregated in the churches, kept out of the public schools, denied

335. I don't know what relation Nathan H. Gould was to Stephen Wanton Gould, but it is likely that they were related, not only because of the similarity in names but also because Moses Lopez and Stephen Wanton Gould were close friends. The [Newport](#) government roster for 1856 would list William C. Thurston, a carpenter who lived at 8 Cross Street, as “Keeper of Jews’ Synagogue.”



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employment in the textile mills, and, finally, in 1822, denied the right to vote.

— William McLoughlin, *RHODE ISLAND: A HISTORY*
(NY: Norton, 1978)

 Presumably, by this time, America's first gas streetlights had been installed along Pelham Street in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) — assuming that that city is being truthful in its claim that it was the first city in the United States of America to install such gas streetlights.

 The Builders Iron Foundry was established in West [Warwick, Rhode Island](#).

 [Friend Moses Brown](#) was a founding member of the [Rhode Island](#) Historical Society.

 January 1, Tuesday: At Piada, near the ancient city of Epidaurus, the National Assembly of Greece adopted a constitution. Corinth was named the provisional capital of Greece and Alexandros Mavrokordatos became nominal president.

Furthering the work of the African Institution, publication of [Friend Luke Howard](#)'s *A WORD TO THE SONS OF AFRICA* (London: Printed and sold by W. Phillips).

HOWARD PUBLICATIONS

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 1st of 1 M 1822 / I enter the New Year with rather better feelings than I closed the old one, — but I am yet poor & weak & under various discouragements*³³⁶



336. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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*4th day 2nd of 1 M / This day recd a letter from Benj Dix which closes a concern between us of four years standing Namely - The settlement of the Estate of Asa Brooks on which I Administerd & he being Attorney to Matthew Brooks the buisness was transacted thro' him, & while I have to acknowledge his gentleman like treatment in all [crossed out] respects, it was truly cordial to my feelings to find I have enjoyed his entire confidence & Approbation in a protracted settlement of four Years & now closed in harmony & good feelings on both Sides the question. -
- "his concluding clause in his letter dated 26 ult is this -
As this letter will probably close our buisness respecting this estate, I cannot close without giving you, & your family my respect & esteem, & that your Son may be a Comfort to the Family & a blessing to society."*

 January 2, Wednesday: Der Kiffhauserberg, a romantische Oper by Heinrich August Marschner to words of Kotzebue, was performed for the initial time, in Zittau.

 January 4, Friday: The Brothers Grimm dated the forward to the 3d volume of their KINDER UND HAUSMARCHEN.

 January 5, Saturday: Mexico proclaimed the annexation of Central America.

 January 6, Sunday: [William Jackman](#) was baptized in Dittisham, Dartmouth, Devonshire.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 1 M / In the morning meeting David Buffum was engaged in a lively pertinent & good Testimony, to the efficacy of the divine principle in Man, his opening was "Know ye not that Jesus Christ is in You except you are reprobates", & I have no doubt the truth was renewedly established in many minds present. - In the Afternoon Father Rodman was concerned in a short tesatimony which I believe had its weight, but life was lower in my mind in the Afternoon than in the Morning. -

 January 7, Monday: 1st printing in the Hawaiian Islands.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7t of 1 M 1822 / John has appeared to be very sick ever since last 6th day, we know not whither it one of his old turns of fever or whither it is the Measles
2nd day 7th of 1 M / It seems confirmed that John has the Measles as today there seems to be a considerable eruption on the skin but does not come out Kindly. -*

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 January 8, Tuesday: Still convinced that Portugal had not properly proved its claim, Richard Wyllly Habersham, US District Attorney for Georgia, appealed the [negrero Antelope](#) case again, this time to the US Supreme Court.



INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Ramon Lopez Pelegrin replaced Francisco de Paula Escudero as Spain's First Secretary of State.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 1 M / John Measles seems to be out this morning pretty generally

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 January 10, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 1 M / Johns Measles has turned & he seems to be getting along pretty well tho' still quite Sick -

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 January 12, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 1 M / This Afternoon Aunt Stanton came to Town & being under an appointment to be at [Portsmouth](#) I went with her & stayed at her house & found my Mother well she has been there Sometime & expects to Stay all Winter

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 January 13, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Morning - Walked to Meeting - when I got to the road it snowed so fast & looked so much like a fixed Storm that my mind was thrown into much indecision & was almost inclined to come home, but finally [-]reed to go to meeting. - Abigail Sherman said a few words & to me it was a good meeting. - After meeting went to Jos Fishes & Dined then met the other members of the committee at John Burringtons whose Wife [-] requested to become a member with Friends. The oppotunity was a satisfactory one & a season of some encouragement to my mind - After which I returned to Freeborns on foot & got into the Chaise with Aunt E Thurston & carried her home, then went down to Uncle Stantons & lodged & this (2nd day [Monday]) Morning walked home & weather was very cold but as there was not much Snow on the ground came tolerably comfortably [--] John & his Mother as well as when I left them

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 January 17, Thursday: [Elizabeth Hallett Prichard](#) was born, daughter of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th of 1 M 1822 / Our first meeting was pretty well attended considering it was a very cold Day. Father Rodman was concerned in a short but sound & I thought appropriate testimony —
—
In the Select Meeting which followed, My Mind was in rather a dry State, but was glad to find it was not so with all - D Buffum was engaged to make a few seasonable remarks. — My H was prevented attending in consequence of a hevvy cough & sore throat
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 January 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 1 M / Our morning Meeting was a good one & I thought generally favourd - Hannah Dennis was three times engaged in lively testimony — In the Afternoon we were Silent & a good degree of Solemnity was experienced to cover the Meeting. The walking was bad & the Old Womens quarter entirely empty, but the young womens affoarded a comfortable appearance
Sister Mary took tea & spent the evening with us*

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 January 24, Thursday: Jose Gabriel de Silva y Bazan, marques de Santa Cruz replaced Ramon Lopez Pelegrin as Spain's First Secretary of State.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 1 M / Silent Meeting - Some remarks made in the Preparative Meeting from several on some of the Answers to the Queries —

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 January 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 1 M / In the forenoon D Buffum was uncommonly lively in testimony, on the uncertainty of time, Hannah Dennis was also engaged twice in a few words. - & the meeting was a Solemn one. — In the Afternoon it was Stormy & the walking wet & but one Woman attended & She not a Member. — This I think was no encouragement to her & may affoard matter for reflection to some who are members. —

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January 30, Wednesday: Ramon Lopez Pelegrin replaced Jose Gabriel de Silva y Bazan, marques de Santa Cruz as Spain's First Secretary of State.

[Brister Freeman](#), former [slave](#), died of "fever and age" at the age of 78. In his final months he had been loaned "a pair of sheets, and woollen bed quilt" by Concord's Female Charitable Society, which noted in its records that he was "sick." Freeman's burial place is listed as [Concord](#) but of course it would have cost money to mark the spot with a stone.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal that his wife, Friend Hannah Rodman Gould, had offered him an adequate explanation for Quaker quietism, to wit, this world with its web of alluring interests is the abode of Satan, and a place of temptation:

4th day 30th of 1 M / A Difficulty about a Worldly concern between Several individuals having been in agitation, in which my mind has been exercised, & that pretty much since yesterday – It called fourth this remark from my wife – She observed that "the time had been, when she did not see why the World Should stand first in the Trio of our potent enemies, as the 'World the Flesh & the Devil', but the longer she lived the more she was confirmed, that it would be out of place anywhere else" – It is indeed the most promonent forerunner, & sets the devil at work in some, in whom it would seem as if more of an overcoming had been experienced but alas some object is turned up, which touches the interest, & Satan steps in & agravates the case, by stirring up evil surmisings, then to detraction, till the breach is sufficiently widened for him to effect his purposes, by laying waste & destroying love & harmony, & introducing that in which his dominion consists, Hatred Strife & every evil thing – May his power be averted

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January 31, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st M (5th day) 1822 / Our first Meeting was a season of some



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conflicts but when past the Middle I felt the oppression to go off & Truth arise & go over "wrong things, & a solid weighty frame ensued which continued in good measure thro' the last Meeting - towards the close of the first A Sherman was concerned in a short & respectable testimony & I thought was the best evidence of Authority I had ever heard from her. - In the last Meeting there was considerable buisness, & it seemed to to take an active part in it - & on reflection feel pretty well satisfied, & I dont know but I may say, relieved, by my service. - Dr.Ja Wadsworth dined with us -

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 February 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 2 M 1822 / Have been employed most of today in [sett]ling an unpleasant difference between a Beloved friend & several others, & had the satisfaction to see receipts in full [of?] all accounts given. - for a Small concern, (that is) not [to] exceed \$20 - it seemed pregnant with as much mischief as any case I have known in some time, - but the bone of contention being removed, I hope the unpleasant effects may cease.

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 February 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 2 M 1822 / This Morning our friend David Buffum was engaged in a very living testimony wherein he particularly addressed the young & rising generation & it was a precious & favoured meeting - Silent & a pretty good time to me in the Afternoon -

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 February 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 2 m / This morning took passage in the Stage & rode to [Providence](#) - Dined at Hortons tavern in [Bristol](#) & reached [Moses Browns](#) about 4 OC PM, it was a Snow Storm most of the Day Spent the evening with MB in very interesting conversation & lodged there. -

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 February 5, Tuesday: The brutal and rebellious Albanian ruler Ali Pasha of Janina (Ioannina, Greece) was murdered by agents of Ottoman Sultan Mahmud II. His head was sent to the Sultan in Constantinople

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Rode with [Moses Brown](#) to the Yearly Meeting School House & spent the Day there it being the day of the Meeting of the subcommittee - We visited the schools & found the Girls



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particularly in good order & in a state of improvement. – the boys tho' doing pretty well would admit of improvement. Dined at the Boys table & returned to M Browns to tea & Lodge. – in the evening arrived most of our R Island friends & found a welcome assylum under the roof of our Ancient friend abovementioned. –

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February 6, Wednesday: The seagoing 3-masted [Chinese](#) junk [Tek Sing](#) sank on a reef of the Belvidere Shoals in the South China Sea, in the Gaspar Strait between the islands of Bangka and Belitung, with approximately 1,600 passengers and 200 crewmembers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Morning rode to town with [Moses](#) in the sleigh & attended Select Meeting – We had not long been quietly Seated, before Benj. Shaw a young man of a Ranting spirit came in & took his Seat & tho' previously Kindly & affectionatley invited to retire, but he refused & we were obliged to carry him out by main Strength, letting his limbs hang as nerveless as a dead man, he was placed on the Step of the door, but afterwards he made an attempt to come in, when the doors were fastened -- This circumstance so unsettled my mind that I scarcely had any enjoyment of the Meeting tho' quiet was generally restored & we were favoured to transact the Affairs of our department of the Church, with a good degree of solemnity - the meeting sat longer than usual. – Dined at O Browns - then called on a woman by the name of Anna Power & her Sister Ruth Marsh on buisness for the Marsh family in this town – then went out to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged. –

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February 7, Thursday: An English East Indiaman vessel, captain James Pearl, was able to take aboard about 190 of the numerous floaters from the [Tek Sing](#) (another smaller vessel was able to take aboard 18 of the floaters, but the balance of the [Chinese](#) victims would of necessity be left to drown).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day – After Breakfast Walked to Town when I got into the Yard, was informed that Benj Shaw who has been disowned by Lynn Moy [Monthly] Meeting for his disorder, had taken his seat at the head of our Meeting – I went in & found it so, several [–spoke?] to him & invited him to take a low seat & I among the rest - but all to no effect, he obstinately insisted in keeping his seat – most of the friends [–]note were consulted & all agreed that it would have a very pernicious effect to allow him to sit so by encouraging him to disturb his friends - [Obadiah Brown](#) stood up & spoke to that effect, when it was concluded to take him by the Arm & carry down, which it fell to my lot to do,



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assisted by Adam Comstock, a friend well qualified to manage him – while we were doing this Alanson Potter a friend of his own spirit, said he had no unity with what was doing, but we quietly & as Silently as Possible persisted, after he had, been removed, under pretence of being uncomfortable from the heat of the Stove he wanted to remove his seat & Adam followed him & again took his seat by his side – After the meeting was settled & the people quiet, James S tt stood up & reflected on friends, at having given way to a Spirit of War - & Grasa Haniford a friend also of the Ranting Spirit from Cape Elizabeth in one of the lower Quarterly Meetings, stood up twice & cast reflections on friends — After which, quiet seemed to be restored & Micajah Collins was engaged in a living & powerful testimony which had a great reach on the Audience - Then Obadiah Davis had considerable to say & was measurable favoured, after which - G Haniford said a little in the same temper as at first & B Shaw attempted to rise but was prevented by Adam Comstock - When the Meeting broke - After the shutters were Let down B Shaw kept his seat, The Meeting was informed that an individual was present who was not a member & he was requested to with draw by a friend appointed to the oversight of Meetings from the Select Meeting, but he kept his seat & after considerable entreaty from several friends it appeared that he was determined not to go out thereupon Adam Comstock & Wm Jenkins took him & carried him gently out & the Meeting proceeded on the buisness with its usual Dignity & firmness. –notwithstanding, several interruptions from G Haniford & J Scott - but the Meeting ended in the Authority, & I believe Truth was exalted. –
I dined at [O Browns](#) - spent the forepart of the eveng & took tea at Wm Jenkins - then with [-] Rodman walked out to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged.–

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February 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day – Feeling my mind released from attending the [-] School committee, I went into town & took passage in the Carriage with Isaac Mitchell & came home, [-] to find my family & friends Well.
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February 9, Saturday: Panama was incorporated into New Granada as the Department of the Isthmus.

Invaders under General Jean Pierre Boyer arrived in Santo Domingo to overthrow the newly founded Republic and unite the island of Haiti.³³⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 2 M 1822 / This Afternoon Nathaniel Watson of Salem



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Arrived from [Providence](#) where he had been attending the Quarterly Meeting - on a visit to [some?] friends in this Town. he is an agreeable well engaged friend, & very intelligent in his manners. -

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February 10, First Day: Chief among the “New Lights” of New England was [Friend](#) Mary Newhall, who had accused the [Quaker](#) elders of a “dead formality” and had been informed by these elders that she was no longer welcome to speak in her New Bedford meeting. This group included a young cordwainer, Benjamin Shaw, who averred their intention to be to “pull the old order down, for they were a stiff, arbitrary set.” A committee of elders had met with him, he had rebuffed them, and he had been [disowned](#). On this First Day, Benjamin Shaw sought to seat himself in the raised seats at the front of the Lynn, Massachusetts meetinghouse in which traditionally the ministers and elders of the meeting positioned themselves. After an unseemly scuffle he was ejected, and then the elders held him at the town’s poorhouse until late in the evening.

Read about this “New Light” controversy:

THE “NEW LIGHTS”

Read about the impact this controversy would have on [Waldo Emerson](#) (according to his own evaluation):

FREDERICK B. TOLLES

When Carl Maria von Weber left Dresden for Vienna, he was sufficiently worried about his health to leave a farewell note for his wife in a sealed envelope — in case he did not return.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 2 M / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum was engaged in short but uncommonly lively pertinent & pithy testimony the Afflictions of this life which reached Several present In the Afternoon we were Silent - In the eveng [—sin] Henry Gould & his Wife visited us -

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February 11, Monday: Am Geburtstag des Kaisers for solo voices, chorus and orchestra by Franz Schubert to words of Deinhardstein, was performed for the initial time, in Vienna’s Theresianum.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 2 M 1822 / We had the company of Nath Watson to Dinner - he improves on acquaintance

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337. According to AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE TRIALS OF SUNDRY NEGROES, CHARGED WITH AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE AN INSURRECTION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA...., prepared in this year by Lionel H. Kennedy and Thomas Parker and printed in Charleston NC by James R. Schenck: confirming one of the worst fears of the white citizenry of Charlestown, a black captured at the collapse of the Denmark Vesey revolt had confessed before execution that Vesey had read to him newspaper reports relating to Haiti.



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 February 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 2 M / This Mornng N Watson set out for home he leaves us in good fellowship & I believe his visit has been strengthening & comforting to him & to us - We had the company of Wm Robinson of New York to tea & to set the evening with us. -

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 February 16, Saturday: Zelmira, a drama by Gioachino Rossini to words of Tottola after Dormont de Belloy, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples.

Francis Galton was born in Birmingham, England. The youngest of seven children born to Frances Anne Violetta Galton, the eldest daughter of Erasmus Darwin by a 2d marriage, and Samuel Tertius Galton, a banker, through his maternal grandfather he was half-cousin to Charles Darwin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 2 M / Rode the Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) with Cousin Henry Gould & Atended the funeral of Rebecca Sisson in the 42 Year of her Age She was the daughter of James Sisson & a neighbour & intimate friend of Aunt Stanton The Sitting at the funeral was attended with uncommon solemnity. Death in the House, her Brother Peleg in the same House very low & not expected to live, & a Sister buried on 5th day last the Day that Rebecca Died. The Measles was the foundation of all their sickness which left them in declines -Hannah Dennis was engaged in Solemn testimony & Jonathon spoke to Satisfaction. - Poor old James Sisson the father seemed greatly bowed in affliction, having followed two children to the grave in a week & another in a state of doubtful recovery - After taking tea at Uncle Stantons, where I found mother well & comfortable, we rode home before dark -

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 February 17, 1st Day morning: Friend John Alley, Jr. appeared at the [Quaker](#) meetinghouse in Lynn still wearing his sword, and moved to seat himself in one of the high seats traditionally reserved for recognized ministers and elders. Friend Isaac Basset grabbed him about the waist pinning his arms to his side while several others cut the belt of the sword and pulled it away. He, Friend [Jonathan Buffum](#), Friend Benjamin Shaw, and several other “New Lights” then managed to seat themselves in the high seats, some of them by clambering over the main benches in the meetinghouse. The elders of the meeting quickly brought that morning meeting for worship to a close.

At the afternoon meeting for worship, these “New Light” Quakers again seated themselves in the ministers’ section. Friend Isaac Basset invited them to come down and when they accused him of being disorderly, accused them of being the ones who were being disorderly. He gave a signal and three Friends seized Friend Benjamin Shaw, and carried him struggling from the building. Then Friend Jonathan Buffum was removed, and then Friend John Alley, Jr. The three were confined in a nearby house under guard and Friend Preserved



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Sprague, who had on other occasions behaved in a disruptive manner, was added to their number. There were shouts of “Mob! Mob!” and a deputy sheriff of the town appeared and read the riot act.

That evening a Salem sheriff would take custody of the four detained Quakers of Lynn.

Meanwhile on this day, in [Concord](#), Massachusetts, it was 18 days subsequent to the death of [Brister Freeman](#), and his grandson John Freeman for whom he had been providing, an 8-year-old whose father was long gone and whose mother had died a year and a half earlier, also succumbed — apparently of neglect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 2nd M 1822 / In the forenoon Father Rodman was engaged in a short lively testimony. - Afternoon Silent - both meetings were rather small in consequence of the walking - both to me were seasons of but little life -

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 February 21, Thursday: There was an annular/total [eclipse](#) of the sun (#7219) from Hudson Bay to Seattle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 2nd M 1822 / A Violent Stormy day & hevvy rain, which raised the brooks so high that only four women could get to meeting they rode. - The Meeting was silent - The preparative meeting I thought was remarkably well conducted & it was a season of quiet & some favor. -

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 February 22, Friday: The Legislature of Massachusetts instituted a Fire Society for the settlement at [Boston](#) and proposed a vote in regard to whether it ought to incorporate itself as a city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 2 M / Mind much affected with Solemn accounts in Lynn & Salem - the Spirit of Ranterism appears to have [-]en to great height & the hearts of the faithful are almost ready to sink.

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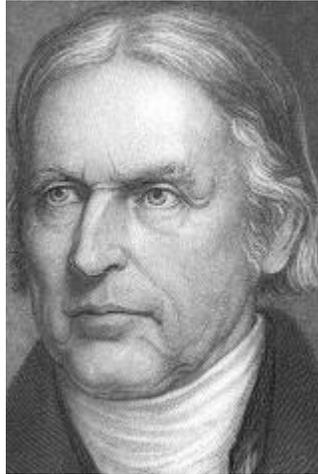
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February 24, Sunday: On this day a man colloquially known as “Bluebeard” was [hanged](#) for having burned ten of his wives. His last words were not “Hey, if you have to ask, you wouldn’t understand.”

Early in this year (and I suppose I might as well place this record here as elsewhere, since I do not have a precise date), [Adin Ballou](#) got married with Abigail Sayles. Abigail’s mother, a Universalist, lent him a copy of Elhanan Winchester’s *DIALOGUES ON THE UNIVERSAL RESTORATION*. This reading and debates with some Universalist neighbors challenged his assumptions about salvation. At a Universalist meeting in nearby Wrentham, Massachusetts that year, Adin, attending as a spectator, was introduced to his distant cousin Hosea Ballou 2d, the Universalist minister from Roxbury, Massachusetts, who encouraged him to seek fellowship



with the Universalists. After a period of study and prayer, Adin would post a letter to his distant cousin announcing his conversion to Universalism. The Christian Connexion would excommunicate him and his father would disinherit him.

(Adin would not marry multiple times and would not be burning any wives, so his name would never become quite so much a household word as Bluebeard’s has become.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 2 M / Our morning Meeting was pretty full, a solid [-]oured season - D Buffum was very lively in a short testimony Invitation "Come Brother come Sister let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the House of the God of Jacob." - Silent & pretty well attended in the Afternoon - This [-]ning finished & put a letter in the Office To Stephen Oliver of [-]em [?] requesting information respecting the difficulties that [-]it there

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February 28, Thursday: Francisco Martinez de la Rosa replaced Ramon Lopez Pelegrin as Spain’s First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 2nd M / Yesterday Afternoon; We went to [Portsmouth](#) with [-]t Stanton who came on purpose to fetch us &



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Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day was a quiet, large & favoured season - In the public Meeting H Dennis & Anne Dennis were engaged in public testimony - & The buisness went on with regularity & order - staid all night at Uncle Stantons & 6th day Morning rode home -

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March 3, Sunday: Rammohan Roy of [India](#) and the Reverend [Jared Sparks](#) of the First Independent Church of [Baltimore](#) began communication by letter. The Reverend Sparks's cut on what was going down was that "many lovers of truth are zealously engaged in rendering the religion of Jesus clear from corruptions."

Franz Schubert's song Geist der liebe D.747 to words of Mattheson was performed for the initial time, in the Redoutensaal of Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 3rd M 1822 / Both our Meetings were Silent & Seasons to some of mental suffering, in reflecting on the situation of some poor individuals who are under great delusion in several parts of this Yearly Meeting, but as a comfoter, the language was underneath - "The Foundation remains sure, having this seal the Lord knows them that are his" -

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March 7, Thursday: Gilbert Close and Samuel Clisby, who had robbed Ezra Haynes in Cambridge Street, were taken to [Boston](#) Neck near the new city burying grounds and [hanged](#).³³⁸

Gioachino Rossini departed from Naples heading for Vienna, accompanied by Isabella Colbran and three male singers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 3 M 1822 / Our Meeting was Silent but a Solid good one, & favoured with the springing up of life, & for this priviledge I feel thankful, while friends in some places are suffering under the disturbances of a ranterous & disorganising Spirit. - We had the company of Considerable portion of young people some of whose coutenances bespoke Solidity & reverance & were a Strength to their older brethren & sisters -

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338. Presumably the duly constituted authorities in Boston would have experienced no difficulty whatever in seeking out and retaining and remunerating the services of one or another Protestant reverend who was not so embarrassed by the death penalty as to be unwilling to mount the scaffold with the victim, and administer last rites.



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 March 10, Sunday: Ellen Devereux Sewall was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts. In a reminiscence by Ellen's daughter Louise Osgood,³³⁹ we learn that Caroline Ward met and married Edmund Quincy Sewall while he was "studying divinity with Dr. Ripley at the Old Manse in [Concord](#).... After several years my [Louise Osgood's] grandfather [Edmund Quincy Sewall] was installed as the Unitarian minister in Scituate, where my mother [Ellen Devereux Sewall] grew up." Later, Ellen's grandmother Prudence Bird Ward (Mrs. Colonel Joseph Ward) would be a long-term boarder with the Thoreaus in Concord, and that at first she would be boarding there with both her daughters, Miss Prudence Ward and Caroline Ward (Ellen's mother).³⁴⁰

[EZRA RIPLEY](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 3rd M / In our Morning Meeting Hannah Dennis appeared in testimony & in the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in the Same way – Meetings were to me seasons of Some Barraness as to life but an exercise was maintained. –

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 March 12, Tuesday: L'esule di Granata, a melodramma semiserio by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Romani, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 3rd M / Last week the Superior Court set in this town & was most of the time occupied in trying two Awful case of Rape. – One Man was cleared & the other (James Cook) was this morning Sentenced to be hanged. – This is an Awful crisis indeed & tho' I am far from wanting him hanged – Yet I am also far from wanting Him again let loose on Society & am willing to exert my small influence to get his punishment commuted

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 March 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13th of 3rd M 1822 / Saw this evening in the Salem Gazette the Notice of the decease of LYDIA DEAN wife of Wm Dean and daughter of Wm Rotch of [New Bedford](#) – This is affecting News – She died last first day 10th inst –

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 March 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 3rd M / Our Meeting was a comfortable Season, – We had the company of our Fr Wm Almy of [Providence](#) who was engaged in a Doctrinal & truly Orthodox testimony & Hannah

339. Louise Osgood Koopman, "The Thoreau Romance," [The Massachusetts Review](#), Autumn 1962 (IV:1), page 60.

340. There is therefore at least a possibility, if not a likelihood, that the young lady to whom Henry Thoreau would propose marriage, Ellen, had been conceived as the result of a seduction occurring right there in the Thoreau home.



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Dennis closed in short pertinent communication much to satisfaction - we also had some precious young women present several others who were not members, who I hope were strengthened by the opportunity.

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 March 17, Sunday: The French government forbade sale of newspapers not approved in advance by official press censors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 3rd M / Morning meeting to me was a dull time, tho' I trust others faired better than myself In the afternoon a little more bright - tho' a havy cold upon me - Silent Meetings Have several times called to see Jacob Lopez who is very low of a Perisnumony & not expected to continue the night thro' when I left him at 9 OClock this evening -

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 March 18, Monday: The Preparative Meeting recommended to the [New Bedford](#) Monthly Meeting of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) that Friend Mary Newhall be [disowned](#) (eventually the bodies of the local New Lights would be allowed to be buried in the meeting's cemetery, although surrounded by a fence to distinguish these ones as disowned).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) commented about the lonely state of the sole remaining [Jew](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Moses Lopez:

2nd day 18 of 3 M / Last night at half past 11 OClock JACOB LOPEZ died - he & his Brother Moses were the only Jews to have lived in Newport for a number of Years & no men have stood fairer as Moral honest men - They are old acquaintances of mine, they have often visited me in my shop & passed many hours in pleasant converstaion, & poor MOSES will now feel himself as he really is quite alone, & destitute of associates of his own religious views - I visited him this morning & found him in affliction

 March 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 3rd M / A Meeting of but little life to me, but not altogether so destitute as at some other times. - Silent meeting In the evening visited David Williams who has been [xxxx] Days confined to the house by indisposition. -

1st day [Sunday] 31st of 3rd M 1822 / Our Meetings were both Silent except a short offering towards the close of the Morning sitting

Mind occupied on various subjects, & relieved in some good degree from an exercise which has been prevalent in consequence of difficulties among friends at Lynn & Salem. - The case



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*depending having been tried in a Court - Friends were Successful in establishing our order, & the Truth was put in dominion over a ranterous & undisciplined & unsound Spirit which had got into some individuals
We set the evening with our cousins Anne & Mary Gould. -*

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 April 4, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska offered her 2d concert in St. Petersburg, at Philharmonic Hall.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 4th M 1822 / Silen Meeting & to me a season of some favour

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 April 7, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 4 M / This morning being sent for by a man in Middletown who is very sick, to write a Will for him concluded it was best to leave Meeting & go. - which I accordingly did, & finished it by dinner time, & then went to [Portsmouth](#) & set the remainder of the day at Uncle Stantons. - Staid all night and 2nd day [Monday] morning rode home in his Waggon. -

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 April 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 4th M / Our Meeting was a season of favor a short testimony by Father Rodman. - At the close of it our Select Meeting was held which was to me a remarkably Solemn time, but I have to regret or at least I am inclined to fear that I did not do all the I ought to have done in it -

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 April 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 4th M 1822 / **[day's designation obscured by binding through 29th of 4th M]** Watched last night with Old Benj Reynolds took a nap this morning & attended Meeting all day with less inconvenience than I ever recollect after sitting up - felt a little heft[?] in my system but not sleepy & was favord beyond my expectations. - both meetings silent except a few words toward the close in the Afternoon*

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 April 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 4th M / At Meeting a few words from Anne Dennis, & to me it was a season of favor - In the Preparative Meeting the Queries were all answered. - felt my mind engaged to make



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up a few remarks on the subject of detraction, & also on the subject of plainness, which afforded me Satisfaction

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 April 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 4 M / Our Meetings were both Silent, & to me Seasons of poverty & Stripedness, tho' in the Afternoon I thought a little favor was experienced -

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 April 25, Thursday: For having killed Billy Williams in the yard of the Massachusetts State Prison, [Samuel Green](#) was hanged on the [Boston Neck](#) gallows tree.³⁴¹



(no gallows now, just a traffic light)

The survivors of the initial settlement on swampy Sherbro Island arrived at Cape Mesurado and began to build a new American Colonization Society settlement. A white representative of the Society was governing the colony, although eventually there would arise objections to the authoritarianism of a white Methodist missionary, the Reverend Jehudi Ashmun, who would replace Dr. Ayres as the ACS governing representative.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 4th M / With my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, stoped at Uncle Thurstons. - In the first Meeting was favored a little - two female appearances in

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In the last Meeting tho' I laboured to get into the life & center down to the gift, yet it lay so low & my efforts was so paralised that I could not attain to what I desired & took but little share in the buisness Dined at Uncle Stantons - then rode Home -

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 April 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

28th of 4 M / Our Meetings very small in consequence of hevyrain [?] silent & as respects myself, I must acknowledge that I [-] miserably poor. - this was no small affliction to me as thee [-]ting fell to my care, those to whome the care usually falls were absent.

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 April 29, Monday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a concert in Konigsberg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

29th of 4 M / This Afternoon Attended the funeral of CHARLES FEKE [-]ted last 5th day Afternoon. I was one of the bearers to this very benevolent man who was buried in Friends Ground, having [-] in the general a very exemplary man thro' life & when he [-to any Meeting attended our, but the latter part of his [-] he was constantly engaged in buisness as an Apothecary his means were not very abundant yet Many times & oft' has [-]benevolent hand made the heart of the widow & orhpan Sing for joy -

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 April 30, Tuesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#), and Edward and Jane Williams, moved to San Terenzo on the Bay of Lerici.

[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave another concert in Konigsberg, improvising on the organ of the Burgkirche (thus ended his only tour of Russia).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 4th M 1822 / This Morning sent John out to Uncle Stantons to stay during Election Week - And at 9 OClock with my wife & other Friends, went on board the [Greenwich](#) Packet to attend the Quarterly Meeting - we arrived in [Greenwich](#) a little past Noon & went up to Updikes Tavern & dined. - Then called a little while at cousin Wanton Caseys where we left our things & walked out to Daniel Howlands & took tea where we met several of our friends, soon after we got there David Buffum & several others came, which made them too full of lodgers, & D Buffum & my H & myself with John Greene went over to Thos Howlands, & lodged

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 May 2, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska performed before the Russian royal family at the Noblemen's Club in Moscow.

In a [duel](#) between the Duke of Buckingham and the Duke of Bedford on account of some disparaging remarks that had been made by the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Buckingham fired and missed, whereupon the Duke of Bedford discharged his pistol into the air. The antagonists then shook hands.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day - came on the Quarterly Meeting at large - In the first Meeting Thos Anthony & Wm Almy appeared in good solid testimonys, then Thos in Solemn reverend supplication, in which I thought life & power rose into dominion, & certainly my feelings were in a better state than they had been for sometime, having been much in poverty & leanness for some weeks - After a short testimony from Betsy Purinton the Meeting closed & we proceeded to the Usual buisness, which was transacted in harmony & good order, & I believe many minds were thankful they were present. - At early candle light John Wilbour appointed a Meeting for the inhabitants of [Greenwich](#), which was attended pretty largely & friends who were there from other Meetings also attended - John was much favored to open the Truths of the Gospel to the people -D Buffum said a few words, lively & powerful & Ruth Meely concluded in Solemn supplication -

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 May 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Morning at 7 O'clock we got on board the Packet & in two hours were at home & found all well

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 May 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 5 M 1822 / What a poor bleak barran thing I have been for a long time - poor Meetings today - a small appearance from a woman fr in the Morning -

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May 8, Wednesday: What would soon become the most popular song in America, “Home Sweet Home,” was first performed on the stage of the Covent Garden Theatre in London. It was part of a play *CLARI, OR, THE MAID OF MILAN*, by John Howard Payne.

An ice ship, *The Spring*, arrived in the Thames with some 300 tons of ice for the London market, in blocks of 20 hundredweight which had been cut from a fjord about a hundred miles north of Trondhjem on the Norwegian coast. (This was in fact the second such delivery but the first is not as well documented.)

Publication of the Quintet for Piano and Strings op.87 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

The Liszt family departs Raiding to move to Vienna where Franz may pursue serious musical study. They were being funded by several Hungarian noblemen from Pressburg (Bratislava).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] 8th of 5th M / A small spring of life this morning

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May 9, Thursday: Four songs by Franz Schubert were published by Cappi and Diabelli, Vienna as his op.8: *Der Jungling auf dem Hugel* to words of Huttenbrenner, and *Sehnsucht, Erlafsee* and *Am Strome*, all to words of Mayrhofer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

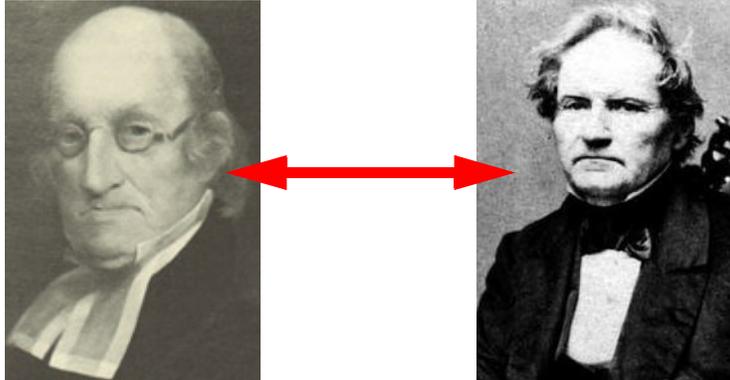
[obscured] 9th of 5 M / To me a good Silent Meeting tho' when I went [obscured] my great leanness & weakness were my companions.

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➡ May 12, Sunday: “My manner was not such as to satisfy myself.” The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown, Massachusetts exchanged pulpits for the day with the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) of Concord. His prooftext for the [Concord](#) morning service was John 14:6 and his topic was “The Way, the truth, and the Life.” His prooftext for the afternoon service was Romans 14:12 and his topic was “On the Accountability of God.”



[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal (a crossed out entry):

I have a nasty appetite which I will not gratify.

(We may wonder for how many minutes he was able to hold out.)

[Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s boat, the *Don Juan*, arrived.

Gaetano Donizetti's drama *La zingara* to words of Tottola was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro Nuovo, Naples. The composer would remark “the public was certainly not stingy with compliments.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] day 12 of 5 M / A favoured Meeting this morning H Dennis was [obscured] afed in a lively testimony – In the Afternoon rather lean to m

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➡ May 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] 16th of 5 M / Our Meeting was rather small. –

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➡ May 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] day 19th of 5 M / This morning rose early & with father Rodman went to Connanicut to attend the Meeting which commenced there this day to be continued thro' the summer. – we set out by [-] OClock & had a good wind till we passed Rose Island when we had nearly flat Calm the tide running strong swept us down to the dumplins, there were a number of passengers on board &



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among them Wm B Rotch, son of Benjamin Rotch, most of us went on shore in a litt [- & by that means for to meeting in good Season which to me was a time of favour & some trial, we dined at Jos Greenes, & returned in the Afternoon -

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May 21, Tuesday: At some point subsequent to the 20th, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) authored "The Triumph of Life."

[Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) received, courtesy of the composer, a copy of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s *Meeresstille un gluckliche Fahrt*, a cantata composed to [Goethe](#)'s words.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day [sic] 21st of 5 M 1822 / Our Meetings were both Silent & to me pretty good seasons in comparrison with some meeting that I have sat in of late. - & my heart was in measure thankful for the favour. -
After tea walked with Sister Ruth out to David Buffum Jr to see their little son Benjamin who is very ill with the Quincy or Putrid sore throat -
Sister Ruth staid to Watch - with John & his cousin Richard I walked to Tomany Hill & then returned*

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May 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] ay 23rd of 5 M / Meeting was pretty well attended, the weather being [obscured]rd several aged friends were present who cannot get otr [obscured] common. - we Sat in Silence, to me it was a season of labour & some reward was experienced, but alas I have but little to say for myself - it is & has been for [obscured] long time but a low time with me. - Cousin Hannah Gardiner dined with us & took tea after which she & my H went over to Abigail Shermans to set the evening. -

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May 27, Monday: *Nurmahal, oder Das Rosenfest von Kaschmir*, a lyrisches Drama mit Ballet by Gaspare Spontini to words of Herklots after Moore, was performed for the initial time at the Royal Opera House, Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 27th of 5th M / Early this morning Benjamin, son of D Buffum Jr departed this life aged 3 years 7 Months & about 15 day [Thursday]s. - It is an afflicting event particularly as it was a very fine child. - The removal was Sudden & till within a few hours unexpected. - May it teach Survivers the uncertainty of time -
I sympathize with them, remembering the loss of our little Caleb*

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 May 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 5th M / Attended the funeral of the abovementioned Child which was large, & a Solid favoured Season to some minds - J Dennis in Short testimony & Hannah in supplication

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 May 30, Thursday: Peter Prioleau, a mulatto house slave, betrayed the Denmark Vesey conspiracy, allegedly one of the most elaborate slave plots on record, involving thousands of blacks in Charleston, South Carolina and vicinity. During the ensuing two months, authorities would be arresting 131 persons of color, of whom 37 would hang and 32 be condemned to exile, plus 4 whites, who would be fined and imprisoned.



On May 30th, 1822, a "faithful and confidential slave" disclosed to the Intendant of Charleston, S. C., that, on Sunday evening, June 16th, the slaves had determined to rise in rebellion against the whites, "set fire to the Governor's house, seize the Guard-house and Arsenal, and sweep the town with fire and sword, not permitting a white soul to escape." Of the supposed conspirators, one hundred and thirty-one were committed to prison, thirty-five executed, and thirty-seven banished. Of the six ringleaders, Ned Bennet, Peter Poyas, Rolla, Batteau, Jesse, and Denmark Vesey, all were slaves, except Vesey, who had been a slave thirty-eight years, a free man twenty-two years, having in 1800 purchased his freedom.

SERVILE INSURRECTION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 5 M / Our first meeting was Silent - In the last there was considerable buisness which went on pretty well, in good Harmony. -

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 June 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 6th M 1822 / In the morning Father Rodman had a few words to offer - in the Afternoon Anne Dennis was engaged in a short offering, & both to me were good Meetings. - particularly the Afternoon, which was a season of favor, to me, for which I desire to be thankful - After tea visited David Williams, [**grandfather of the above child and S G's clock-repair-maker-mentor**] who is in a poor state of health but may outlive many who appear more robust.*

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 June 6, Thursday: At the fur-trading post on Michilimackinac Island in the strait between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, [Alexis St. Martin](#) was accidentally shot in the stomach (which would lead to [Dr. William Beaumont](#)'s studies on digestion).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 6th M 1822 / A Meeting of some favour for which I desire to be thankful for my measure. - J Dennis expressed a few words. -

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 June 9, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Upon a mountain-solitude a man instantly feels a sensible exaltation and a better claim to his rights in the universe. He who wanders in the woods percieves [sic] how natural it was to pagan imagination to find gods in every deep grove & by each fountain head. Nature seems to him not to be silent but to be eager & striving to break out into music. Each tree, flower, and stone, he invests with life & character; and it is impossible that the wind which breathes so expressive a sound amid the leaves - should mean nothing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 6 M / Having been very unwell for some days, was bled this morning in my right Arm, which prevented my attending the morning Meeting - In the Afternoon Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in lively & pertinent testimony -

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 June 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 6 M / We have been several days very buisy in preparing for the Approaching Yearly Meeting, it looks as if there will be a larger proportion of friends from other Yearly Meetings than common, & the weight falls heavily on the few friends in [Newport](#). - May our hands & hearts be strengthened, may we conduct wisely & skillfully, both in providing for our friends & in our movements in the concerns of the Church. -

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 June 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 6 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, Silent [&] solid. We had the company of our friends John Morton [&] Wife of Philadelphia who have come to pass the summer in



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this Town – In the Preparative meeting we processed the appointment of overseers & Henry Gould a new [-] was brought forward

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June 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 6 M / Friends have begun to come to attend the Yearly Meeting [a] number came last night from [Nantucket](#)

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June 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 15th of 6 M / With my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Select [-]lry Meeting Stoped at Uncle Sam; Thurstons where I saw [&] became acquainted with our fr George Withey from England [our} Meeting was the largest Select Meeting I ever sat in & D Buffum thought it was the largest he had seen in that [--se] it was a solid time, tho' the seed was low under [-]ssion – Hannah Smith of Burlington opened the Service [in a] short but Solid testimony, & after a short but weighty [-] from G Withey. it [at] the proposal of D Buffum the Meeting proceeded to buisness, which was conducted with weight – We dined with Saml Thurston where we again had the Company of G Withey & found he improved on acquaintance –
After dinner rode home & found some company*

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June 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day / Our Meeting this morning was very large & tho' life was rather low, yet it was remarkably Solemn -the first appearance was Mary Slocum of NYork solemn & sweet -next Benj Rodman in a very unsound & unacceptable manner - next was Hannah Smith from Burlington in solemn & acceptable supplication. - Then Manassa Robins & tho' his communication was apparantly sound yet was not calculated for usefulness in a Meeting like that - after a pretty long silence the Meeting closed, after two hours sitting pretty satisfactorily. –
In the afternoon there was as usual a very great crowd -after a little space a young Man spoke who I did not see hear or Know - & then after the Meeting had set an hour our fr George Withey from England was engaged in a truly Apostolic testimony of more than an hour, much to satisfaction & the meeting closed well.*

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June 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / A solid covering was witnessed in the opening of the Meeting, lively & acceptable testimonys were [?] first by David Howland then David Buffum then Clarke Rodman [teacher who ran a



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school & father of SG's wife Hannah] & on motion of Sylvester Weeks the Meeting proceeded to buisness, which proceeded in usual course & many of the epistles & particularly the one from London was very pertinent to the State of the times - a little interruption was experienced by some untimely & impertinent remarks by BR & M Ruggles, but Truth was set over them & [?] that time no notice taken of them. -
2nd day Afternoon / The state of society was entered upon that excited much feeling, & some remarks, particularly of accounts from Sandwich & Salem, - which contained accounts of disunity sorrowful to hear which occasioned the appointment of a committee for general services [both meetings had been disrupted by the emergence of Ranters among them, ed] - The committee appointed last year on account of the Penobscot Indians reported, which excited many remarks, particularly from Rowland Greene [Archives has some of his transcribed papers, ed.]

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June 18, Tuesday: The state of Mississippi at this point consolidated its laws in regard to [slaves](#), free negroes, and mulattoes.

§ 2. Slaves born and resident in the United States, and not criminals, may be imported.

§ 3. No slave born or resident outside the United States shall be brought in, under penalty of \$1,000 per slave. Travellers are excepted. REVISED CODE OF THE LAWS OF MISSISSIPPI (Natchez, 1824), page 369.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / our Select Meeting this morning at 8 OClock held four hours & an half & was a season of much exercise, the State of society as respects that branch of society was pretty fully gone into & many pertinent & living testimonys were delivered, particularly from George Withey, Christo[pher] Healy & others. -also some appearance of a wrong spirit in an individual or two -but Truth the everlasting truth stood its ground, & will stand its ground tho' [some?] men leave it - it is plainly to be discovered however effectively [?] its opposite may be dressed up, even tho' it may be painted like Zion & built like Zion, yet that the true stamp may be discovered from all false coins
The Meeting at large met today at 4 OClock in the Afternoon & a short silence proceeded to buisness - the buisness transacted was attended with considerable debate & some trying circumstances, one of which was that of a friends requesting to [be] dismissed from the School committee & meeting for [?] Sufferings who had stood long on both & been very servicable now apparantly from a disafection to Society withdrew [-] service - - This circumstance was affecting - "as when a standard bearer fainteth" -

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June 19, Wednesday: The republic of Columbia organized by General [Simón Bolívar](#) out of the territories now known as Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama was recognized by the US government.

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The United States recognized the Republic of Colombia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / The Select Meeting met this morning at 8 O'clock after a short solemn sitting concluded, - Alice Rathbone was engaged in reverend Supplication - There is no meeting at [-] this morning to give time for the committee on general service to digest concerns, before them -

4th day Afternoon / The opening of our Meeting this Afternoon was singularly Solemn - An Aged man who made a grievous misstep in an unguarded speech which wounded himself & his friends very deeply - while the meeting was quiet & before any thing was Said, he rose & in a solemn manner made an affecting acknowledgement. - which was very cordially received, with many expressions from different friends of their kind feelings towards him & again received him into fellowship - This was the most satisfactory circumstance of the Kind I ever Knew of, & I have no doubt will have great weight on many minds. - But little buisness was presented as the committee on epistles were not ready to submit their essays to the consideration of the meeting. - So it was adjourned to the 8th hour tomorrow morning, & our Public Meeting put off till the 3rd hour in the Afternoon. -

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June 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / Our Meeting this morning was long & some bitter herbs were eaten, & on the whole I did not think it was crowned with that life which was felt in some of the former sittings. -burdens which some friends thought they had in some measure been relieved from, seemed to return, but I cannot think but Truth gained the victory - Many remarks & criticisms were made on the essays of epistles which I thought were unprofitable. -

In the public Meeting we had a very dull time indeed it might be said death reigned the meeting & but little was said -Mary Newhall was present, took the high seat by the side of Elizabeth Rodman & preached - which was an afflicting circumstance after all the trouble friends have had with her in Lynn. - [ranterism (Ed.)]

After dinner all our company left us, our family this year has consisted of Thos Anthony & his daughter Lydia, John Warren & his wife - Sarah & Cathirine Collins - Mirriam Newhall, Martha Cobb - Stephen Oliver, Daniel Howland & Micajah [?] Pratt, who were all acceptable guests. - I must not omit that we had the company of Our Venerable friend



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Moses Brown to dinner –

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 June 22, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day / Our friends being all gone we feel lonesome tho' relieved from considerable bodily & mental exercise - Adna Heaton, Tristram Russel & John T Hallack took breakfast with us - & in the early part of the forenoon we had a pleasant call from our friend George Withey & his companion [?] Morris.

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 June 23, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day / Our frd George Withey attended our Morning Meeting then the Afternoon was at Portsmouth - the Meeting in town was large & he preached a truly orthodox Sermon In The Afternoon Tristram Russell & Ruth Spencer were with us & exercised their gifts... - This seems to be the last of Yearly Meeting, & I hardly know what to say About it. - Trial awaits us, but I believe [?there?] is no trial so great, but to use a common expression - a plaster is made as great as the Sore. - We understand George was favoured at Portsmouth [tho'?] not so open in the ministry as in Newport Took tea at Father [Clarke] Rodmans after Meeting. -

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At approximately this point Denmark Vesey was captured.

 June 27, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 6 M 1822 / This morning rode to Portsmouth with Sister Mary to attend The Monthly Meeting - Stopped at Uncle Thurstons - Meeting was silent - The buisness was transacted pretty well, & with a degree of satisfactory weight Dined at Uncle Stantons. -

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 June 30, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 6 M / Silent meetings & both rather smaller than usual. -

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Our national birthday, Thursday the 4th of July: Hezikiah Prince Jr. lived in the small port town (for the coasting trade) of Thomaston, Maine, and in his journal of 1822-1828 (published by the Maine Historical Society in 1965) he described the July 4th celebrations there. A modest celebration this year was:³⁴²

ushered in by the discharge of cannon ... the ringing of bells, and the halloos of the true Sons of Liberty.... The spirit and patriotism of '76 seemed still to flame in the breast of every citizen, especially the young who appeared very much animated. The few surviving veterans around us ... appeared to renew their age and glow with the same spirit which filled their breast in those ever to be remembered days.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

Judge Bushrod Washington announced that since Mount Vernon was his private property, he was no longer going to tolerate the celebrants who were in the habit of coming up the river to indulge themselves at annual "Steam-boat parties" and "eating, drinking, and dancing parties."

In Saratoga County, New York, 5,000 citizens and 52 authentic soldiers of the Revolution assembled at the field upon which General Burgoyne had surrendered on October 17, 1777.

In Nashville, Tennessee, after Governor William Carroll presented a sword to General Andrew Jackson, both these dignitaries made speeches.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 7 M / In the forenoon meeting Hannah Dennis appeared in supplication, then D Buffum in solemn impressive testimony. - Then Hannah Dennis & then Jonathon Dennis in testimony. - it was a solemn favoured testimony. - In the Afternoon the meeting was Silent & good -

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July 11, Thursday: Nicolas Maria Garelli Battifira replaced Santiago Usoz Mozi as Spanish First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 7th / Select Meeting - In the first father Rodman spoke a little - both meetings were exercising to me a subject before it that I could not be clear about so said nothing about it -

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July 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

342. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 18th birthday.

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*1st day 14th of 7 M / Silent in the forenoon, & the Meeting small on the womens side in consequence of a hevy Rain
In the Afternoon larger, a short testimony from Father Rodman - both meetings were seasons of much reflection on the state of society - several young men in [Portsmouth](#) have departed from our principles in going to the Theatre, one in delivering an Oration & turning out under Military escort to go to the Meeting for that purpose. - This is cause for Mourning & sorrow. -*

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 July 18, Thursday: At the [Providence, Rhode Island](#) meetinghouse for black people, Brother Asa C. Goldbury, “a man of colour,” was ordained.

It was a hot summer day but there was business to be attended to on the shore at Lericcio near Leghorn. [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)’s corpse had been recovered in an advanced state of decomposition and needed to be disposed of in accordance with Italian sanitary regulations. It was not the custom at the time for the widow to attend such an event and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) was elsewhere. [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#) remained in the carriage to keep out of the sun. [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) took to the coolness of the surf and, eventually, swam out to his boat leaving Trelawny to witness the actual burning, which took place in a metal furnace that hired porters had dragged out onto the beach. When nothing was left in the ashes but jaw, skull, and heart, Trelawny raked out that carbonized lump as a souvenir (eventually he would be persuaded to turn it over to the widow and she would retain it wrapped in silk, in her drawer; in 1889 it would be interred with their son Percy Florence Shelley).³⁴³

343. Absolutely nothing in the famous 1889 painting of the cremation by [Louis Édouard Fournier](#) is accurate. It had not been a desolate beach. It had not been dusk. The witnesses had not swaddled themselves in heavy coats against the cold. Mary had not knelt in prayer. Hunt and Byron had not struck poses. The corpse, which at that point had neither hands nor a face, was not placed on a pyre of branches.





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 July 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 7 M 1822 / Mary Morton [-]ve a short but sweet & encouraging testimony to [-] few assembled. - No Buisness in the Preparative Meeting but Answering the Queries -

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 July 21, Sunday: Augustin de Iturbide was crowned Emperor of [Mexico](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 7 M / In the forenoon Mary Morton Hannah Dennis Father Rodman & Jonathon Dennis were all concerend in testimony. - it was a good meeting & Truth was raised [-] to dominion in many Minds. - Silent in the Afternoon. - After Meeting went with my Wife & Sister Ruth to D Buffums & took tea.

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 July 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 7 M / In our first Meeting David Buffum was very lively in testimony, on the Journey of the children of Israel [-]aiving the inferance that as they did it was necessary to get out right & persevere in the right way, least as they did, we get lost in the Wilderness & as nearly all [-] that generation did come short of the promised land... In the last meeting we had an exercising time no less than three young men reported from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting for joining in the cellederation of Independence - one of them delivered an Oration, another read the Declaration of Independence, the other assisted on the occasions & all of them has attended The Theatre - this is a sad [con]dition which calls for the prompt labour of society

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 July 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 7 M / Our Meeting this Morning was rather small in consequence of the Rain - Father Rodman was engaged in lively & I believe good testimony, & to me it was a season of favour for which I desire to be thankful - In the Afternoon we were Silent & solid.

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 July 30, Tuesday: Der Wachtelschlag, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Sauter, was published in the Zeitschrift für Kunst, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 7 M 1822 / Friends from S Kingston & [Greenwich](#)



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have passed through Town on their way to the Quarterly Meeting in Portsmouth – We had the company of Thos Howland & [?] Anthony to Tea. –

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 July 31, Wednesday: The provinces of Quito, Guyaquil and Cuenca became part of Gran Colombia.

A final public whipping was carried out in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

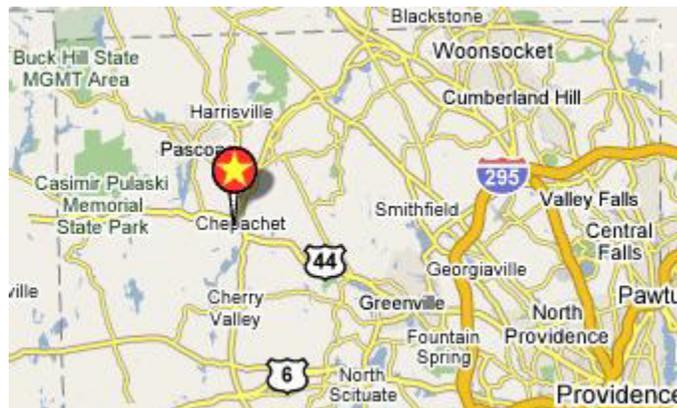
4th day 31st of 7 M 1822 / This morning rode with my H to Portsmouth to attend The Select Quarterly Meeting went the west road & stoped at Uncle P Lawtons & after Meeting we returned there & dined – Took tea at Uncle Thurstons then went down to Uncle Stantons & lodged

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A broadside had proclaimed the arrival of the talented 12-year-old Betty, The Learned Elephant in Rhode Island. Little Bett appears to have been the 3d elephant to walk on the North American continent, the 1st having been the elephant brought to Salem from Mauritius in 1795 who would drink port and pick your pocket for pieces of bread, but would not allow herself to be ridden, and the 2d having been Big Bett. The 6,000 pound Betty made her appearance in Chepachet on this day, after having been walked in of course under cover of darkness. The admission fee to the tent was 12½ cents, with children under 12 at half price.



Stone-Ender in Chepachet





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August 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 8th M 1822 / Our Public Quarterly Meeting was a season of favour there was not a great deal of Preaching, but what there was appeared to be of a good quality - First Thos Anthony, then David Buffum & then Jabez Greene, & the Meeting closed after a short sitting - In the last Meeting buisness was conducted in a solid manner & among the concerns that came before us was the appointment of Obadiah Brown to the Station of an Elder by [Providence](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting, which was united with by the Quarterly Meeting. -
After Meeting we dined at Shadrack Chases & came home -*

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August 8, Thursday: In a renovation of the [Quaker](#) meetinghouse in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Moses Brown](#) reported, “what was called the Negros Gallery” had been removed.



The questions of course arises, why specifically was it that this “Negros Gallery” was constructed in the first place — and why lately had it come to be disused, so that it might at this point be demolished?

The answer, I speculate, is going to be (after adequate research has been done — research which has not yet been begun), that the Quakers had had segregated seating in their meetinghouses, with their servants of color seated away from the white people in such a “Negros Gallery,” but that by the turn of the century these slaves had all been granted manumission documents, and were therefore no longer obligated to accompany their Quaker masters and mistresses to worship. When they made use of the meetinghouse, they made use of it in off hours when the white Quakers were not present, and so of course they no longer went up to the dilapidated “pigeon loft” but sat anywhere they pleased. My speculation would be that with freedom had come a decision to affiliate, not with these Quakers who as white racists were never ever going to accept anyone else as a whole and genuine human being (to my knowledge not one single person of color would ever be accepted as a convinced Friend during this period, despite numerous applications for such consideration), instead along color lines with one another in the African Methodist Episcopal denomination that had been set up in 1816.³⁴⁴

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 8 M / Our Meeting today was a pretty good one
Two appearances in the Ministry Vizt Father Rodman & Anne
Dennis. —*

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 August 13, Tuesday: Tsar Aleksandr of Russia forbade all secret societies including the Masons.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13th of 8 M / Jabez Greene from Cornwall in NYork State had spent the Afternoon & took tea with us - he is a friend in the ministry on a visit chiefly to his relations, & sailed this morning for home - he attends the particluar Meeting to which our late frd David Sands belonged - he appears to be sound in the faith & a tender spirited friend with which I felt good unity. -

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 August 15, Thursday: After the two drownings on July 8th when the yacht had sunk during a squall off Livorno, the body of Edward Williams had been cremated on the 13th where it had come to the shore near Via Reggio, and the body of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) had been cremated on the shore at Lericcio near Leghorn. On this day Edward John Trelawny described the occasion:

Three white wands had been stuck in the sand to mark the Poet's grave, but as they were at some distance from each other, we had to cut a trench thirty yards in length, in the line of the sticks, to ascertain the exact spot, and it was nearly an hour before we came upon the grave. Byron could not face this scene, he withdrew to the beach and swam off to the *Bolivar*. [Leigh Hunt](#) remained in the carriage. The fire was so fierce as to produce a white heat on the iron, and to reduce its contents to grey ashes. The only portions that were not consumed were some fragments of bones, the jaw, and the skull, but what surprised us all, was that the heart remained entire. In snatching this relic from the fiery furnace, my hand was severely burnt; and had anyone seen me do the act I should have been put into quarantine.

344. Subsequent to my writing the above, my suspicions have been confirmed by reading, in the autobiography of [William J. Brown](#), a grandson of one of the men manumitted by Friend [Moses Brown](#), that:

PAGE 25: Some attended the Congregational church, Rev. James Wilson, pastor; some attended the Methodist church; some attended the Episcopal church, Dr. Crocker, pastor; a few attended the Unitarian church, Rev. Mr. Cady, pastor; and a large number attended the First Baptist church, Dr. Gano, pastor. Some were members of each of the above named churches; the largest number, however, were Baptists, and belonged to the First Baptist Church, but many attended no church at all, because they said they were opposed to going to churches and sitting in pigeon holes, as all the churches at that time had some obscure place for the colored people to sit in.



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[Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) would return to London, where she would reside briefly with her father [William Godwin](#) before taking her own lodgings nearby.

The English vessel *Orion*, Captain William A. Richardson, came to anchor at Yerba Buena in San Francisco Bay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 8 M / Our Meeting was a good one & pretty well [-tended]

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August 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 8 M / Much fatigued in body & unfit for almost any thing - [-] morning about 2 O'clock we were awoke by Fire on the Long Wharf 2 Houses & a Stable burned, & for a time the Town in great [danger] but were mercifully & miraculously preserved.
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August 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18th of 8th M 1822 / Our Meeting this forenoon was very full of solid countenances - Anne Dennis appeared in a short testimony, then Father Rodman, then Mary Morton in a communication attended with uncommon Gospel Power, & I have no doubt reached the witness of many hearts especially of the Youth whom she addressed particularly, feelingly & Affectionately - Then David Buffum appeared in a solemn impressive testimony & the meeting concluded under a precious covering
In the Afternoon the Meeting was small, a few words were delivered by Father Rodman -
At half past 2 O'clock David Buffum, Hannah Dennis & Mary Morton went with a number of other friends to Coasters Harbour & had a Meeting at the Assylum with the Poor of the Town & the inmates of the House in general - Several of the Commissioners also attended, it proved (as I am informed) a season of great favour. Truth was exalted & our Society met with no loss but rose in the estimation of all who were there*

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➡ August 20, Tuesday: At York Factory in Manitoba, [John Wedderburn Halkett](#) presided over a meeting of the Hudson Bay Company Northern Department council.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 8 M / Rode this Afternoon with Hannah Dennis to [Portsmouth](#) on a committee to visit a young man who had departed from the rules & principles of Society - It proved a hard labouring time, all the consolation we had was a consciousness of having discharged our duty faithfully towards him

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➡ August 22, Thursday: King George IV began a visit to Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 8 M / Life with me was low at Meeting yet I trust it was not so with all - a short testimony from father Rodman -



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By this point a new conception of what it meant to be an author was seizing the American mind, and this new conception, the conception of sole authorship and inspiration, was exposing [Thomas Jefferson](#), as the alleged perpetrator of our [Declaration of Independence](#), whose claims had always been regarded in some quarters as exaggerated and self-serving, to suspicions of plagiarism.³⁴⁵ John Adams therefore wrote to Timothy



Pickering³⁴⁶ pointing out that “there is not an idea” in that document that had not “been hackneyed in Congress for two years before.”



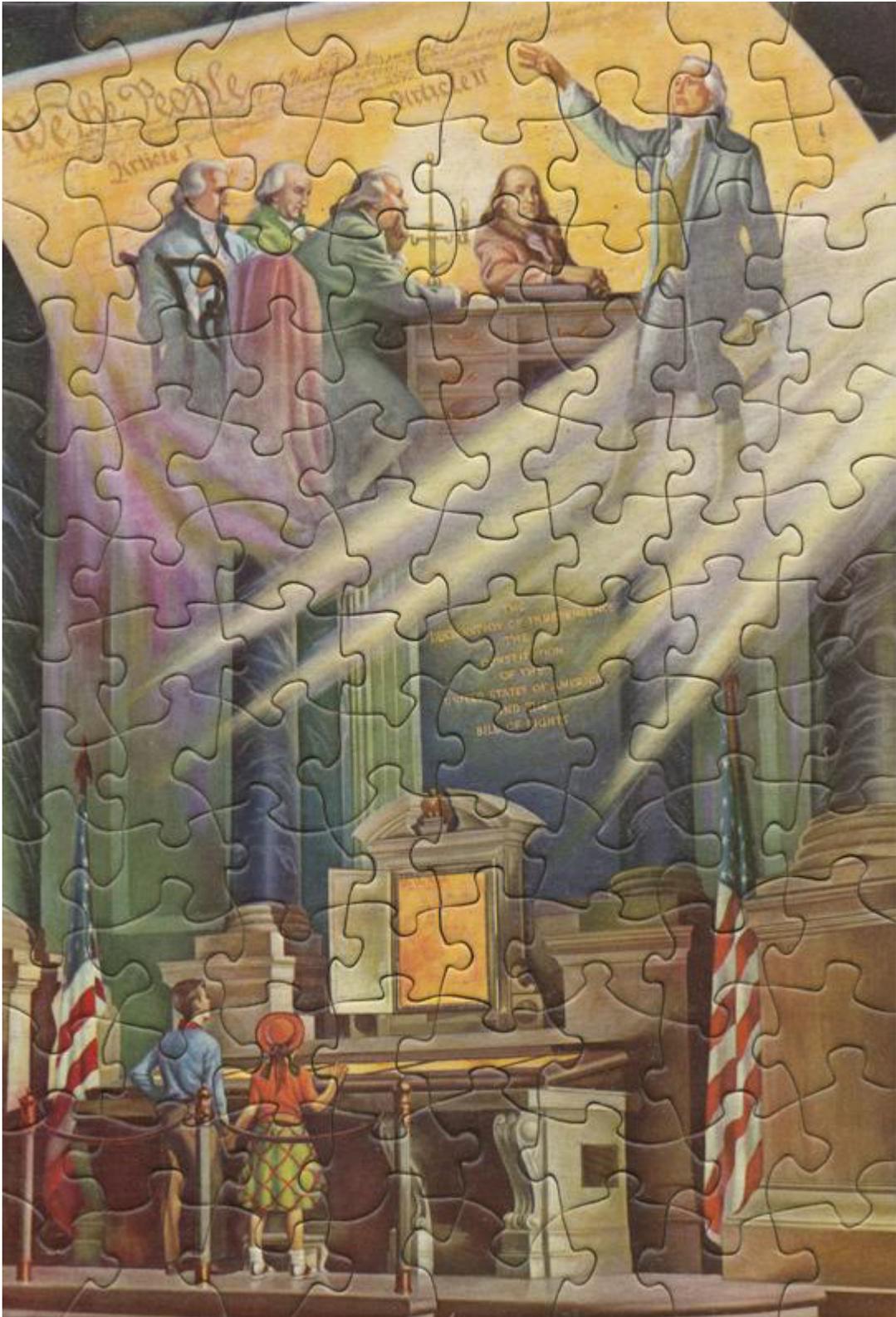
You inquire why so young a man as Mr. Jefferson was placed at the head of the committee for preparing a Declaration of Independence? I answer: It was the Frankfort advice, to place Virginia at the head of everything. Mr. Richard Henry Lee might be gone to Virginia, to his sick family, for aught I know, but that was not the reason of Mr. Jefferson’s appointment. There were three committees appointed at the same time, one for the Declaration of Independence, another for preparing articles of confederation, and another for preparing a treaty to be proposed to France. Mr. Lee was chosen for the Committee of Confederation, and it was not thought convenient that the same person should be upon both. Mr. Jefferson came into Congress in June, 1775, and brought with him a reputation for literature, science, and a happy talent of composition. Writings of his were

345. Imagine a **slavemaster** being guilty of **plagiarizing** — this goes against the very Latin etymology of the word!

346. Charles Francis Adams ed. *The Works of John Adams, Volume II, The Diary* (1850).

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handed about, remarkable for the peculiar felicity of expression. Though a silent member in Congress, he was so prompt, frank, explicit, and decisive upon committees and in conversation - not even Samuel Adams was more so - that he soon seized upon my heart; and upon this occasion I gave him my vote, and did all in my power to procure the votes of others. I think he had one more vote than any other, and that placed him at the head of the committee. I had the next highest number, and that placed me the second. The committee met, discussed the subject, and then appointed Mr. Jefferson and me to make the draft, I suppose because we were the two first on the list. The subcommittee met. Jefferson proposed to me to make the draft. I said, "I will not," "You should do it." "Oh! no." "Why will you not? You ought to do it." "I will not." "Why?" "Reasons enough." "What can be your reasons?" "Reason first, you are a Virginian, and a Virginian ought to appear at the head of this business. Reason second, I am obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular. You are very much otherwise. Reason third, you can write ten times better than I can." "Well," said Jefferson, "if you are decided, I will do as well as I can." "Very well. When you have drawn it up, we will have a meeting." A meeting we accordingly had, and conned the paper over. I was delighted with its high tone and the flights of oratory with which it abounded, especially that concerning Negro slavery, which, though I knew his Southern brethren would never suffer to pass in Congress, I certainly never would oppose. There were other expressions which I would not have inserted if I had drawn it up, particularly that which called the King tyrant. I thought this too personal, for I never believed George to be a tyrant in disposition and in nature; I always believed him to be deceived by his courtiers on both sides of the Atlantic, and in his official capacity, only, cruel. I thought the expression too passionate, and too much like scolding, for so grave and solemn a document; but as Franklin and Sherman were to inspect it afterwards, I thought it would not become me to strike it out. I consented to report it, and do not now remember that I made or suggested a single alteration. We reported it to the committee of five. It was read, and I do not remember that Franklin or Sherman criticized anything. We were all in haste. Congress was impatient, and the instrument was reported, as I believe, in Jefferson's handwriting, as he first drew it. Congress cut off about a quarter of it, as I expected they would; but they obliterated some of the best of it, and left all that was exceptionable, if anything in it was. I have long wondered that the original draft had not been published. I suppose the reason is the vehement philippic against Negro slavery. As you justly observe, there is not an idea in it but what had been hackneyed in Congress for two years before. The substance of it is contained in the declaration of rights and the violation of those rights in the Journals of Congress in 1774. Indeed, the essence of it is contained in a pamphlet, voted and printed by the town of Boston, before the first Congress met, composed by James Otis, as I suppose, in one of his lucid intervals, and pruned and polished by Samuel Adams."



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 August 25, Sunday: William Herschel died.

Antonio Salieri wrote to Prince Esterhazy asking him to support his young composition student Franz Liszt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 8 M 1822 / Our Meeting this Morning was unusually full several were present who do not commonly attend Our friend Mary Morton rose with the Text "All flesh is as grass. The grass withereth & the flower fadeth, but the Word of the Lord endureth forever" her testimony was a truly solemn one, impressing on all the necessity of obtaining that precious word which endureth forever. She addressed the Aged in particular very impressively – after which father Rodman had a short acceptable testimony & the Meeting closed after a very solemn Season –In the Afternoon Father had a short testimony The Meeting I think was a season of some favour. -
After Meeting - My H - Sister Ruth, John Wm Sherman & myself went out to Jon Dennis, took tea & set the evening quite interestingly, & I believe profitably. -*

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 August 29, Thursday: The final day of King George IV's visit to Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 8 M / Last evening with my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) [to] attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held there today – We lodged at Uncle Stantons - This morning took Aunt & went to meeting in the Waggon. – It was a Solid good meeting to me & my mind does rejoice in a degree of humility at being able to record as such. I know not the time when the precious life was more the companion of my mind throughout Meeting – In the first Anne Dennis, Father Rodman, Hannah Dennis & A Sherman in succession bore testimonies & I thought all of them were fitting the states of some present – – In the last Meeting we had a larger portion of business than common & among it was the passing of a Young couple for Marriage vizt John A Wadsworth & Eliza [?] – We dined at Uncle Stantons, where we again had the company of Benjamin & Niobe Marshall, who expect to return to NYork in a few days - returned home towards Night & in the evening my Wife was very sick & faint- -

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 August 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 8th M 1822 / We have had the company of our cousin Louisa Casey to lodge & spend this day with us also of Benja & Niobe Marshall at tea. -

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 August 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31st of 8 M / With this day we end the Summer which to me has been a Summer of great incumberance, as well as to my dear H who many days has been so unwell as not to be able to do the ordinary buisness of the day, but has yet kept about & gone on so currently as scarce any one would suppose any thing was the matter with her. It has also been a season of serious exercise & some enlargement in religious views. - I have suffered much inward leanness & Poverty & have known some aboundings in the life & spirit of religion, & may thankfully acknowledge, it is now my lot to feel the precious flowings of love & life in my heart in some good degree. - We have this forenoon parted with our friends Benjamin & Niobe who took passage in the Steam Boat for NYork - intending not to go into the City on account of the Fever now prevelent there, but to take lodgings at Harlem

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 September 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 9th M 1822 / Our forenoon Meeting was large & solemn Hannah Dennis was first engaged in testimony then D Buffum & then Mary Morton, all in a lively & solemn manner, & H Dennis concluded in short but fervant supplication.- In the Afternoon Father Rodman H Dennis & J Dennis spoke a few words & the Meeting closed after a short but good sitting. -

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 September 5, Thursday: An earthquake in Aleppo (Halab) in the Ottoman Empire kills 22,000 people.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 9 M / Meeting rather small but a season of some favour, tho' much incommoded by the noise of moving a small House in Tanner Street - a short testimony by Father Rodman

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 September 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 9 M 1822 / Our forenoon meeting was again large & a solemn Season - Mary Morton was largely favoured in testimony. - Father Rodman said a little & D Buffum a little & the Meeting closed under a covering of weight Silent but good Meeting in the Afternoon. - We took tea at Father Rodmans in company with John Morton & his wife. -

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 September 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 9 M / To me our meeting was rather a poor time but I trust others faired better. – Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were lively in testimony. –

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 September 15, Sunday: William Henry Ashley and Andrew Henry needed to establish a permanent fur trade in the upper Missouri River. They placed a notice in the St. Louis paper for 100 men, to be employed for one, two, or three years. Among those they hired would be the “mountain men” Mike Fink, Jed Smith, Jim Bridger, Will Sublette and one of his brothers, and Joe Walker (their Rocky Mountain Fur Company would dominate the industry until 1834, when control would be wrested from them by John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company).

The Friends silent worship in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) was visited by a “Jewes & her daughter,” who in the estimation of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was in need of the religious counsel and advice which Quakerism does offer:

*1st day 15th of 9th M / Our Meeting was not quite as full as common but several was present who do not usually attend with us & among them were a Jewes & her daughter by the name of Minis from — who probably never attended a Meeting of Friends before. -- It was a season of unusual favour, the solemnity before any thing was said, was remarkable. – Anne Dennis rose & delivered a short testimony, then Father Rodman in a short but lively, impressive & pertinent communication which I have no doubt was useful - he was followed [-] Hannah Dennis in like manner. I have no doubt she reaching of some minds present, she concluded by recommending Sacrifice, & rose a second time & said “not a sacrifice of Heffers & calves of the Stall, but the sacrifice of a broken & contrite spirit” - This I thought applied to many & particularly the Jewes – Mary Morton concluded in Solemn fervent supplication [-]all present, & the Meeting ended under a very [-]ured covering –
In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was engaged to address the children particularly a considerable number of who were present & on the whole it has been a day of favour & large experience to me for which I desire to be humbly thankful –*

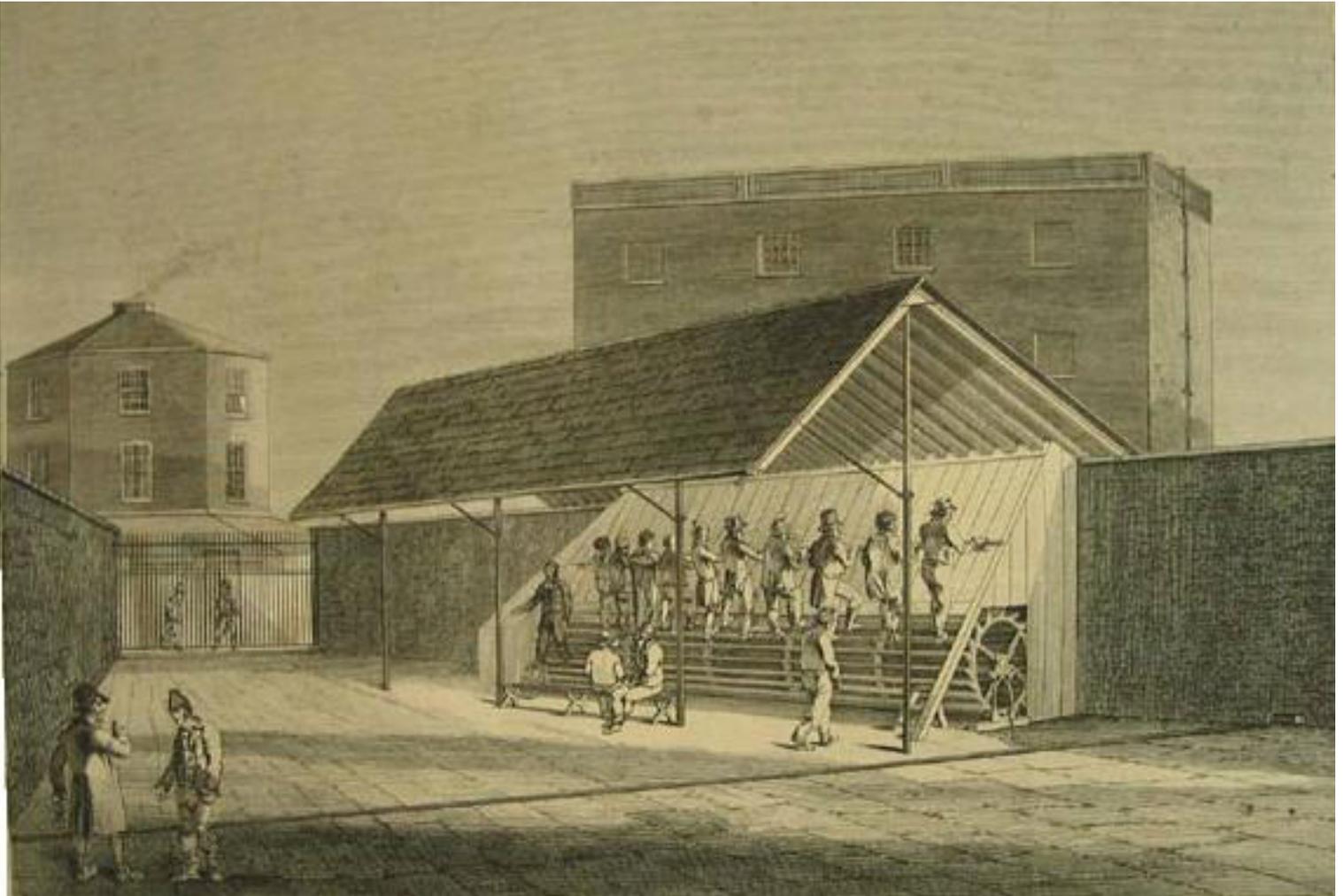
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 September 16, Monday: Charles S. Crocker, of Southern Pacific fame, was born.

Howard Trask, who had escaped [hanging](#) for murder by having been found insane, attempted to kill two of the other prisoners with him in [Boston](#) jail, and then escaped from the jail. Due to decrepit conditions at the jail that had been revealed by this escape, the prisoners would be taken to more secure accommodations on Lechmere Point — where an unsuccessful attempt would be made to force them to generate power by walking a treadmill wheel.



(Pictured above is one that was in operation not for the generation of power but simply for punishment, at the Brixton House of Correction in 1821.)

George Canning became the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 9th M 1822 / Attended the funeral of Rebecca Goddard - daughter of Thos Goddard - the gathering was large & to me it was a season of precious favour - Mary Morton & Hannah



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Dennis were engaged in lively & pertinent testimonys.

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 September 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 9 M / Silent Meeting & to me a good favoured Season for which I desire to be thankful
Set most of the evening at Abigail Robinsons in company with John & Mary Morton, D Williams & his daughter Mary -*

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 September 22, Sunday: Portugal's initial Constitution.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22nd of 9 th M / Our Morning Meeting was a time of remarkable solemnity & favour during the Silent part of it - towards the close our frd D Buffum was engaged in a lively & pwoerful testimony wherein he endeavoured to excite to faithfulness & warn us of the consequence of unfaithfulness to the dictates of pure Wisdom -. In the afternoon Anne Dennis & Father Rodman were concerned in a few words. - Pretty good Meeting -
Set most of the evening at Abigail Robinsons in Company with John & Mary Morton & their Brother Wm Robinson. - When I returned home I found a letter from Thos Thompson with a portrate of Wm Allen of London for me & a large bundle of Books & Pamphlets from him for our Fr [Moses Brown](#), which Thos gave me liberty to open & peruse, which I did & found a very interesting collection, of Ancient things of that Kind. - but considering Moses great Age, I considerd it would be wrong in me to withhold them a moment from him, & accordingly bound them up again to be sent tomorrow Morning in the Packet to [Providence](#). -*

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 September 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 9th M 1822 / This Afternoon departed this life Amy Buffum an old acquaintance & friend of My Mothers I went into the house about a quarter of an hour before she died & saw her breath her last - poor woman she had attained to the Age of about 75 Years & was several years previous to her death quite blind - her property was nearly run out, tho' she will have some thing left. - She was a member of Society, descended from a good stock of Friends, & tho' she did not in the forepart of her life stand well approved as a Friend but in the latter part of her life was more tender considerate & I hope has exchanged this life of evil & various afflictions for a better World -

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 September 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 9 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held this day in Town was a season of no common favour - In the first Meeting Mary Morton was engaged in public labour "Our fathers here are they & the Prophets do they live forever" from a text she took occasion to advert to the memory of [-] large body of friends who composed this Moy [Monthly] Meeting within the compas of her recollection, who are now gathered to Rest, from the sufferings & [tria?]ls which they underwent in support of testimonies given this society to bear. - & encouraged [-] who were now active in the concerns of society, [-]thfully to discharge their duty that they may obtain [-]r blessings in the Mansions of Peace. - she also [-ertly] addressed the Youth in a manner which I [-]y will be long remembered by some of them
In the mast Meeting, the buisness was conducted with more solid weight than common, tho' some exercising cases were before us. -*

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 September 29, Sunday: [Jean-François Champollion](#) was able to stand in the Royal Academy of Inscriptions in Paris and read out the names of more than 70 ancient [Egyptian](#) rulers, from their cartouches written in hieroglyphics. A stone that had been inscribed in three scripts, found in Rosetta, Egypt, and other such record stones, had provided the critical mass necessary for this breakthrough in linguistics.³⁴⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 9th M 1822 / A Very rainy Day - Small meetings & to me poor dull heavy seasons. - In the Afternoon H Dennis addressed the lads in a very suitable & appropriate manner on their behaviour in Meeting -

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 October 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 2nd of 10th M 1822 / This morning our Friends John & Mary Morton left us by the Steam boat for their home in Philadelphia. I did not see them when they went off but they both called to see us he yesterday & she the day before to take leave
Their company had been truly greatful to their friends, he had called & set a little while almost every day since he came with me in my shop. Now aged about 84 Years he evinces an increasing concern for the welfare of society & takes a lively interest in all its concerns -. from his far advance in life it is probable this is his last visit to this place, tho' he intends if his health is as good another year as it has been this, to come again Next Season. -- His wife has attended our Meetings with great acceptance as a Minister & May her labours be blessed -
This day John A Wadsworth & Elizabeth Mott were Married at*

347. Needless to say, I am hoping that this textbase, some 10 GB of material never before assembled in such an accessible form, will provide the critical mass needed for some equivalent data-mining breakthrough. Every day I am in search for this breakthrough.



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Portsmouth Meeting how[-] & I am informed by some that attended that it was a season of favour - Ruth Mely was largely engaged in testimony & Hannah Dennis in supplication - The Audience very large & quiet -

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 October 3, Thursday: A new overture and a chorus, Wo sich die Pulse, by Ludwig van Beethoven were performed for the initial time, for the opening of the Josephstadttheater, Vienna, conducted by the composer. They were attached to Beethoven's Die Ruinen von Athen which has been adapted by Carl Meisl as Die Weihe des Hauses.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 10th M 1822 / Our Meeting today was small & I apprehend not that flow of life which is at seasons experienced, it was however a pretty solid Sitting. -

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 October 5, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 5th of 10th M 1822 / This Morning went on board the Packet [-] did not arrive in Providence till near Dark - went immediately to the hospitable Mansion of my much valued friend Moses Brown, who I found well & glad to see me. -

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 October 6, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day Morning attended meeting at the School House. - returned to Moses's to Dinner & took [-] sting again at the School House in the Afternoon & [-]aid to tea with the Schollars - Lodged at MB

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 October 7, Monday: The Mendelssohn family made a visit to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's home in Weimar. This was for Felix the 2d meeting with the poet. Fanny played Bach and her Goethe songs for him. When Felix played the poet remarked "You are my David and if I am ever ill and sad, you must banish my bad dreams by your playing."

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning - Rode out to Thos Arnolds on buisness he not being at home had to go a second time to meet [-].- Dined at MB - then Walked to the School House & after sitting a little while walked [-] town, visited mary Anthony, her husband not at home. made several other calls, returned to the School House mset part of the eveing, then returned to my very agreeable quarters &



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spent the remainder of the evening. [-] pleasant conversation. -

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 October 8, Tuesday: The Galunggung volcano on Java erupted, sending mudflows that destroyed over 100 villages and killed more than 4,000.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day Morning as [-] re was but little prospect of getting home by water took the Stage & came by land. -
The object of this visit was to attend the Subcommittee of the Y Meeting School which I missed of as it met last week contrary to my calculations - Also I had in view some other buisness which I accomplished to satisfaction -*

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 October 10, Thursday: It was ordered that [Boston](#)'s street corners be marked with street signs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 10 M / Our Meeting was rather Small & to me a [-] on of but little life, though I hope others faired better [-] was silent. -

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 October 13, Sunday: William Sayward, Jr. of Gloucester died while at sea.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 10 M / At the Morning meeting Father Rodman had a short testimony in the Afternoon Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis said a few words - to me it was rather a dry season. - About 5 OCl this After Noon Died [-] Bowen wife of Jonathon, she was a member of society & an exam[-] Friend & will be a loss to her family & friends -

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October 15: The first issue of the magazine The Liberal included George Gordon, Lord Byron's "Letters to the Editor of 'My Grandmother's Review'" and "The Vision of Judgement" (the latter of which would result in hostile reviews, and John Hunt's prosecution).

Obadiah Moses Brown, son of [Friend Moses Brown](#), died during his 51st year. He had bequeathed his library and a considerable sum of money to the Quaker Yearly Meeting School in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) on the creation of which he and his father had been for so many years laboring. Extracts from the will of Obadiah M.



MOSES BROWN SCHOOL

Brown dated March 28, 1814, and from the codicil to the said will dated October 14, 1822, relating to the "[Yearly Meeting School](#)" as a legatee, as copied from the official clerk's copy in the municipal records at the [Providence, Rhode Island](#) Town Hall by [Friend](#) John R. Kellam during October 2007:

.... (from the will:)

Item. I give to my honoured Father Moses Brown, as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of Friends School Fund or to his Successor that may hereafter be appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings in the Capacity of the said School Committee, an annuity of three thousand Dollars, and hereby authorize and direct my Executors to pay the same in one Year after my Decease to the said Treasurer for the Time being weather [sic] the School be in operation or not. That the Sum be a part of the Fund of said Institution to be applied for the purpose of procuring an Establishment in Land, Buildings and furnishings the necessary accommodations paying the Salaries of Instructors and assistants, and also the Board of the Scholars and Family of the Institution / nearly similar to Friends Boarding Schools of the Yearly Meeting of New York at Nine Partners, or at Weston in Pennsylvania / wherein the Children members of our religious Society of Friends with such others as may be thought best to be admitted / may receive a religious and guarded Education free from the contaminating Influence of the vain fashionable World which leads young minds from the Simplicity of Truth, and that meek and quiet Spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom we profess to follow.

Item. I also give / after the Decease of my Wife Dorcas Brown /



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the annuity of Three thousand Dollars more to the aforesaid Institution making up the Sum of Six thousand Dollars to be paid by my Executors in one year after the Decease of my Wife, and annually afterwards to the Treasurer of the said School Fund for the Time being for the purpose of supporting and perpetuating the Institution as aforesaid.

Item. I give all my Books and Maps to the Yearly Meeting School after the Decease of my Wife, or when the School shall be got under Way, providing she is consenting thereto how soon soever the School may be in operation.

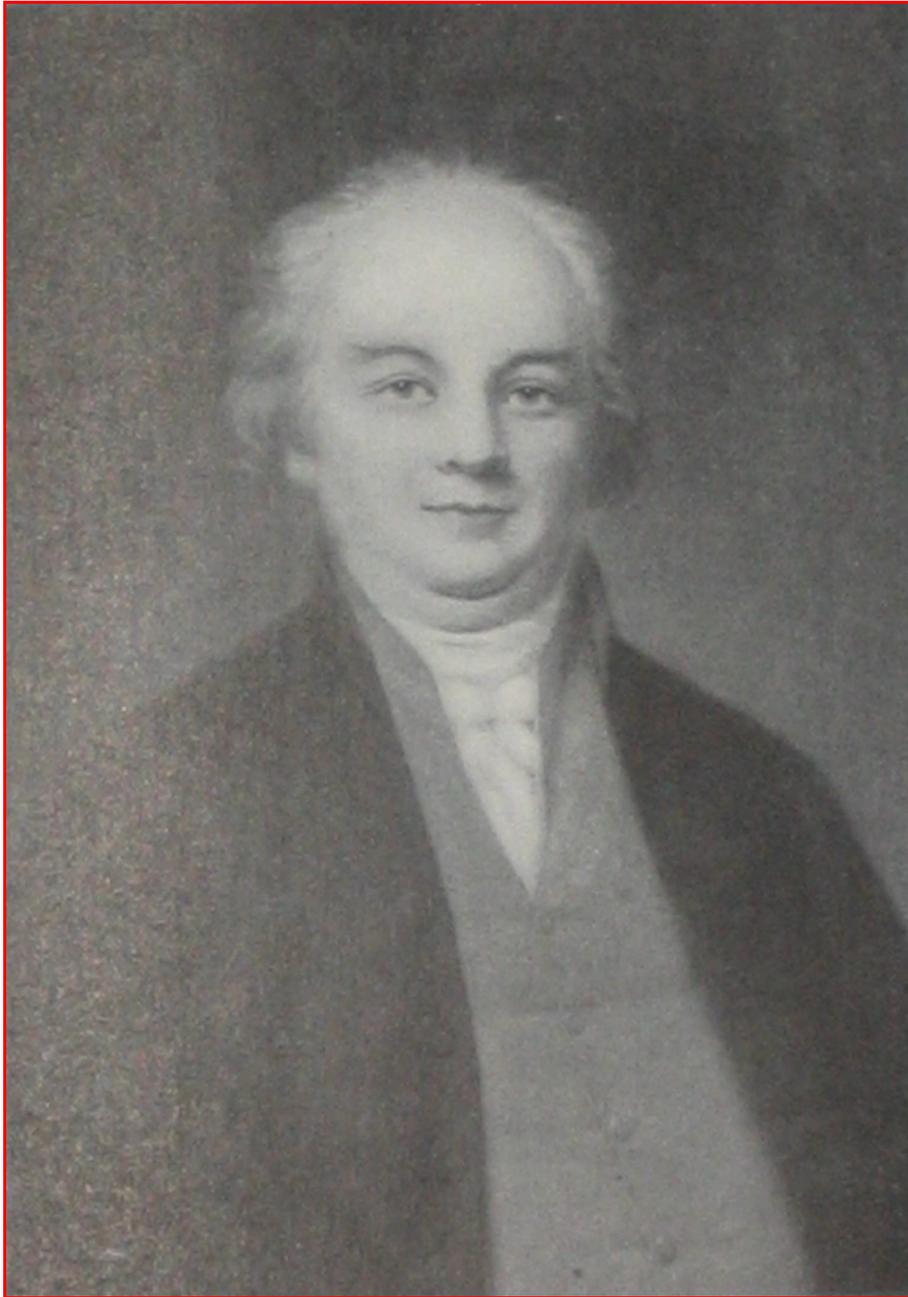
.... (from the codicil:)

I hereby confirm the Legacy given in my Will for the use of the Yearly Meetings School, which was not then located, but now under successful operation in the Lot given by my Father for that purpose to the Institution there established to be and remain for the use of said Establishment forever.



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Friend Obadiah M. Brown

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) had commented on this in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 10th M 1822 / Heard this morning of the Decease of our Valued Friend Sylvester Weeks at his house in Cranston, he has suffered a very painful illness of some obstruction in



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the Urine passages. – He was an Elder of Honorable standing in [Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting, & was an active member & particularly useful in the Quarterly & Yearly Meetings. – his loss to the Church will be great indeed. – I have also heard this Morning that our Frd Obadiah Brown of [Providence](#) is very ill & but little prospect of his recovering remains. – It is an Awful time in the Land Sickness in many places prevails & many deaths occur, & a number, where to all human appearance, a longer continuance in life might have been useful. – but The Lords time is the right & best time, & May I & may all cultivate a disposition to Say in sincerity "Thye will be done."

This Afternoon Attended the funeral of Sarah Bowen which went to the Meeting Houses & was a solid favour'd time Testimonys were in course thus Jonathon Dennis, David Buffum Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis. – David & Hannah were particularly favour'd, & the solemnity of the Meeting was Kept up throughout

4th day 16th of 19th M / Heard this Afternoon of the decease of Our friend Obadiah Brown of [Providence](#) & that his Mortal remains were inter'd this day at [Providence](#).

"In the Midst of life we are in Death," when I parted with him at his fathers Door a week ago last first day, little did either of us think it was a final separation. – He was a good man his great Wealth so far from puffing him up rather humbled him & his Charities & other usefulness will be a great loss indeed



October 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 10th M 1822 / Excepting a short Testimony from Father Rodman, Our Meeting was Silent – after which Our Select Meeting was held, it was a season of rather closer searcht than common, which induced me to see that it was a season of rather more proffit than common.

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October 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th 10 M / Our Meetings were seasons of favour – we had profitable testimonys in the forenoon from Father Rodman
In the Afternoon J Dennis & Father said a little & I thought [–]itly & that the meeting was a good one. –*

Just before the close of the forenoon Meeting I was led out by T Hornsby to produce the Keys of the [–]s Synagogue to deposit therein the remains of Abraham [–], who died in Boston & just arrived. – After the [con?]lusion of the Afternoon Meeting he was interd in the [–]ws burying ground attended by a large concourse of citizens

This Afternoon was the funeral of a child of John Millenalty of Middletown, which I should have been glad to have attended, but for the Afternoon Meeting which I feel myself much bound too as it is generally much smaller than [–] the Morning & the funeral



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of Tours which I also felt [-] wish to attend.

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Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia convened the Congress of Verona to continue the absolutist ideals of the Congress of Laibach of the previous year (this would go on into November). Present were the Emperor of Austria, the Tsar of Russia, the King of Prussia, and all the leaders of Italy with the exception of the Pope. The English delegates would point out that in seven months of the year 1821 no fewer than 21,000 Africans had been abducted as new slaves, and 352 vessels up to no good had appeared at African ports north of the equator. Despite the fact that only Portugal and Brazil were formally allowing the [international slave trade](#) to proceed unchecked, that traffic in human lives had been becoming more and more ubiquitous. They would point out that this had been defined as a crime by every nation of Europe and America save one, and that the ordinary operation of law was obviously unable to prevent it. The English delegates to the Congress of Verona would suggest that if each of the assembled nations were to separately denounce the trade as piracy, the result would be to create a collective rule of law that could then be incorporated into a "Law of Nations." They would also suggest that each nation prohibit foreign negro vessels from sailing under its flag. They would also suggest that for so long as Portugal and Brazil were allowing the trade, none of their produce should be acceptable into international commerce. None of such proposals would be found acceptable. The congress would be able to agree only on vague generalities.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Whatever England's motives were, it is certain that only a limited international Right of Visit on the high seas could suppress or greatly limit the slave-trade. Her diplomacy was therefore henceforth directed to this end. On the other hand, the maritime supremacy of England, so successfully asserted during the Napoleonic wars, would, in case a Right of Search were granted, virtually make England the policeman of the seas; and if nations like the United States had already, under present conditions, had just cause to complain of violations by England of their rights on the seas, might not any extension of rights by international agreement be dangerous? It was such considerations that for many years brought the powers to a dead-lock in their efforts to suppress the slave-trade.

At first it looked as if England might attempt, by judicial decisions in her own courts, to seize even foreign slavers.³⁴⁸ After the war, however, her courts disavowed such action,³⁴⁹ and the right was sought for by treaty stipulation. Castlereagh took early opportunity to approach the United States on the matter, suggesting to Minister Rush, June 20, 1818, a mutual but strictly limited Right of Search.³⁵⁰ Rush was ordered to give him assurances of the solicitude of the United States to suppress the traffic, but to state that the concessions asked for appeared of a character not adaptable to our institutions. Negotiations were then transferred to Washington; and the new British minister, Mr. Stratford Canning, approached Adams with full instructions in December 1820.³⁵¹

Meantime, it had become clear to many in the United States that the individual efforts of States could never suppress or even limit the trade without systematic co-operation. In 1817 a committee of the House had urged the opening of negotiations

348. For cases, see *1 Acton*, 240, the "Amedie," and *1 Dodson*, 81, the "Fortuna;" quoted in U.S. Reports, *10 Wheaton*, 66.

349. Cf. the case of the French ship "Le Louis": *2 Dodson*, 238; and also the case of the "San Juan Nepomuceno": *1 Haggard*, 267.

350. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1819-20, pages 375-9; also pages 220-2.

351. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 395-6.



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looking toward such international co-operation,³⁵² and a Senate motion to the same effect had caused long debate.³⁵³ In 1820 and 1821 two House committee reports, one of which recommended the granting of a Right of Search, were adopted by the House, but failed in the Senate.³⁵⁴ Adams, notwithstanding this, saw constitutional objections to the plan proposed by Canning, and wrote to him, December 30: "A Compact, giving the power to the Naval Officers of one Nation to search the Merchant Vessels of another for Offenders and offences against the Laws of the latter, backed by a further power to seize and carry into a Foreign Port, and there subject to the decision of a Tribunal composed of at least one half Foreigners, irresponsible to the Supreme Corrective tribunal of this Union, and not amendable to the controul of impeachment for official misdemeanors, was an investment of power, over the persons, property and reputation of the Citizens of this Country, not only unwarranted by any delegation of Sovereign Power to the National Government, but so adverse to the elementary principles and indispensable securities of individual rights, ... that not even the most unqualified approbation of the ends ... could justify the transgression." He then suggested co-operation of the fleets on the coast of Africa, a proposal which was promptly accepted.³⁵⁵ The slave-trade was again a subject of international consideration at the Congress of Verona in 1822. Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia were represented. The English delegates declared that, although only Portugal and Brazil allowed the trade, yet the traffic was at that moment carried on to a greater extent than ever before. They said that in seven months of the year 1821 no less than 21,000 slaves were abducted, and three hundred and fifty-two vessels entered African ports north of the equator. "It is obvious," said they, "that this crime is committed in contravention of the Laws of every Country of Europe, and of America, excepting only of one, and that it requires something more than the ordinary operation of Law to prevent it." England therefore recommended: -

1. That each country denounce the trade as piracy, with a view of founding upon the aggregate of such separate declarations a general law to be incorporated in the Law of Nations.
2. A withdrawing of the flags of the Powers from persons not natives of these States, who engage in the traffic under the flags of these States.
3. A refusal to admit to their domains the produce of the colonies of States allowing the trade, a measure which would apply to Portugal and Brazil alone.

These proposals were not accepted. Austria would agree to the

352. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 14th Congress 2d session, II. No. 77.

353. 15th Congress 1st session, pages 71, 73-78, 94-109. The motion was opposed largely by Southern members, and passed by a vote of 17 to 16.

354. One was reported, May 9, 1820, by Mercer's committee, and passed May 12: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 497, 518, 520, 526; 16th Congress 1st session, pages 697-9. A similar resolution passed the House next session, and a committee reported in favor of the Right of Search: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 1064-71. Cf. HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 476, 743, 865, 1469.

355. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 397-400.



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first two only; France refused to denounce the trade as piracy; and Prussia was non-committal. The utmost that could be gained was another denunciation of the trade couched in general terms.³⁵⁶

 October 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 10th M / Lucy Dow wife of Lorenzo was at meeting & [preac]hed a little, - the Meeting otherwise was Silent & a solid [-] -- In the Preparative Meeting in addition to the [usu]al buisness of answering The Queries - there was requests [-] certificates for two young men. -

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 October 27, Sunday: Opening of a 280-mile segment of the [Erie Canal](#), between Rochester and Albany in upstate New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 10 M / Our Morning Meeting was a Solid good one [-]n Dennis & father Rodman appeared acceptable in [—]imony. - In the Afternoon to me it was a [-] roving time & but little benefit - Father was [-]n engaged in a few words. —

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 October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 10th M 1822 / This morning rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. The first Meeting was a season of some favour, tho' to me a low time & much depressed. -Several short testimonies were delivered. - In the last the depression continued, two young men were disowned & my feelings were such that I could not be very active in the buisness, tho' could not feel wholly clear of taking a small part. - Dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & went down to Uncle Stantons took tead & lodged - next day attended to a little buisness & had to do & came home.-

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356. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1822-23, pages 94-110.



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November 3, Sunday: [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#) sailed from Liverpool for the United States on a vessel that would encounter great difficulties, requiring more than two months for the crossing.



[Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Gratulations-Menuet was performed for the initial time, in Vienna for the nameday of Carl Friedrich Hensler, new director of the theater in Josephstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) became one of the overseers of the bequest of Friend [Obadiah M. Brown](#):

1st day 5th [error, 3d] of 11th M 1822 / Meetings nearly Silent & not very lively, tho' I thought the Afternoon was more favoured. -

Rec'd between Meetings a letter from our Ancient frd [Moses Brown](#) inclosing a copy of part of his son Obadiahs Will, by which I was informed that I was appointed a Trustee with twelve others to receive an Annuity of twelve Hundred Dollars to be distributed according to our discretion in Such benevolent purposes as might occur, particularly by recommending the printing of Such religious Books as May tend to the promulgation of our religious principles where they are but little known. - This Trust humbled my mind & desires were raised that we might be favoured to conduct according to the Will of the Donor & Honour of the Great Cause -

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November 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 11 M 1822 / Many friends have gone to Quarterly Meeting & our meeting was Small - & to me a very poor & destitute Season - tho' it seemed to me that others experienced a solemnity worth meeting together for Anne Dennis expressed a little in the line of the Ministry

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 November 10, Sunday: At a meeting of the Philharmonic Society of London, the members vote to offer £50 to [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) for a new symphony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 11th M 1822 / Yesterday towards night with my H & John Rode with Uncle Stanton to his House & lodged - This Mornng we went to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting, which to me was a rather poor one -. returned to dinner & in the afternoon left My Wife & John [at] Uncle Stantons to stay & make them a Visit of a few days - walked home. -

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 November 11, Monday: Hamdullah Abdullah Pasha replaced Hacı Salih Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 11 M / The day was Stormy & our Meeting small, a season of mental labour to me & a little solemnity experienced, for which I desire to be thankful

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 November 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 11 M / This forenoon Hannah & John returned from [Portsmouth](#) where they have been the Week past & I have kept house alone -

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 November 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 11th M / Some favour experienced at Meetings, but also much leanness & barraness - D Buffum in the forenoon & Father Rodman in the Afternoon delivered testimonies

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 November 21, Thursday: Owing to political unrest the faculty of the Paris College of Medicine was dismissed and the college closed. [Hector Berlioz](#), a student for little more than a year, thus ended his regular studies of medicine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 11 M / At meeting my mind was favoured with [obscured] good degree of Solemnity & tenderness. - Father Rodman spoke twice & Jonathon Dennis once, I thought pertinently with pretty good savor. - No buisness in the Preparative Meeting. -

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November 28, Thursday: The Champlain [Canal](#) was extended through the village of Waterford.

An overture and five choral numbers for Den Sachsen-Sogn vermahlet heute, a festspiel by Robert, by Carl Maria von Weber, were performed for the initial time, to celebrate the wedding of Prince Johann of Saxony to Princess Amalie August of Bavaria, at the Dresden Hoftheater.

Valentine de Milan, a drame lyrique by Etienne-Nicolas Mehul to words of Bouilly and completed by Daussoigne-Mehul, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 11 M ?? Our first Meeting was a good solid favoured time [obscured] mind was particularly so for which I desire to be thankful Jannah Dennis, Father Rodman Anne Dennis bore testimonues [obscured] I felt Unity with / - In the last Meeting we had considerable [obscured]ness & some of it trying - Several testimonies of Denial were [-act?]ed on against some who have been Disowned & the cutting out of members is always afflicting -

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November 29, Friday: Gioachino Rossini's cantata La Santa Alleanza to words of Rossi was performed for the initial time, in the Arena, Verona, commissioned by Prince Metternich for the Congress of Verona as a celebration of the Holy Alliance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 11th M 1822 / This Afternoon Hannah Dennis & her daughter Anne Spent the Afternoon with us - & Jonathon joined us at tea & in the evening - This was a very pleasant visit & renewed the belief in my mind that it is good for brethren to Speak often together. - it renews fellowship, & brightens the chain of Friendship. -

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December 1, Sunday: The coronation of Peter I as constitutional emperor of Brazil.

Franz Liszt, now a piano student of Carl Czerny and a composition student of Antonio Salieri, offered his initial public concert in the Landstandischer Saal, Vienna. Liszt played the a minor piano concerto of [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#). The [Allgemeine Zeitung](#) would call him "a little Hercules...fallen from the clouds."

Dom Pedro, son of King Joao VI of Portugal, was crowned Emperor of Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 12th M 1822 / Our Meeting was rather small in consequence of a hard Storm of Wind & rain, but both to me were seasons of uncommon favour - In the Morning we were Silent - In the Afternoon H Dannis was concerned in a Short but precious



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I can but render acknowledgements for this Days favour where they are alone due. – Oh that this day the beginning of Winter may prove as a forerunner of better days than I have experienced for some Weeks past. –

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December 5, Thursday: Concerto in a minor for piano and strings by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

5th day 7th [sic] of 12th M / Our Meeting was Silent & to me a Solemn favoured season for which I desire to be thankful – There are a number of interesting Boys who attend our meetings – today while sitting in Meeting they were a Subject of my reflections & best wishes they appear to be Sensible & some of them evince Seriousness in their deportment & particularly in meetings sit with grave attentive countenances. –

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December 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 12th M / In the Morning Meeting, soon after it was gathered, I felt a solemnity arise & remarkably spread over the Meeting, in which I was favoured to partake to a degree of encouragement – D Buffum rose & observed "that from his advanced age & decrease of natural powers he had sometimes thought he might be excused from public experiences but feeling a concern to rest upon him, he believed it his duty to excite in the Minds of the people a Watchful State of Mind" & gave good evidence of Gospel Authority as did Hannah Dennis in two standings after him Our Afternoon Meeting was good & silent

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December 12, Thursday: Agustin de Iturbide declared himself Emperor of [Mexico](#) and was so recognized by the USA.

Jan Vaclav Vorisek underwent examination as one of nine candidates for the position of 2d court organist in Vienna (he was successful and would take up his duties in the following month).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 12th M 1822 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & it appeared to me was a good favoured time tho' some roving was my lot yet a comfortable portion of devotion was experienced. – Father Rodman bore a short but acceptable testimony. –

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December 15, Sunday: The 20-year-old [Nantucket Island](#) boatsteerer [Samuel B. Comstock](#) and his 18-year-old brother William and his 14-year-old brother George sailed under Captain Thomas Worth aboard the *Globe* out of [Martha's Vineyard](#), on its 4th whaling expedition. (On a previous voyage this whaler had been the 1st to take 2,000 barrels of oil.)

This voyage would evidently become very frustrating, for although the vessel initially proceeded east toward the Azore Islands and the Cape Verde Islands, in order to pick up the northeast trade winds and proceed toward Cape Horn and the Pacific Ocean and the whaling grounds there, Captain Worth would turn the ship south without stopping at any of these Atlantic islands for the refreshment and recreation of the crew. Ouch! –Then, after the vessel had rounded the Horn, Captain Worth would pass up another refreshment and recreation spot, Valparaiso on the coast of Chile. Ouch! –Then, when the vessel reached Hawaiian waters, Captain Worth would refuse to allow any of his crewmen to go ashore for their usual refreshment and recreation, but instead would have fresh supplies brought out to the ship at anchor. It was almost as if this young Captain Worth, on his first command, had other things to think about than the usual fun and games with eager little brown people!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 12 M / Our Morning meeting to me was a season of [obscured] ing to me, but I have no doubt it was to many a time [obscured] savour, & appeared like it as much solemnity seemd spread in the gathering – J Dennis had a short testimony [-]er which was acceptable & D Buffum was largely [-]erned to speak of the State of Christendom as portray[ing] a corrupt state of things, when professing Christians [-] different nations engaged in War, are praying to the same God for success on their Arms. Christian pro[-]ing Ministers thus at the same time engaged –how [incon]sistent with the Doctrines & precepts of Jesus Christ [whos]e injunction was to love one another – In the Afternoon it was still to me a season of little proffit but was enabled to feel that Truth [was] prevalent amongst us – Father Rodman bore a short but acceptable testimony – & J Dennis was [eng]aged to recount the present favours of society & [con]trast it with the times of sufferings in the days [-] our valient Predicessors & endeavoured to excite the youth & others present to live near the Truth, the light [-] have, & be obedient to Known Duty –

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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 12 M / In our Meeting today (which to me was solid & good) Hannah Dennis was engaged in a well Authorized testimony, attended with Life [in] buisness but to appoint Representations in the Preparative Meeting

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 December 22, Sunday: [Grindall Reynolds](#) was born in Franconia, New Hampshire.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was elected an honorary member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences, Stockholm.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day [sic] 22nd of 12 M 1822 / A pleasant Day & Meeting well Attended, & five testimonies delivered - some of them had a reaching effect on my Mind - but on the whole it was a season of leanness to me
Silent in the Afternoon, well attended & a little more life in my mind than in the morning*

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 December 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage to attend the Monthly Meeting - D Buffum preached weightily in the first Meeting - In the last we had but little buisness & that little was transacted harmoniously
Dined at Uncle Stantons & lodged - next morning rode home in his Waggon. -*

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 December 29, Sunday: [Henry Nelson Coleridge](#) (a son of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s brother James) began the recording of his famous uncle's table talk.

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Gioachino Rossini was received by King George IV at Brighton Court.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 12 M Meetings well attended, & solid good Seasons - Silent except a short offering in the morning by one young in the Ministry -

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 December 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 12 M / This is my Birth day, I am now 41 Years of age. - Thus the great Wheel of time goes on. - I feel it, sensibly feel it. -

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[William Rounseville Alger](#) was born in Freetown, Massachusetts, the child of Nahum Alger and Catherine Sampson Rounseville Alger (possibly the birth was on the 28th rather than the 30th). This baby eventually would make itself the author of utterly unforgettable aphorisms, to be found now being quoted all over the internet.³⁵⁷

A crowd always thinks with its sympathy, never with its reason.

– William Rounseville Alger

We give advice by the bucket but take it by the grain.

– William Rounseville Alger

Fate is the friend of the good, the guide of the wise, the tyrant of the foolish, the enemy of the bad.

– William Rounseville Alger

The wealth of a soul is measured by how much it can feel; its poverty by how little.

– William Rounseville Alger



December 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31st of 12 M / With this day we close this Year, which has been an eventful Year in many respects – I have rec'd many favours from the Divine Hand to be thankful for, & thro' disobedience have much to repent of – My desires have been Strong this evening that my spirit may be quickened & my devotion to the right cause renew'd – Rec'd this Afternoon an interesting letter from my frd [Moses Brown](#). –

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357. [Horatio Alger, Jr.](#) is his more talented but much less widely known minister cousin.



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 RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1823. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#): Brown and Danforth.

RHODE-ISLAND REGISTER AND UNITED STATES CALENDAR FOR 1823. [Providence](#): Brown and Danforth.

 At the age of 12 [Jacob Whitman Bailey](#) began to work at a bookstore and circulating library in [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#). (Would this have been the circulating library at the courthouse, available to Brown University students as well as downtown businessmen and mechanics, etc., which would merge with the Providence Atheneum in 1836 to form the Providence Athenaeum?)

 When accused of assaulting a woman, the 29-year-old student Sylvester Graham was expelled from Amherst Academy and took refuge in [Rhode Island](#). There he would have a nervous breakdown and marry the daughter of a sea captain.



 Marshall Tufts entered [Harvard College](#) in the year of the Great Rebellion.³⁵⁸ One of the things he would do while in college was file a petition that he be excused from wearing the prescribed clothing for a student, a petition which was denied. Another such application filed by him would meet with the fate of being “indefinitely postponed.” At one point during his higher education he would be admonished for using disrespectful language to a college officer. Upon completion of his higher education, he, like [Henry Thoreau](#) later, would disdain to pay (in his case, \$2.⁵⁰) for a meaningless supplementary A.M. sheepskin.

According to the historian Robert Elton Berry, the Great Rebellion at [Harvard](#), after which 43 members of a graduating class of 70 would find themselves expelled, was merely an out-of-hand effort by the senior

358. Refer to Samuel Eliot Morison’s “The Great Rebellion in Harvard College, and the Resignation of President Kirkland” in [Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts](#) [XXVII](#) (1929):54-112. Professor Morison was the last Harvard historian to ride a horse to work. He taught the young Harvard men while attired in riding breeches. He refused to teach the Radcliffe girls because girls are so frivolous. He believed so passionately that the writing of history was an art that, when interrupted at his desk by the barking of a dog, he shot the dog. After WWII he taught while attired in an Admiral’s uniform.

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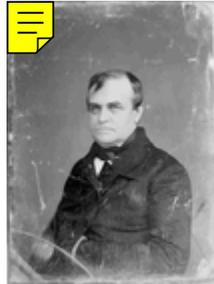




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class to drive an unpopular classmate away from school.



[Thomas Dorr](#) of [Rhode Island](#) was attending during this student revolt but took no part and thus would be one of the very few in the class of 1823 actually to receive a diploma — an assignment which he prepared on April 29th, “Calculation and Projection of a Lunar Eclipse of 1825” (21 ½ x 29 ½ inches), is still on file there: <http://oasis.harvard.edu:10080/oasis/deliver/~hual7004>. ([Doctor Walter Channing](#) would not, for instance, be handed his bachelor’s diploma until 1867.) Dorr would return to his home town of [Providence](#) to become an attorney and a member of the Legislature —then an agitator for public reform —then a “governor” —then a revolutionary with a cannon —then a “traitor” —then a life convict at hard labor —finally a person on “early retirement.” (It’s quite a different life trajectory than usual: the dude who didn’t act up at all while a callow college youth but then grew up to make a great stir!)

The sloop *Harvard* was being used to bring firewood for the college from Maine. Nathaniel Bowditch would calculate that after the Great Rebellion of 1823 and the consequent expulsion of 43 of 70 of the graduating class, and loss of economy of scale, this practice was actually rather than saving the college money, costing the college some \$4,400 per year.

 In this year we have a physical description of Friend [Moses Brown](#) of [Rhode Island](#). In his 85th year he was “a venerable old man, rather short and thick, with a cane in his hand, spectacles on, and on the end of his nose a red wart as large as a small sized cherry.” (It is rather likely that he needed the cane to steady himself on account of his vertigo.)



 January 1, Wednesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) applied for the position of Imperial Court Composer.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 1st M 1823 / Began this Year with a sense of good covering my mind in a precious degree But Oh the Adversary how ready to devour all that is good & a season of conflict ensued, but at last felt a rising above the evil, so that the day closed



more comfortably than I expected —³⁵⁹

In [Maryland](#), upon the death of the owner of John Thompson, Mrs. Wagar, her slaves had been divided among her children and grandchildren. At the turn of the year, with John having reached approximately 14 years of age, the slaves were taken to their new lives, the lot of John's family being to fall under the ownership of one George Thomas, a white man of local unsavory reputation:

New Year's, that sorrowful day for us, at length arrived. Each one weeping while they went round, taking leave of parents or children, for some children and parents were separated, as were also husbands and wives. Our meetings were now broken up, and our separation accomplished.... John Wagar claimed me by promise, as he said my grandmother gave me to him; and, consequently, bade me keep out of sight, when they came for my father's family. This I did by hiding myself until the rest were all gone. I did this willingly, as I did not want to go to Mr. Thomas. Indeed, I had rather forego the pleasure of being with my parents than live with him. So I remained behind.

I had lived securely upon the old plantation about three months, when one day I was sent on an errand, two or three miles from home. There I met Mr. Thomas, who said to me, "where are you going?" I answered his question, when he said, "You belong to me; come, go home with me." I told him I wished to return with my errand, but he said "No; go right home to my house, where your father and mother are. Don't you want to see your mother?" I replied that I did, for I was afraid to answer any other way. This Mr. George Thomas had married my old Mistress's daughter, and we fell to him in right of his wife. I went home with him with a heavy heart.

When John Wagar heard of this event, he said I belonged to him and should come back; but he could not accomplish his purpose in this, for being left to Mrs. Thomas, he could not hold me. He then tried to buy me, but my new master would not sell me, to him.

Soon after my arrival in the family, Mr. Thomas let me to one of his sons, named Henry, who was a doctor, to attend his horse. This son was unmarried, lived a bachelor, and kept a cook and waiter. The cook belonged neither to him nor his father, but was hired. She was a good looking mulatto, and was married to a right smart, intelligent man, who belonged to the doctor's uncle. One night, coming home in haste, and wishing to see his wife, he sent me up stairs, to request her to come down. Upon going up, I found she was in a room with the doctor, the door of which was fast. This I thoughtlessly told her husband, who, upon her coming down a moment after, upbraided her for it. She denied it, and afterwards told the doctor, but not till I had gone to my mother, sick, up to the old man's plantation.

The doctor was a very intemperate man. As soon as his cook told him her story, he came to his father with the complaint, that I had left him without his consent; upon which his father told him to flog me. He ordered me out to the barn, when I was scarcely

359. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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able to hold up my head, and had to be led by my brother. Without saying what he wanted of me, he stripped off my clothes and then whipped me, beating me over the head until I became senseless, and life was nearly extinct. I was carried to my mother's quarters, where I lay five weeks, unable to move without assistance. When I finally recovered, I did not return to him, as he did not wish it, but remained with my mother four years.

My father was a very pious man, never complaining, but bearing every thing patiently, and praying for grace and fortitude to help him to overcome his trials, which he believed would one day be ended. He was a good servant and an affectionate parent. But new trials and sorrows soon broke upon this quiet family.

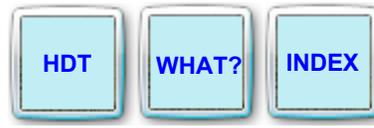
My sister, whose name I must not mention, as she is now in the North, and like myself, not out of danger, was old Mistress's house maid. She possessed both grace and beauty, and to-day, thank God, is a living monument in his temple. She was given to Mrs. Thomas as her maid, and was much prized, because a gift from her mother; but especially because she knew her to be a virtuous girl.

She had found it impossible to long keep a maid of this stamp, for none could escape the licentious passions of her husband, who was the father of about one-fourth of the slaves on his plantation, by his slave women. Mrs. Thomas strove every way to shield my sister from this monster, but he was determined to accomplish his brutal designs.

One day during his wife's absence on a visit to her friends, being, as he thought, a good opportunity, he tried to force my sister to submit to his wishes. This she defeated by a resistance so obstinate, that he, becoming enraged, ordered two of his men to take her to the barn, where he generally whipped his slaves; there to strip off her clothes and whip her, which was done, until the blood stood in puddles under her feet.

Upon his wife's return, Mr. Thomas told her that my sister had been whipped for neglect of duty. Of this Mrs. Thomas did not complain, as she had no objection to necessary floggings. But similar scenes occurring quite often, our Mistress began to suspect that sister was not in fault, especially as in her presence she never neglected her business, and these complaints only came during her absence. Besides, she knew well her husband's former practices, and at last began to suspect that these and my sister's pretended faults, were in some way connected. Accordingly, she began to question her maid concerning her offences, who, fearing to tell her plainly, knowing it would be certain death to her, answered in low and trembling terms, "I must not tell you, but you may know what it is all for. If I have done anything, Madam, contrary to your wishes, and do not suit you, please sell me, but do not kill me without cause. Old Mistress, your mother, who is dead, and I trust in heaven, took great pains to bring me up a virtuous girl, and I will die before I will depart from her dying counsel, given, as you well know, while we were standing by her dying bed."

These words so affected Mrs. Thomas, that she fainted and was



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carried to her bed, to which she was confined by sickness five or six weeks. Her husband's conduct still persisted in, finally caused her death, which occurred four years after.

Mistress told sister that she had best get married, and that if she would, she would give her a wedding. Soon after, a very respectable young man, belonging to Mr. Bowman, a wealthy planter, and reputed to be a good master, began to court my sister. This very much pleased Mistress, who wished to hasten the marriage. She determined that her maid should be married, not as slaves usually are, but that with the usual matrimonial ceremonies should be tied the knot to be broken only by death. The Sabbath was appointed for the marriage, which was to take place at the Episcopal Church. I must here state that no slave can be married lawfully, without a line from his or her owner. Mistress and all the family, except the old man, went to church to witness the marriage ceremony, which was to be performed by their minister, parson Reynolds. The master of Josiah, my sister's destined husband, was also at the wedding, for he thought a great deal of his man.

Mistress returned delighted from the wedding, for she thought she had accomplished a great piece of work. But the whole affair only enraged her unfeeling husband, who, to be revenged upon the maid, proposed to sell her. To this his wife refused consent. Although Mrs. T. had never told him her suspicions, or what my sister had said, yet he suspected the truth, and determined to be revenged. Accordingly, during another absence of Mistress, he again cruelly whipped my sister. A continued repetition of these things finally killed our Mistress, who the doctor said, died of a broken heart.

After the death of this friend, sister ran away, leaving behind her husband and one child, and finally found her way to the North. None of our family ever heard from her afterwards, until I accidentally met her in the streets in Philadelphia. My readers can imagine what a meeting ours must have been. She is again married and in prosperity.

The sovereign state of Alabama took action to dispose of various [slaves](#) who had been, in accordance with federal law, confiscated from their owners due to their having been imported illegally. Since this federal law against the international slave trade was of course not for the benefit of black people, but for the benefit of white people, these victims were of course to be forced to work for free by the state until they could be auctioned by the state to the highest bidder, with the net proceeds from such auctions to be sent of course directly into state coffers.

"An Act to carry into effect the laws of the United States prohibiting the slave trade."

§ 1. *"Be it enacted, ... That the Governor of this state be ... authorized and required to appoint some suitable person, as the agent of the state, to receive all and every slave or slaves or persons of colour, who may have been brought into this state in violation of the laws of the United States, prohibiting the slave trade: Provided, that the authority of the said agent is not to extend to slaves who have been condemned and sold."*



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§ 2. The agent must give bonds.

§ 3. "And be it further enacted, That the said slaves, when so placed in the possession of the state, as aforesaid, shall be employed on such public work or works, as shall be deemed by the Governor of most value and utility to the public interest."

§ 4. A part may be hired out to support those employed in public work.

§ 5. "And be it further enacted, That in all cases in which a decree of any court having competent authority, shall be in favor of any or claimant or claimants, the said slaves shall be truly and faithfully, by said agent, delivered to such claimant or claimants: but in case of their condemnation, they shall be sold by such agent for cash to the highest bidder, by giving sixty days notice," etc. ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF ALABAMA, 1822 (Cahawba, 1823), page 62.

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January 2, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 1st M / Quite unwell with a heavy cold & unable to go to Meeting My H went the walking very bad & she has a hard cold – [added later that evening after he had drawn the usual lines under the entry?] Walter Nichols Died suddenly about 8 O'clock this evening

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January 5, Sunday: By this point six Turkish assaults on Missolonghi, Greece had been repulsed.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 1st M / Meetings very small the walking so bad that it was unsuitable for any woman to Walk, two [-]ly at meeting this Afternoon & one in the morning & they [-]] –Hannah Dennis in the forenoon was [-] in a few words to commemorate the goodness & mercy [-]d in favouring us, at seasons, with his comfortable [-]ence –Silent in the Afternoon

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January 7, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 1st M / Attended the funeral of Walter Nichols, he [-] an old acquaintance of my Parents - a diligent attender [-] our Meetings on first day with his family & was at meeting [-] usual health the first day previous to his decease, which [-] very sudden. he had been a few days unwell & was [-]an company but retired early to bed & soon after he [-]de down expired about 8 O'clock in the evening of the 3 inst [-] father & Mother were members of our society & his mother an occasional preacher. –

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 January 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 1 M / Father Rodman appear'd twice in testimony to satisfaction [-] a letter from [Moses Brown](#) requesting D Buffum, B Freborn & myself to [-] to [Providence](#) immediately to consult about the affairs of [Obadiahs](#) Will [-] volves me in a exercise - I know not how to go nor how to stay

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 January 12, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 1st M 1823 / Our Meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended & D Bufum engaged in a lively, pertinent testimony much to the satisfaction & I trust edification of many present In the Afternoon H Dennis & Father Rodman were engaged in short but good testimonies. - This Morning Uncle Stanton sailed for NYork on a visit to his Daughter Niobe who is very Sick & not expected to continue long in this life.-

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 January 16, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 1st M / Our Select Meeting this day held was a season of some life, but on the whole a low time to me. -

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 January 17, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 1 M / Having rec'd several pressing invitations to come to [Providence](#) with David Buffum & Benjamin Freeborn to consult on the important concerns relating to the Last Will & Testament of our friend [Obadiah Brown](#) desc. on considering the subject it appeared right to go. I accordingly set out this morning in the Stage with Dvd Buffum & arrived there in season found [Moses Browns](#) Sleigh in Town ready to carry us to his house. on the Way stoped at the School House. - 7th day rode to Wm Almy & in the Afternoon attended the funeral of Cary Spencers Wife an aged goodly friend -Wm Almy & his daughter Anne preached - after the funeral we all returned to [M Browns](#) & enterd on the Buisness we went on. -

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 January 19, Sunday: Jason Brown was born in Hudson, Ohio, the 2d child of John Brown and Dianthe Lusk Brown.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day attended Meeting in [Providence](#), the first time I ever attended that Meeting except at Quarterly Meeting times -In the forenoon D B preached & in the Afternoon Silent - we dined at J Congdons In the Afternoon we went to Wm Almys & lodged

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 January 20, Monday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day returned to [M Browns](#) - spent the day together & lodged -3rd day - the Stage left me after attending to a little buisness in [Providence](#) returned to MB & spent the remainder of the day returned to [Providence](#) towards night & lodged at [-] Anthonys -

 January 22, Wednesday: A secret treaty was signed at the Congress of Verona, by which France obtained a free hand to enter the Spanish Civil War and restore Fernando VII to his absolute throne.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day took the Stage & came home - The object & occurrences of this visit does not admit of full record, but I may acknowledge that I never found myself apparantly [-]e in my place, or returned with more peace
The appearance that there is a good reward for labour when rightly performed -- The visit [-] & I trust will be memorable to me as long as I live. -*

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 January 23, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 1st M / At Meeting rather poor, but not as Destitute as sometimes. - No buisness but the Queries in Preparative Meeting. -

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 January 26, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 1 M / At meeting in the forenoon a short testimony [-] Father Rodman. - In the Afternoon - poor times to me In the evening visited David Williams, who is sick [-]ry poor way

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Publication at Philadelphia (I. Ashmead & Co.) of [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami's](#) *DEUX MOTS SUR LES PROMENADES DE PARIS A LIVERPOOL ETC.* He began a voyage down the Ohio River, intending to follow it to its juncture with the Mississippi River and then head downriver for New Orleans, Louisiana. On the journey, however, he would become acquainted with United States Indian agent Lawrence Taliaferro, who was heading upriver on the Mississippi, and would conceive the project of exploring the headwaters of this great river.



He and Taliaferro joined with Major Stephen H. Long and traveled upriver toward Fort St. Anthony.



➡ January 27, Monday: The United States recognized the United Provinces in South America (Argentina) and the State of Chile, and President Monroe appointed the 1st US ambassadors to South America.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 1 M / My feelings have been much in sympathy with [-] afflicted particularly dear Sister E Rodman who this morning underwent a painful & trying surgical operation. - my heart [-] deeply for her indeed -And this eveing Aunt Hannah Gould put her Hip out of joint & had it [-] or attempted to be set - all which renders this day memorable in my feelings.

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[Benjamin West Ball](#) was born in [Concord](#), 1st child of Benjamin Ball with his 2d wife Mary Rogers Ball of Acton (they got married on February 18th of the previous year).



His childhood and early youth were passed in his native town, and afterward in Groton, where he attended the Lawrence Academy,



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and was prepared for Dartmouth College. After completing his course he spent his time in cultivating the acquaintance and studying the philosophy of Emerson, his illustrious townsman. He wrote of himself later: "It was my good fortune to have lived in my boyhood and youth in such beautiful New England towns as Concord, Harvard, and Groton, almost under the shadow of Wachuset Mountain. If I have any of the *mens divini* of a poet, it was kindled and nurtured by the scenery of those towns."

In 1851 Mr. Ball published his first volume of poems, wholly Greek in thought and inspiration. He says he was almost a pagan at the time, — a Greek of the age of Pericles, — but became a modern under the influence of Carlyle, Macaulay, Tennyson, and Dickens. He studied law with the hero of Lowell's well known ballad, that

John P.
Robinson, *he* [who]
Says he won't vote for Guv'ner B.

After practicing law two years he was married to Miss Dollie S. Hurd, of Rochester, N.H., where he established his home. He was editor of a newspaper during the Frémont campaign of 1856, and afterward a Washington correspondent. He contributed to the "Atlantic Monthly" and other periodicals articles upon Greek history, poetry, and philosophy, and became known as an eminent scholar. The incidents of his life were few; and, as he said, his autobiography would only be a record of his mental development, — as he was a book-worm, a man of ideas.

In 1892 a collection of Mr. Ball's poems was made and published, with an introduction by Frederick F. Ayer. To all intellectual men, and more especially to those who have been influenced by Greek culture, it is a volume of deep interest. It deals with the great problems of human existence, and lifts the minds of readers to the serene heights where Goethe and Emerson live. Ball is probably more purely philosopher than poet, and, without being precisely a pantheist, appears to incline to the views of Spinoza, the man of divinest, purest life in recent centuries. That he is more philosopher than poet is evidenced both by his chosen subjects and their treatment. In this he resembles Emerson. Both however vary their moods, and sometimes sing of the bright things of earth. Emerson gave us the fresh pictures of birds and blossoms in "May Day;" and Ball in "Morgenroth" an "Abendroth," in the "Crow-Caucus," the "Quail," the "August Crickets" and others, shows how intimate are the ties which bind him to Nature, and with what alert senses he walks abroad. Sometimes his blank verse seems to be merely prose, or like a poorly built wall, ready to tumble down; but there are few of his poems which are not pervaded with the immortal spirit.

Why purely intellectual poetry is so little read is a problem. Landor, a great man and a great artist, is seldom quoted. After New England's immortal Five, few poets have a better claim than Ball. But, like an eagle, his flights are in the upper regions; and the bright and tuneful birds in the trees near by attract more attention. Certainly no one can read his poem in memory of Emerson, or that rather daring but suggestive dialogue between



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the Gods, without feeling his power of thought and nobility of expression.

Is Fame given to caprice? Perhaps not; and perhaps the drawback with Ball is in the want of sunlight in his nature. It is true he is seldom joyous; but on the other hand he is never morbidly sad, nor – what is worse – sentimentally melancholy. His verse is serious, as life is serious, – as the mighty past and the unknown future are serious. Within the limits of his temperament he is cheerful, and he often seeks to adorn his weighty thought with stately or glowing and inspiring words.

In person he is tall, broad-shouldered, with plain yet clear-cut and expressive features, and a look of quiet energy in his pale blue eyes. His large frame and resolute face might indicate a man to push his way, but in fact he is shy and retiring, and spends most of his time away from the busy world.



January 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 6th [?] M 1823 / Monthly Meeting in Town, the weather was pleasant & the Meeting pretty well attended - The first was nearly silent, except a short communication from J Dennis towards the close
The last was conducted pretty well, tho' we had some exercising cases to decide. -*

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Rammohan Roy's own press *Mirat-ul-Akhbar* published his 256-page book, FINAL APPEAL, in response to the "Christian" missionaries and their insistence on dogma at the expense of the moral content of their religion.

By a new United States statute, the federal regulations in regard to the capital crime of [piracy](#) were rendered perpetual, which is to say, they would remain in force indefinitely without any need to be periodically renewed (engaging in the [international slave trade](#) had for decades been categorized as a type of piracy).

"An Act in addition to 'An act to continue in force "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,"' etc. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 510-14, 721, 789. For proceedings in Congress, see SENATE JOURNAL, 17th Congress, 2d session, pages 61, 64, 70, 83, 98, 101, 106, 110, 111, 122, 137; HOUSE JOURNAL, 17th Congress, 2d session, pages 73, 76, 156, 183, 189.



February 2, Sunday: Rossini's opera "Semiramade" premiered in Venice.

A cantata for the birthday of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was performed for the initial time.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 2 M 1823 / While setting at dinner today the subject of Drinking healths was casually introduced, & something was said by John rather favouring the Idea on which his Mother related an anecdote of her life which struck me forcibly & which



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I do not recollect to have heard before - She remarked on a certain time she was Dining at the table with John B Gilpin the British Consul in this Town at his House - when he asked her to drink a glass of Wine with him to King George, whose Birth day it was. - She told him No, she did not Drink healths. He then asked her why & wished a reason assigned. She then replied that she considered it frivolous & unnecessary [-] meaning, but in this case she could say {blot} "In my heart I wish well to King George & some of his subjects I know, & am acquainted with, & many that I do not know." Well he replied, I give you credit as a true descendant of George Fox. - She replied that she wished no greater honour - It occured to me, how little need there is, of our evading or violating our religious testimonys, for where they are substantially held to, in the presence of those who are not of us, we are uniformly better respected in where there is a half or whole surrender of him to join with the vain fashions of the World There is certainly nothing gained by it, but to the contrary, we loose our own strength & sink in the estimation of observers. -

In the forenoon Hannah Dennis was engaged in a truly Authorized & Gospel testimony much to the comfort & help of the Meetings. - it was followed by two short testimonies that I did not think so much of

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 February 3, Monday: [Spencer Fullerton Baird](#) was born.

Gioachino Rossini's melodramma tragico *Semiramide* to words of Rossi after Voltaire was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice, with a very enthusiastic response (this was the last opera Rossini would write for Italy).

 February 4, Tuesday: Massachusetts approved the creation of the [Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company](#).

Lake Chad was for the first time sighted by Europeans (Lieutenant [Hugh Clapperton](#) and Dr. [Walter Oudney](#)).³⁶⁰

The *Active* arrived at Honolulu on the island of Oahu bearing the family of the Reverend [William Ellis](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 2 M 1823 / Several of our friends have set out for [Providence](#) Quarterly Meeting this Morning - I feel [-]rey at staying behind & fear it will add no spiritual strength. - Visited dear Sister Eliza Rodman in her room this morning, she is a poor suffererd & my heart is deeply interested for her - unless she recovers soon I fear her situation is very alarming

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360. They decided they would call it Lake Waterloo.



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 February 5, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 2 M / The papers by Mail last night announced the close [-]er Niobe Marshall in this life on the 30th of last Month & her burial last first Day - This Morning Uncle Stanton [-]ned from NYork where he has been to witness the [dyi]ng scene of his daughter Niobe above said - It appears in a short interview with him that her end was triumphant [-]ppy - for three weeks previous she was engaged inviting[?] council to her friends & connections - she requested [to be?] buried in Friends burying ground & friends attended her funeral & took the management of it - tho' she was a member [-of the ?] Presbyterian Meeting - early in life She was attatched [to fri?]ends & I have no doubt, had she kept her place & stood [-]ed to Divine requirings, would have belonged to our Society her whole life she loved friends, & never appeared to enjoy her [role?] in the society in which she had formed a connection

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 February 6, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska performed in Kiev.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 2 M 1823 / Silent small & to me rather a poor Meeting - tho' I trust favour was dispensed to some present

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 February 8, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 2 M / Most of our friends returned last evening from [Providence](#) Quarterly Meeting, & bring comfortable accounts of the progress of things there, a good degree of harmony prevailed in the deliberations of the Meeting & friends were comforted together in good measure - tho' accounts from Bedford is Somewhat afflicting respecting the State of Society there - Mary Newhall is there & impresses her public appearances on the Meeting & some who [crossed out] joins with her of whom better things might be expected.-

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 February 9, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 2 M / Meetings nearly silent & rather dull Seasons Thoughts much on troubles at [New Bedford](#). -

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 February 13, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 2 M / At meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony addressed to the Youth, which was very cordial

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to my feelings. –

 February 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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*1st day 16 of 2 M / D Buffum engaged in a solemn impressive testimony, exciting to Obedience. – Good Meeting
In the Afternoon small & rather lean. –*

 February 20, Thursday: British sealer/explorer [James Weddell](#), aboard the brig Jane, fixes his position at 74° 15' S at 34° 16' 45" W in antarctic waters. This furthest south will not be bested until 1841.

Gretchen am Spinnrade D.118, a song by Franz Schubert to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 2 M / Small Meeting & heavy - Mind much in sympathy with Friends at [New Bedford](#) where a serious difficulty exists - Mary Newhall is there which the State of things in the minds of Some there causes much ferment & distress among the faithful. – Have this & last evening Visited dear Sister Elizabeth Rodman in her shop, where I rejoice to find her comfortable & I am willing to hope on the way for recovery - The severe surgical operation She has undergone, excited my deepest sympathy & often involved me in deep distress on her account - while sitting with her I could feel no clear prospect that her health would ever be again established, but hope & desire is very strong on her account. –

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 February 23, Sunday: A Symphony in D by Jan Vaclav Vorisek was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 2 M 1823 / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended & D Buffum was engaged in a very lively Sound pertinent testimony from the text "God who at sundry times in divers manners Spake in times past unto the fathers by the Prophets Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son who he hath appointed head of all things." &c – in the Afternoon the Meeting was smaller, but a season of some favour – This day about Dinner time Aunt PATTY GOULD in getting [ready?] to go down stairs, her took a turn & she fell Down & hurt her hip badly, we suppose it is put out of joint but nothing at present can be done with it, & she remains in a suffering condition. – so now in one house lays two poor old women with their hips our of joint - this is an awfully afflicted State both for them & their friends, but [-]ly love a train" & as I was thinking this Afternoon of a saying of Josephs Mitchells once in one of our public meetings "as one [- trial?] passes



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another comes." so that we need not be impatient & wish improperly to be exempt from suffering, for we know note what is to succeed present trials. -

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February 27, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 2 M / Yesterday Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage sleigh went to Uncle Stantons on buisness with him, - found them very comfortable - This morning walked thro' the field & over [to Widow?] Banks to Meeting. The first was to me a season of labour was favour'd to experience some favour, but not to the degree that I desired -- In the last Meeting (Monthly) I was [-]our'd to be faithful in the expression of a few words on [-]erval subjects which afforded Strength & peace, beyond what [I ha]ve witnessed in a Moy [Monthly] Meeting for some time - one [-]an was disowned for Marrying out - another was cons-[-]p in Membership who sent an acknowledgment for [-]me offense & a request for Membership was recd [-] Hannah Pearce daughter of Benjamin & a committee [--]ted to visit her on the Subject - Rode home [-] he Sleigh with Abraham Barker & Dined on the [-] at Richard Mitchells -

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March 2, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd M 2nd 1823 / Silent Meetings, low poor times to me, particularly the Afternoon - Aunt Patty Gould remains much as the week past a poor suffering old woman & I see no immediate prospect of her release, either by recovery or Death. -She has been a good woman all her days, zealous for the Truth & done much for Society both on committees & for about 20 Years of her life as overseer

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March 3, Monday: 25 English gentlemen created the London Greek Committee to raise money and volunteers for the Greek rebellion against Turkey.

The US federal government made an appropriation of \$50,000 for the suppression of the [international slave trade](#).

"An Act making appropriations for the support of the navy," etc. "To enable the President of the United States to carry into effect the act" of 1819, \$50,000. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 763, 764.



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March 6, Thursday: At the urging of the bride's mother, Elizabeth Oakes Prince, although still a teenager, and Seba Smith, the editor of a Portland weekly, were wed. From this point into 1838 Elizabeth Oakes Smith would manage the Smith household, which would include not only the members of the blood family but also the boarding apprentices and printers of their The Eastern Argus.



Waldo Emerson mused sophomoronically in his JOURNAL about the rights of man:

My brother Edward asks me Whether I have a right to make use of animals? I answer "Yes," ... the positive law of Necessity asserts our right. But the use of the sheep for clothing, the ox, the horse, & the ass, for beasts of burden is parallel to these [Arabian & his camel; Northern Islanders & their Whales], and their necessity though less seen is equally strong. "Increase & Multiply" said the Creator to Man; and caused all the brute creation to pass before him & receive [sic] their names in token of subjection. The use of these enables man to increase & multiply a thousand fold more rapidly, than would be practicable if he abstained from their use. Their universal application to our purposes & especially that remarkable adaptation that is observed in many instances of the Animal to the wants of the country in which he is found constitute the grand Argument on this side.

Franz Schubert's song Die abgebluhte Linde D.514 to words of Szechernyi was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 3 M / Our meeting small in consequence of bad
Walking & to me a low time -*

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March 9, Sunday: The cause of Claude-Henri de Rouvroy, Comte de Saint-Simon, the believer in human progress, the worshiper of the future, wasn't doing too well. In order to finance his metaphysical schemes he had been all over France attempting to extract large sums of money, like a thousand franks at a pop, from various industrialists he promised to respect afterward, and had gotten some money from some of them, and had just written off to a textile industrialist named Ternaux who had once made a donation, when he loaded a pistol with seven charges, pulled out his pocket watch and spent seven last minutes contemplating the proper organization of human society, and then attempted to blow out his own brains. Although the positive law of Necessity asserted his right to perform this act, he used up all seven bullets and only managed to blow out one of his eyes.

Although this is presumably a record of sorts for philosophical ineptitude, as a matter of principle the Guinness Book of World Records refrains from keeping score in the arena of philosophical ineptitude — so I suppose we'll never really know.³⁶¹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 3 M / In the forenoon Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & excellent testimony - Silent Meeting in the Afternoon - - a low distressed day to me - in the evening visited David Williams who is very sick & without speedy help cannot remain in mutability. -his complaint is now evidently the Dropsy & I fear consumptive complaints attending it -

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March 13, Thursday: Michael Faraday read his paper "On Fluid Chlorine" to the Royal Society in London. He described how cold temperatures and pressure would liquefy a gas, chlorine.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly approved a [Delaware and Hudson Canal](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 3rd M / Silent Meeting & to me a season of favour, may I be thankful for it. -

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March 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was long & silent till near the close when our venerable friend D Buffum rose & expressed "that to him it had been a season of favour & he believed many others present could acknowledge the same - then after a short impressive testimony from him (which I do not retain sufficiently to note the thread of) The meeting closed in a solid manner. - That It was a favourd season my heart fully responded, the arisings of life & mental supplication for help & preservation being vouchsafed to me in an unusual degree. - Silent & short meeting in the Afternoon, but solid & sweet. - In the Morning went to Aunt Patty Goulds & removed her from one bed to another, she is weak & low & cannot remain long in mutability. -

361. The world being what it is, the publicity generated by this suicide attempt promptly brought in some funds for his cause.



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In the evening visited David Williams who seems fast declining in a Dropsy & I fear is also consumptive

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 March 20, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 3rd M 1823 / It was a severe Snow Storm & the Meeting [-] Small - but four women were able to attend, but Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively encouraging testimony to the few who were gathered & I have no doubt it was a season of general favour, tho' my mind was most of the time in a low state. - No buisness in the Preparative Meeting. -

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 March 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 3 M / Silent Meetings. - In the Afternoon attended [-] funeral of Priscilla, a widow whose name was originally Louden & of a family of Loudens who were Friends, her parents being buried in our ground, she was buried there also & according to our manner - she was herself an attender of Friends Meetings
This forenoon Died Sophia Waring Aged 36 Years the wife of Doctor Waring & Daughter of the late Francis Malbone
She was a kind pleasant courteous Woman, has left [6? young?] Children & having a passing acquaintance with her have felt affected with her removal from time, so young in Years & leaving so numerous a family of Children, The youngest only 3 or 4 Weeks old. -*

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 March 27, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 3 M / The forepart of the first Meeting was a season of conflict to my mind but was favord with a comfortable [-] lince before the conclusion tho' it did not end quite as well as I could wish - about the Middle of the Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a Short but sound & very pertinent testimony [-] my feelings -
In the last (Monthly) our buisness went on pretty well -
Hannah Pearce daughter of Benjamin of [Portsmouth](#) was recd into Membership - Adam Anthony dined with us. -*

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 March 30, Easter Sunday: John Maddox of the *Rebecca Ann* out of Gloucester drowned and his body was found on Master Mores Beach.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 3rd M / In the forenoon Meeting our friend Isaac Hammer from the State of Tennessee attended & was silent at the



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close of the meeting he requested more general notice & the Youth particularly invited but the Storm increasing to violence the meeting was smaller than in the morning, after a long silence he said [-]derable which was good & pertinent & H Dennis was also [-]ned to make a sweet addition. -

The several past days have been Days of Deep seriousness to me. - I know not the particular time when a closer Baptism has awaited me - May all work for good & the dispensation be Sanctified

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April 1, Tuesday: Omaggio pastorale, a cantata by Gioachino Rossini, was performed for the possibly the 1st time, in Treviso, for the unveiling of a memorial bust of Antonio Canova.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th M 1st 1823, 3rd of the Week This day recd from my valued friend & correspondent Thos Thompson of Liverpool a highly interesting Letter Dated 1st M 14th 1823, with Several Valued Pamphlets & a new edition of Stephen Crisps Sermons. - This letter seemed much like a Brook by the way, for my mind was under presure & by it was a little comforted & strengthened. -

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April 3: William Macy "Boss" Tweed, New-York political boss, was born.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 4th M / Silent short Meeting & some favour vouchsafed - but small on the Womens side in consequence of very Bad Walking.-

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April 6, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 4th M / The Morning Meeting was large & silent. - In the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in public testimony much to my satisfaction & I have no doubt it had a lively impression on some minds present. -

In the evening Visited David Williams whose disorder increases on him & in all human probability will soon terminate his existance. - his state of mind is sweet & pleasant, loving & affectionate to his friends & deems their visits kind. - My mind was much affected with this visit to my old Master. - he has been a useful man in society - open & hosptiable in his house to strangers & friends who visit [Newport](#) & will be a great loss to us. -

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April 9, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 4 M / I have this morning Sealed up a package



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*containing a letter &c to my frd Thos Thompson of Liverpool
& sent it to NYork to be forwarded to him. -
It has been of late to me a season of proving & close trial both
on my own account & of others - my spirit has been closely
exercised & I dont know but I may say deeply bowed for days
together, & I hope the dispensation will be lastingly beneficial*

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 April 10, Thursday: Johann Baptist Jenger proposed that his friend Franz Schubert, despite his youth, be accepted as an honorary member of the Styrian Music Society at Graz. The proposal was accepted.

Franz Schubert wrote his publisher Cappi and Diabelli, accusing them of shady practices and severing relations.

Three songs by Franz Schubert were published by Sauer and Leidesdorf, Vienna as his op.20: Sei mir gegrusst to words of Ruckert, Fruhlingsglaube, to words of Uhland, and Hanflings Liebeswerbung to words of Kind.

On approximately this day, Franz Liszt wrote in [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) conversation book:

*I have often expressed the wish to Herr von Schindler to make
your lofty acquaintance, and am rejoiced now to be able to do
so. As I will give a concert on Sunday the 13th I most humbly
beg you to grant me your exalted presence.*

(Contrary to Liszt's own report, Beethoven would not attend — by this point there was no longer anything to gain from attending concerts because he had become almost totally deaf.)

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 4 M / This was our Select Meeting Day, it was
to me a season of solemnity - my spirit was tendered, & brought
into a proffitable dispensation of feeling - for which I desire
to be thankful. - Oh that I may Keep more on the Watch against
the enemy, that I may not suffer
So much by his inroads on my heart.-*

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 April 12, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 4th M 1823 / I feel thankful to acknowledge renew'd
favour this morning - tendering the heart & exciting precious
sensations the father leaves me not in a barran unfruitful
Wilderness*

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 April 13, Sunday: A second, revised constitution for Greece was adopted by the Second National Assembly in Astros of Kynouria.

Franz Liszt gave a large concert in the Redoutensaal, Vienna, playing music of [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#), Moscheles, and improvisations on themes suggested by the audience.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13th of 4th M / A Day of much feeling & I trust of good feeling in our Morning Meeting we had much preaching in the following order Anne Dennis - J Dennis Hannah Dennis D Buffum & Hannah at a second standing. - I had no doubt of the good concern of any of them & some of it had the Kings seal on it, if I know his seal - In the Afternoon My mind was a little more unsettled but still a good degree of favour. - Oh that I may be thankful - My [may] I bow low under every renewal of Divine regard, & recieve it in Mercy for the longer I live the more I feel that of our selves we Merit nothing
Set Most of the eveing at Wm Lees in company with M H Sister Ruth & Mary -*

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 April 16, Wednesday: The United States navy was making brief landings along the coast of Cuba in this year, in pursuit of [pirates](#). The landing on this date was near Cayo Blanco.

US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th of 4M / This morning we went down to the head of the Long Wharf to meet the Steam Boat in which we were previously advised Micajah Collins & Isaac Bassett of Lynn [-] pected to be - at 10 OClock the Boat arrived & we had just time to take our abovementioned friends by the hand [-] their way to N York & Philadelphia - Micajah expecting [-] attend the latter Yearly Meeting & spend most of the times visiting some Meetings particularly in Virginia - [-] eting. -

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 April 17, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 4th M / Silent & pretty good Meeting - In the Preparative meeting all the Queries were answered - & no other buisness accepted - I was inform'd that the women's meeting appointed a new Clerk Vist Ruth Dennis in the place of [-] Elizabeth Rodman who has served a number of Years

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 April 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 4 M / Silent Meetings - The Morning was better



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*than the Afternoon to me. – but in both things were at a low ebb
in my feeling –*

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 April 24, Thursday: Simon Mayr's cantata *La vita campestre* was performed for the initial time, in Bergamo.

Eugene Scribes's "Le Menteur Veridique" premiered in Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24th of 4th M / Attended Monthly Meeting at [Portsmouth](#)
with sister Ruth – The first Meeting was a good one – David
Buffum & Hannah Dennis were both engaged in very lively
testimonies – in the last things went on pretty well, but not
as well as at sometimes. – We dined at Uncle Stantons. –*

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 April 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27th of 4th M / Our Morning meeting was pretty well
attended & a good solid time – Towards the close a short
testimony by J Dennis. –
Our frd Avis Keene attended in the Afternoon & notice being given
the Meeting was well attended She was much favoured to reach &
understand the State of our meeting & to me her testimony was
truly cordial & have no doubt it will be remembered by many in
days to come. –*

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 April 28, Monday: In accordance with the Congressional resolution of February 28th,  the President of the United States wrote to the government of Spain proposing an alliance to destroy the [international slave trade](#) (HOUSE DOCUMENT, 18th Congress, 1st session, VI. No. 119).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28th of 4th M / Avis Keene with her Sister Percival
called this morning to see us, & paid a short but sweet visit –
she dines at B Freeborns, & intends tonight for [Providence](#) –
& expects to be at our Q Meeting at [Greenwich](#) where we may see
her again. –*

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 April 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 29th of 4 M 1823 / This morning with my Wife went on
board the Packet for [Greenwich](#) – our company consisted of 15
Friends & the Pasage tho' rather long was pleasant – on our
arrival We Walked our to Daniel Howlands Father Rodman & Henry
Gould in company. – There we took tea & lodged*

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 April 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day morning Walked to Town [[Greenwich](#)] & attended Select Meeting Dined at Abigail Prouds & after tea I met with the Trustees of [Obadiah Browns](#) benevolent fund which was our first Meeting - We lodged at cousin Wanton Caseys -

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 May 1, Thursday: Franz Liszt gave a homecoming concert in Pest after his triumphal trip to Vienna. He wore a national Hungarian costume. It was the 1st of what would be five performances in Pest this month.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 5 M - The Quarterly Meeting at large was a season of favour, tho' not without some unpleasant occurrences - after dining at cousin W Caseys I rode to [Providence](#) & lodged at [Moses Browns](#) -

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 May 2, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 5th M - Spent this day at the Boarding School & had two long & laborious Sittings of the School Committee returned to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged. -

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 May 3, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day went in to [Providence](#) & after several calls went on board the Packet & came home after a very pleasant passage -

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 May 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 5th M 1823 / In our morning Meeting Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony - Silent in the Afternoon Took tea at Father Rodmans & towards night called at David Williams found him much as when I saw him tho' a little weaker. -

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 May 8, Thursday: "Home Sweet Home" was 1st sung (this happened in London).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 8th of 5th M / Silent Meeting & not a season of that sweet refreshment that I have sometimes experienced. – the fault was my own

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 May 11, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 5 M Both Meetings silent except a few words by Anne Dennis in the forenoon. – Set the evening at Dorcas [-]ls with my H & Sister Ruth. –

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 May 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 5 M / Silent Meeting, a season of much Poverty & weakness [-] When shall I be strong when shall I be better – [-] weeks ago my mind enjoyed precious favour for which I desire to be thankful & feel so now in that there is some evidence [-] all is not gone. –

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 May 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 5 M / Our Morning meeting was large. There was no meeting at several other meetings in town which brought more than common to ours - D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were engaged in lively testimonies The former opened with "Opportunity lost [-] ver be regained" & the latter on the necessity of bearing the [-] Meeting was again well attended in the [-]noon father Rodman & J Dennis bore short testimonies.

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 May 22, Thursday: Following his desire to travel, Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka made for the Caucasus, reaching Kharkov today.

The US House passed the protectionist Tariff of 1824.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 5 M / A well attended Silent Meeting - my feeling [-] very lively. – No buisness in the Preparative Meeting My Mother & cousin Hannah Gardiner set the Afternoon & took tea with us –

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 May 25, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#)'s 20th birthday.



John Luman Wakefield was born in or near Winsted in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

A Concerto in d minor for violin, piano and strings by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, privately, at the Mendelssohn residence in Berlin.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 5th M 1823 / Both Meetings were Silent, & to me rather dull times. – I have nothing to boast in, it is a time of leanness. – We took tea in family friendship & love at Father Rodmans. –

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 May 29, Thursday: Anton Philipp Heinrich gave his 1st concert after arriving in [Boston](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 5 M / A Very rainy day & small Monthly Meeting In the first Anne Dennis & Father Rodman bore short testimonies. – Not much buisness & not much life in the last sitting. Uncle P Lawton & Adam Anthony Dined with us

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June 1, Sunday: [Henry Youle Hind](#) was born in Nottingham, England, 3d son of Sarah Youle Hind and Thomas Hind, a prominent manufacturer of lace (a younger brother would be the artist William George Richardson Hind, who would venture on explorations in the Canadian interior subsequent to the explorations of the older brother; what appears below is a chromolithograph based on a sketch by William, and depicts his brother Henry lounging in the lodge of Otelne of the Montagnai tribe on the coast of Labrador).



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 6th M 1823 / Our Morning Meeting was very large & favoured with a lively Gospel testimony from David Buffum. – In the Afternoon a young man who arrived from NYork in the Steam Boat came to Meeting about the Middle of the Meeting he rose & delivered a Zealous & Strenuous testimony which we hardly knew what to make of – To me it was a favor'd sweet Meeting till he spoke, which threw me into an unsettled State – there was some good in what he Said, but a certain impetuous manner of speaking & being an entire stranger threw the mind into doubt of what he was. – Took tea at D Buffums – & set the evening with my H at Cousin Anne & Mary Goulds. –

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June 2, Monday: Joaquim Pedro Gomes de Oliveira replaced Jose Antonio Faria de Carvalho Filipe Ferreira de Araujo e Castro as Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 6 M / This Morning Had an opportunity with the



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Young man above alluded too, who proves to be Hull Barton a Nephew of Henry Hulls of Nine Partners - He appears to be a young man concerned for the promotion of Truth but needs an increase of experience in those things which he labours to establish - I felt favoured in the discharge of my Duty towards him as an Elder & believe he received my message Well. -

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 June 3, Tuesday or June 4, Wednesday: The Blessingtons left Genoa.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3rd [sic] of 6 M 1823 ?? The toil of Yearly Meeting commences, some have already come from NYork who expect to attend it -
I must acknowledge I feel no small weight & even depression at the approach of our Annual Meeting, but trusting in that Almighty power which has hitherto supported us, & carried us through, I desire not to foster a doubtful state. Indeed I have no need to, for where my dependance has been rightly placed, I have never known a failure of help. -*

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 June 5, Thursday: A new law created provincial assemblies in Prussia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th [sic] of 6th M 1823 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended nearly all the members in ability of body to attend were there & those who were no - James Hazard from Cornwall State of NYork was there & laboured satisfactorily. -

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 June 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 6 M / Silent Meetings & to me rather dull seasons Yearly Meeting approaches, & was it not for the confidence [-] feel in the Power of Truth to support & sustain thro' all [-]y over all, I must acknowledge my mind would be much more depressed at the prospect than it is - It is [-now?] a time in Society when the burden bearer fainteth, several of those who have attended the Y Meeting from my boyhood seem disaffected & there is much trouble [-]t in various Yearly Meetings, on account of a disorganizing spirit which has got up in the minds of some [-]t Doctrine & Discipline, at Salem Lynn & [New Bedford](#). This trouble mainly exists in this Quarter, but at [Phila?]delphia & some other places the difficulty is still greater [-] has seemed sometimes as if great indeed would be the [trial?] which awaits us. - But Ranterism has had its ups & downs from the Days of G Fox to the present time, - That spirit has exalted itself & judges down others, has many [-times?] previous to this day



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displayed its terrific Hydra [head?] but that spirit, which has ever stood above the [-] ill's power, & held him in subjection, has never [failed? to be with those who rightly ask & seek for it -

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 June 12, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 6 M 1823 / Our Meeting was a solid good time Hannah Dennis in the early part of it was impressed with the scripture "Bring ye all the tithes into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house & prove me now therewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, & pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive of"

She did not repeat the whole passage, but encouraged us to dedication of heart that we might thereby merit the blessing. - Near the Close Anne Greene was engaged in a short testimony & the meeting soon closed. -

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 June 13, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13th of 6th M / Henry Hull & his companion Wager Hull arrived in town from Wickford in season to Dine with us, soon after, they took a Chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#)

We had Several of our friends at tea among them were our frd David Buffum who accidentally fell in to take Thos Anthony home in his chaise & from thence to Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow. -

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 June 14, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 6 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the opening of the Select Yearly Meeting - which was a season of tenderness & favour Henry Hull was first in a favored testimony. - H G Field[?] in supplication, follow'd in the course of the Meeting & a Baptising supplication at the close by Avis Keene We dined at Uncle Stantons, & came home finding much company in Town.

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 June 15, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day From information that H Barton was in Town This morning, considerable exercise was felt lest he should attend meeting & disturb it by unsavory & intrusive communications, -which



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induced me to go to meeting early in order to meet him in the Yard & induce him to desist. - But he came not, so we had a large solid meeting & Truth reigned over us & was above all -Henry Hull stood nearly an hour & an half in a sound testimony for the [-truth?] as it is in Jesus Christ - he was followed [-] Mary B Allen to the same effect & the meeting [-] closed under a precious covering. -

In the Afternoon we had a most favoured meeting - Soon after it was settled and a little solemnity spread over it Henry Hull rose & delivered testimony to the Truth which was remarkably owned [by?] the great Master (I believe). - & was singularly [-sol?]emnizing to a very large collection who, sat (& stood as many did) much more quietly than is common for an Afternoon Meeting. - after him Deborah Otis was engaged in a short but lively & pertinent testimony Henry concluded in solemn fervent Prayer & after the Meeting closed under a most favoured covering I recollect of in the Afternoon Meeting. - At tea we had the company of Mary Allen & others, & in the evening a short silent [sitt]ing -- What rendered it more remarkable was the favour of the Meeting Hull Barton [& others?] of a ranterous disposition were present & [kept?] down by the power that was over them -

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June 16, Monday: King Willem I opened a shipyard, at Rotterdam-Antwerp.

Publication of the Diabelli Variations by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was announced.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our Meeting this morning opened under a solemn [-]ing - David Buffum spoke first in a feeling & appropriate manner "Tarry ye at Jerusalem" &c followed by [-]man & Henry Hull, both Meetings were remarkably solid & favoured with solid weight which kept down [a?] loose spirit - & we have abundant cause to [-]t in the Sufficiency of Divine power to carry thro' all & [-] all - My heart was truly thankful for that favour.

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June 17, Tuesday: Scotsman Charles MacIntosh received a patent for his waterproof cloth he had been using to make raincoats.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day The Select meeting closed this forenoon, having in the course of it been favoured with the power & cementing love of Truth, which remarkably overshadowed it particularly so in the forepart of this last sitting. - In the Afternoon the Meeting at large met at 3 O'clock. -The very important subject of obtaining an Act from the legislature of



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this state to quallify the Yearly Meeting to hold property & give discharges to those who bequeath it to them, was brought before the Meeting & largely discussed & after many remarks for & against it, it settled weightily on the Meeting that such an Act ought to be obtained & the one presented to the Meeting was refered for the reconsideration of the Meeting for Sufferings & they to apply on behalf of the Meeting to the Legislature to procure its being passed

This settled quietly & solidly & I believe to the general satisfaction of Friends, it is an important question, as many friends had doubts of the propriety of our being incorporated but many of those who were fully convinced of the propriety & necessity, when they fully heard the Substantial Arguments & reasons offered in its favour. –

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June 18, Wednesday: King Joao VI annulled the Portuguese constitution after protests against him over the loss of Brazil.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day The Morning Meeting was short, but favour'd with life & Authority. –

In the Afternoon which was the closing sitting, some exercise was felt. – but ended after a baptizing supplication from Wm James

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June 19, Thursday: Three songs by Franz Schubert to words of Mayrhofer were published by Sauer and Leidesdorf, Vienna as his op.21: Auf der Donau, Der Schiffer, and Wie Ulfru fischt.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Most friends left town today, all our company excepting Henry Hull & his companion Wager Hull went off in the Morning & they staid to attend the Meeting today & went to Connanicut The meeting today was large & tho' disturbed [by?] several unsavroy, unseasonable appearances, yet in [-] of John Willis, James Hazard, John Mann & Henry Hull truth was exalted & would have ended well [but?] for the disturbance of Hull Barton, who as the meeting [-] went to preaching in a most vehement voice & [-] & gathered a Number round him in the little Meeting House, but was unable to gain a Settlement & he went off in confusion. – after railing against [friends?] for some minutes. -- Henry Hull left in the Afternoon for Connanicut intending to appoint a Meeting there tomorrow. –

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June 20, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Towards night Henry Hull returned from Connanicut having visited his relations & had a Meeting this forenoon, to his own satisfaction & those who attended. -

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June 21, Saturday?: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*All our friends left us this morning in the Steam Boat for New York. -
This has indeed been a season of great [-]tal exercise to me, perhaps the most so of any [I re]collect - Various have been the concerns of the Yearly Meeting in which my feelings have been greatly tested - Truth has had the victory over all - for which I desire to render my feeble tribute of gratitude [-]on who overrules for good, may my mind [-]ter in confidence in him*

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June 22, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 6th M 1823 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman, D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were engaged in Testimony - In the Afternoon Jonathon Dennis, Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged, - so that as to preaching we have had a large portion. - to me it was a season of favour & feel my self particularly proffited by a visit to D Buffums this evening, where I went after Meeting & took tea. - for all favours I desire to be thankful.

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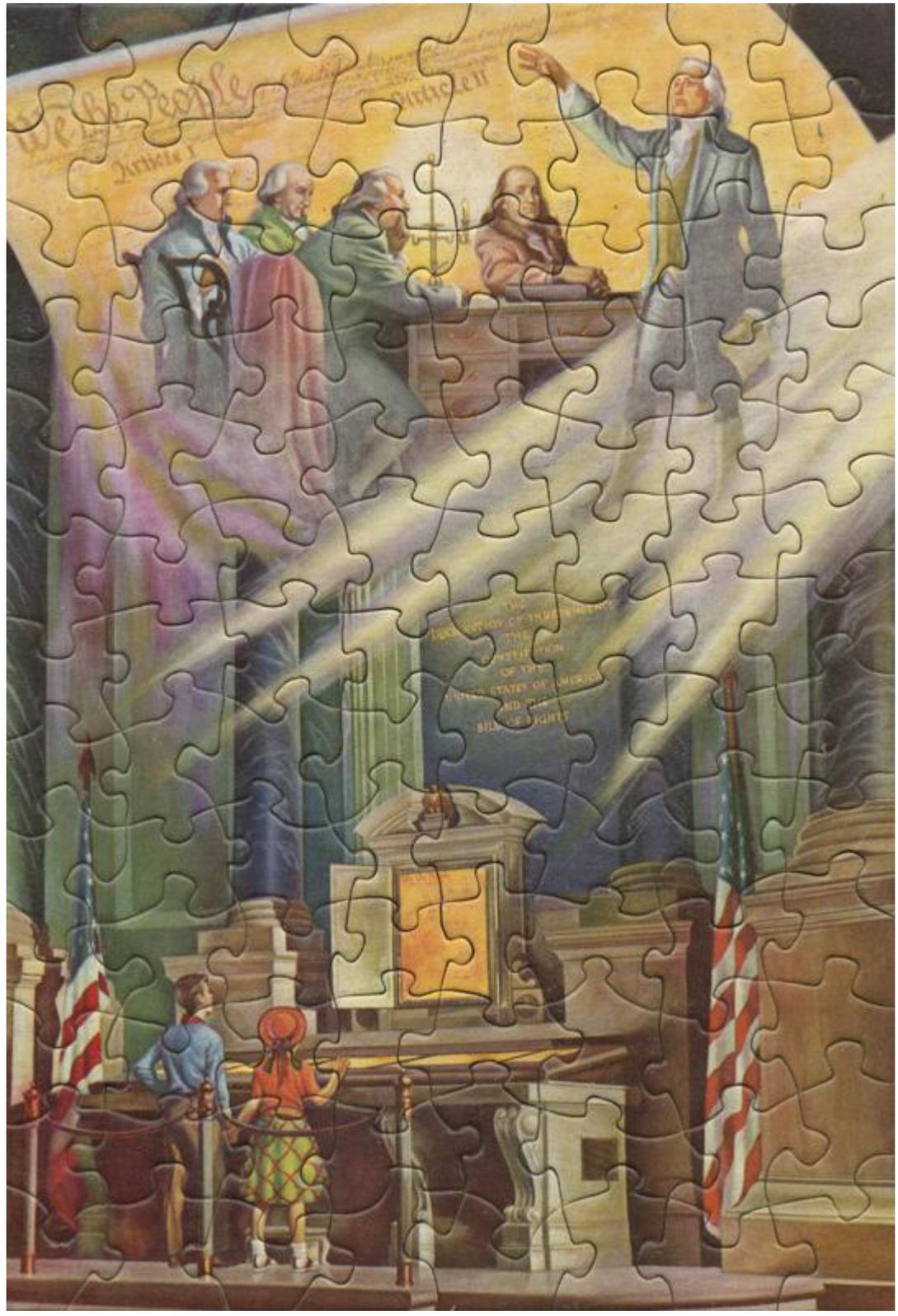
June 25, Wednesday: Initially the [Declaration of Independence](#) document was being celebrated not as a guarantor of civil rights but merely as a solidarity document having to do with secession and danger and independence, in other words, with nationalistic chauvinism. It was, after all, a declaration of war, and how many declarations of war do you know of that become famous and are celebrated? It would not be until the 1850s that Abraham Lincoln would begin instead to mine the polite generalities of the introduction to the Declaration for the work they might do in support of individual rights — were we to begin to take these polite generalities seriously. In that vein, [Thomas Jefferson](#) responded on this day to a letter from John Winn, William C. Rives, Daniel M. Railey, John Ormond, Horace Branham, and George W. Nichols, refusing to provide them as requested with the date of his birth: “The only birthday I ever commemorate is that of our Independence, the Fourth of July.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 6th M 1823 / My Mind has for days & weeks been under the presure of a Concern, which has bourne with much weight. I feel desirous, & humbly beg in mental supplication

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that the thing may appear with greater brightness than it now does tho' it is on account of another whom I dearly love yet, I want to feel different. -

Have read this Afternoon a manuscript account of Joanna Hazard wife of Benjn of S Kingstown, who died 4th of 1st M 1820 Aged 24 Years, a view of her pious short life, & triumphant close, excited no small emotion in my heart. - I may acknowledge with gratitude the reading was proffitable

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June 26, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 6 M / All day yesterday I felt as if I should not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Monthly Meeting today - but on waking this morning & recollecting that Sister Elizabeth Rodman had expressed a wish to attend, I began to cast in my mind if it was not my duty to carry her as my wife could not go, & tho' from a variety of circumstances the prospect looked heavy, yet on looking the subject over, I remembered our sacrifices [-]t cost us something, so I resolved to go, & set out under much depression, but while riding some favour was sweetly extended, my mind became led into feeling & sympathy with my dear sister & her prospect of Marriage, which hither to has been a subject of exercise to me on her account we stoped at Uncle Thurstons before meeting at meeting my mind was sweetly refreshed under a renewed sense of the arisings of Divine life which my soul did, according to my small measure love & felt thankful I was at Meeting - but little buisness presented & the meeting closed soon. - We dinner at Uncle Thurstons, then went down to Uncle Stantons & took tea which was a pleasant visit particularly to Eliza who was never there before. -- In Riding home my spirit was uncommonly bowed, & lead mentally & fervantly to supplicate for our preservation thro' the future walks of life, & my dear sister was brought doubly near me to my best feelings, & not a little affected by the prospect that it is the last time I shall -[possibly?] ride to [Portsmouth](#) with her, while she is Elizabeth Rodman. -

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June 29, Sunday: At Gloucester, Jonathan Parsons received notice that his son Jonathan Parsons, Jr. had died while at sea.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 6th M 1823 / Thought it not best to go to meeting today, I watched last night with my old master David Williams who is now very near the close of life & may [not?] continue the day through. -

DAVID WILLIAMS Died this evening at half past ten OClock Aged 54 Years & three Months to a day

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 June 30, Monday: Maria Szymanowska performed in Poznan on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) asked [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#) to proceed with publication of DON JUAN Cantos XV-XVI “The Deformed Transformed” without waiting for Canto XVII.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 30th (2nd day) 1823 / This day concludes the Month & affords an opportunity of much reflection on the progress of life & brings into view many circumstances that has occur'd from the time of my first going to service, my apprenticeship with David Williams to the present time. – Tho' in the course of my living with him I had many deep, close & proving trials of flesh & spirit to pass thro', which arose from enemies within & without, yet I must now confess that I have no doubt they worked together for my good. – his pious care in keeping me close to Meetings in the Middle of the week, a thing which at first my nature rather rebelled against, yet in time I became reconciled to it & enjoyed many precious Seasons. – together with much other care & concern manifested for me, by him & his wife, very much contributed to keep me in the right way, & preserve me from much evil for which I desire to be thankful, & for which I shall revere their memory. – David Died last night about half past 10 O'clock - he was not in the full possession of his mental powers. The night before when I watched with him, & before the close [he?] sank into a state of insensibility as to objects before him. – but while sitting by his bed, while reason lasted, it was remarkable to observe the innocent state of his mind, & often expressed that the prospect of a close was made more easy to him than he could have expected. -- I attended his funeral & was one of the bearers, as I was also to his wife. – Many people attended & sat at his house in a very solid manner. C Rodman & J Dennis bore short testimonies. –

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 July 3, Thursday: A Concerto in d minor for violin, piano and strings by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Schauspielhaus, Berlin.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 7 M 1823 / Our Meeting was rather small but a season of favour to some – Father Rodman was engaged in a lively testimony. –

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➡ July 6, Sunday: The visitors to Fort St. Anthony, Lawrence Taliaferro, Stephen H. Long, and [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#), and Mr. Say, Mr. Colhoun, and Mr. Keating, walked to the Falls of St. Anthony, the extremest limit of navigation on the Mississippi River. Since the water was only a couple of feet deep above the falls, some of them braced themselves against the stiff current and walked across slippery rocks to the island in the middle of the river, and then some of them retreated to the west bank while others ventured on across the remainder of the flow toward the east bank. The fools seem to have been able to get safely to the far shore only with some help from a soldier stationed at the government mills adjacent to the falls.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 7 M / Both Meetings were solid good ones to me -
In the forenoon a Short lively testimony from Father Rodman -
Afternoon Silent. -*

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➡ July 10, Thursday: Gael chaplains had existed for some time, but on this day they were made universal. They were obliged to receive the license of their bishop previous to assuming their office, and obligated to perform divine service on Sunday, Christmas-day, and Good Friday, and to keep a journal of their transactions with prisoners for the inspection of the justices.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 7 M / A solid good meeting - Father Rodman was
engaged in a sweet & I apprehend a lively & well authorized
testimony*

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➡ July 13, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) embarked on the *Hercules*.

The date on the earliest grave in [Concord](#)'s New Burying-Ground. (The date on the oldest extant grave anywhere in Concord is 1677 and the date on the oldest extant grave in its West Burying-Ground is November 17, 1697.)

Burying-Grounds were laid out at an early period, but the date is unknown. The monument on the Hill Burying-Ground, containing the inscription, "JOSEPH MERRIAM, AGED 47 YEARS, DIED THE 20 OF APRIL, 1677," is the oldest in town. The oldest in the West Burying-Ground is that of Thomas Hartshorn, who died November 17, 1697. No other one appears there till 1713. The first person



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buried in the New Burying-Ground was Mrs. Anna Robbins, who died July 13, 1823, and the fact is properly noted on her monument. Beside these, tradition reports that the ground first used for interring the dead was on the hill easterly of the present one; but no traces of it can be discovered, if indeed one was ever there.³⁶²

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 7 M / The morning meeting was not quite as full on the Mens side of the House & [sic] common, which I have often noticed is the case in hay making time D Buffum & Hannah Dennis engaged in solemm weighty testimonys – Silent in the Afternoon till near the close when a testimony was delivered with the Authority of which I must suspend judgement -- Sister Elizabeth Rodman took tea with us & set the evening – feeling that the time is fast approaching when she will be separated from us, & take a New Name renderd the interview rather a serious cast. – Richard Rodman also came home with John & drank tea [-]re always pleased with his company - indeed I may say I am comforted with it, from a prospect [that?] if he continues to go on, as he seems to have been, he may make a useful man in the [-] & to society / -He has my hearty prayers for his welfare & so has all well inclined lads, and for him in particular my feelings are often much interested - he now seems hopeful & [sup]posed to conduct so as to insure the Esteem of his friends - & set value on it

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 July 17, Thursday: US Secretary of State John Quincy Adams informed the Russian minister in Washington, Baron Tuiyll, that his government would not recognize any Russian territorial claims in North America.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 7th M 1823 / Silent Meeting & I thought a low time generally, at the close of it was held our Select meeting, which was attended with a little more life, tho' far from being lively – times & seasons are not at our command - this morning my feelings were such as induced me to hope for a good Meeting from the State of Mind I then enjoyed. –

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 July 19, Saturday: [Nahum Ball Onthank](#) was born in Holliston, Massachusetts. His father William Newton Onthank was (according to a descendant of this family) a carpenter and farmer.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 7 M / This morning took John, crossed both ferrys

362. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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& went to Willet Carpenters in Boston Neck, after setting his Clock to going, we went to cousin Hannah Gardiners to dinner, after setting with her & her family we crossed to Connanicut went to Hazard Knowles's & cleaned his Clock in season to get to Joseph Greenes to lodge. -

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July 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First Day after breakfast walked up to the Widow Mercy Weeden & from there went to Meeting, in the forepart of it my mind was wading in much leanness but towards the close life sprung up & to me the conclusion was satisfactory & solid. - we dined with Mercy Weeden - then walked up to John Carn[-] & from thence to the The old burying place of Friends where we spent some time - here I saw the Tomb stone of my Great Grand Father SAML CLARKE who died 18th of 10th M 1761 Aged 74 years 11 months & 26 days - having heard my mother speak frequently of him, rendered a visit to his grave interesting - also noticed the Grave of Walter Rodman, physician who died 20th of 7 M 1753 in the 34 Year of his age, & what struck me as remarkable was that I should happen to be at his grave exactly 70 years after his decease being on the 20th of 7 M 1823 - he was son of Doct [-] Rodman of [Newport](#) & married Rebecca Redwood afterwards the wife of Joseph Clarke own uncle to my mother & was own Uncle to my Wifes father C Rodman After our visit to this repository of the Dead we returned on foot to Joseph Greenes, after setting a while went over to Cousin Molly Howlands took tea & lodged. -

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July 21, Monday: The United States navy was making brief landings along the coast of Cuba in this year, in pursuit of [pirates](#). The landing on this date was at Cape Cruz.

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Maria Szymanowska performed in Carlsbad, Bohemia on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Rose early this morning & left cousin Howlands House before any of the family were up, went to Daniel Howlands & after rectifying his Clock, to the ferry, but finding the boat was not ready to Start went up to Caleb Weavers & took a bowl of Milk, returned, come over the ferry in Season to take a Dish of Coffee with my H -

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July 24, Thursday: [Slavery](#) was abolished in Chile.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 24 of 7 M 1823 / Two good testimonys at Meeting, the first by Hannah Dennis the other by Father Rodman. - In the [last?] the queries were answered & pertinent remarks made on [---] of them by D Buffum & J Dennis.-

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 July 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [Sunday] 27th of 7th M / A good favoured meeting this Morning -[-] after taking my seat my mind was preciously [-]hed with the arisings of life - towards the close Father Rodman deliverd a short, good testimony which [-]werd the feelings of my mind --In the Afternoon Father Rodman again engaged in a few [-] & a pretty good Meeting. - With my wife, sisters Ruth & Mary -set the evening at the late residence of David Williams with his daughters Mary & Amy - Altho' some trials await me & has occurd in the course [of this?] day Yet I may acknowledge it to be a day of [-]ly favour - for which I dessire to be thankful

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 July 31, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 7 M 1823 / Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis bore short testimonies, but good ones, in the first Meeting which was a Season of some favour in my mind. -
In the last, we had a considerable buisness, but none out of the usual course, & all managed Harmoniously.
Peter Lawton, Jn Holder, Mitchell Holder Weeden & Susan Anthony Dined with us. -

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 August 3, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived at Cephalaria.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 8th M 1823 / Small Meeting in the Mornng in consequence of Rain - but three good testimonies Father Rodman D Buffum & H Dennis —In the Afternoon Father Rodman & H Dannis were concerned to bear short testimonies

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 August 6, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 8 M / This morning took Chaise & with my wife rode to [Portsmouth](#) & Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting & in the Afternoon the Meeting of Trustees of Obadiah Browns Benevolent fund. - Lodged at Uncle Thurstons -

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August 7, Thursday: Henry Elkison, a free black British sailor, was seized in Charleston. –Crimping, but in reverse. The sense of the situation was that the presence of free blacks in this port might give ideas to the local black slaves. Despite British protests even the US Supreme Court would fail to obtain his release.

It is believed that the drawing on the basis of which this illustration would be engraved, was made in this port of Charleston in which Henry Elkison was being seized, in about this year:



The print would be engraved and published by William Keenan (132 King Street, Charleston) based on a drawing by Charles Blacker Vignoles, an English army officer who had arrived in 1817, had served as assistant surveyor general of South Carolina, and was in this year returning to England. The city skyline is marked by the steeple of St. Michael’s Church, to the left, and the cupola of St. Philip’s Church, in the center, which would burn in 1835. Castle Pinckney is offshore to the far right. Race [slavery](#) is of course ubiquitous in the sketch, and utterly invisible.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day attended the Quarterly Meeting at large which was a favourd time – Thos Anthony D Buffum & James Hazard preached in rotation & Anna Jenkins appeard in supplication at the close of The Meeting – We Dined at Uncle Stanton’s & rode home. –

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August 10, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 8 M / In the forenoon The Meeting was Silent except that the London Epistle was read for the Year 1822 – In the Afternoon Silent & both Meetings measurably favourd. –

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 August 12, Tuesday: [Charles Henry Davis](#) had spent only two years at [Harvard College](#) when he enlisted in the US Navy as a midshipman.³⁶³ Between sea cruises he would return to his *alma mater* for the study of mathematics.

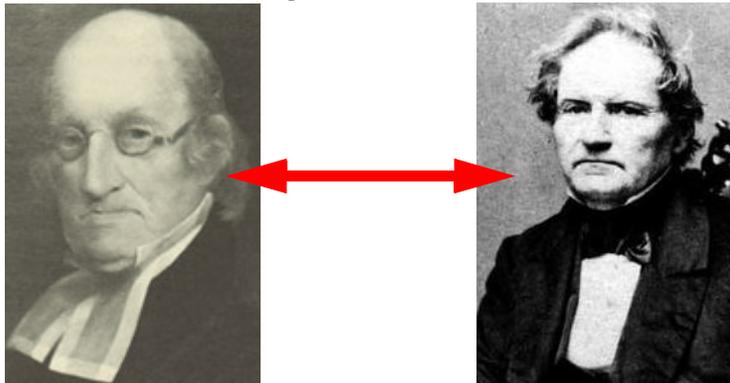
[Hector Berlioz](#)'s 1st essay appeared in [Le Corsaire](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12th of 8 M / I feel disposed to insert that this morning my mind has been favour'd with the fresh arisings of life to my comfort. – Tho' much occupied in outward concerns – I have taken a survey of my early life & the remembrance of divers of my companions, now numbered with the dead was preciously revived

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 August 17, Sunday: "I spoke too loudly in the forenoon." The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown exchanged pulpits for the day with the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) of Concord. His prooftext for the [Concord](#) morning service was 1st Corinthians 3:19 and his topic was "The Wisdom of the World." His prooftext for the afternoon service was Amos 6:1 and his topic was "On Moral Unconcern."



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[–] day 17th of 8 M / Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in lively testimony in the Morning Meeting. In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent – Took tea [at] D Buffums. – Francis Shay of NewYork in compnay [-ith] whom we have had a few Days pleasant acquaintance, he appears to be a tender spirited young man & near as we can discover much of the right stamp upon [him].

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 August 1?: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[–] day 1? of 8 M / This forenoon Francis Shay took leave of [us] for [Providence](#) & this Afternoon Saml Wood of [Ne]wYork & Elijah Coffin came from Connanicut to [brin]g information of Jeremiah Hubbard's being their [there] [&] intending to be here tomorrow at a Meeting which [he] appointed at 5 OClock PM – They staid a little while & returned to Connanicut expecting to return

363. Since this was the year of the Great Rebellion at Harvard, one may legitimately suspect that there may have been a reason for this abrupt alteration in young Davis's life trajectory.



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tomorrow. -

[-d]ay 1^o of 8 M / This Afternoon Sam Wood of NewYork & [Eli]jah Coffin of North Carolina came over from Connanicut to inform us that Our friend Jeremiah Hubbard was [-] & expected to attend a Meeting tomorrow Morning & another in [Newport](#) at 5OC in the Afternoon to be at [Portsmouth](#) on 4th day - We forwarded this immediately to [Portsmouth](#) & gave out the Meeting [at] Newport Accordingly.

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August 19, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[-]day 19th of 8 M / Our friend Jeremiah Hubbard & his com[pan]ion Elijah Coffin - attended by Saml Wood & wife [??] [-] from Connanicut this Afternoon & After taking a dish of [tea] with us went to Meeting which was attended by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town, but not so large [as cou]ld be wished -it was a time of favour, rhw [word] was preached with good Authority & Jeremiah was [fav]oured in the conclusion in Solemn Supplication. -

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August 21, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21st of 8th M 1823 / Our friend Jeremiah Hubbard not feeling clear of [Newport](#), returned from [Portsmouth](#) last night to D Buffums & attended Meeting today general information being given - The Meeting was large, he was favoured to declare the Truth in the Ancient simplicity & soundness, with uncommon power & clearness. - his prayer exceeded any thing I have heard for years. -
He attended The Preparative Meeting & preached a little to the relief of my feelings -
Jonathon Nichols of Salem gave information of his intentions of Marriage with Sister Elizabeth Rodman as did also Welcome Cong[don] of [Providence](#) with Mary Dennis. -*

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August 24, Sunday, evening: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his JOURNAL:

I rested this Sabbath day on the banks of the Quebog. Mr. Stone, a worthy Calvinist, who had been already recommended to my respect, by the hearty praises of my last-named landlord, preached all day, and reminded me forcibly of one of my idols, Dr. N. of Portland.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

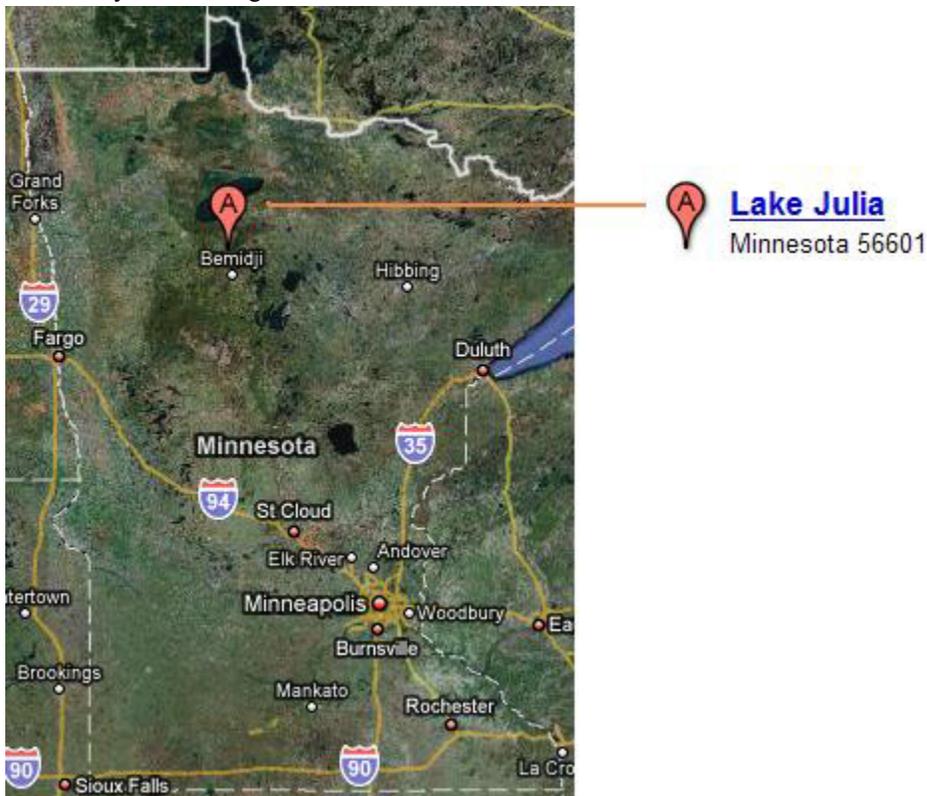
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1st day 22nd [?] of 8 M / Silent Meeting in the forenoon, which was a solid time. – At the conclusion of it I rode with Richard Mitchell to his house & dined, from thence walked to Uncle Stantons to See my Mother who has been there some time & desirous to see me, which I thought a reason for leaving Meeting & which I did in some streightness of Mind – After tea Uncle sent the Waggon to bring me home, rode as far as John Woods where [-?] chaise [-?]ome, [-]oining up took me along the rest of the Distance Set the evening with My H & Sister Ruth at Abigail Robinsons. –

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 August 28, Thursday: [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#) arrived at what he conjectured to be the source of the Mississippi River, as well as the Red River of the North, in what eventually would become the Minnesota Territory, naming the place Giulia after his deceased friend back in Italy, Giulia Spada dei Medici, and naming other lakes nearby after her eight children.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 8th M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting – went out the West Road stoped at Uncle Peter Lawtons – In the first Meeting [-] Dennis & Father Rodman bore short testimonies – [-] the last Jonathon Nichols of Salem published his intentions of Marriage with Sister Elizabeth Rodman & Welcome Congdon of [Providence](#) his intentions of marriage with Mary Dennis. – The young folk behaved with



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circumspection, their countenances bespeaking that [their] minds were impressed with the importance of the [-] State of life they were about to enter. – we dined at Uncle Thurstons, as did also Jonathon & Elizabeth, Father & Mother Rodman, David Buffum & wife, Brother David Rodman & his wife, & Sister Ruth & Mary Rodman.

After dinner Rode down to Uncle Stantons & took tea with them, where I found My Mother ins usual health & spirits. – The Life of religion has been low with me today, but have made some [-ausens] after it, with a little success. –

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On approximately this day, [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote in his JOURNAL:

Tuesday Morning I engaged Mr Bartlett to bring me to Mrs Shepard's.... After spending three days very pleasantly at Mrs Shepard's, among orators, botanists, mineralogists, & above all, Ministers, I set off on Friday Morning with Thos Greenough & another little cousin in a chaise to visit Mount Holyoke. How high the hill may be, I know not; for, different accounts make it 8, 12, & 16 hundred feet from the river. The prospect repays the ascent and although the day was hot & hazy so as to preclude a distant prospect, yet all the broad meadows in the immediate vicinity of the mountain through which the Connecticut [sic] winds, make a beautiful picture seldom rivalled. After adding our names in the books to the long list of strangers whom curiosity has attracted to this hill we descended in safety without encountering rattlesnake or viper that have given so bad fame to the place. We were informed that about 40 people ascend the mountain every fair day during the summer. After passing through Hadley meadows, I took leave of my companions at Northampton bridge, and crossed for the first time the far famed Yankee river.... In the afternoon I set out on my way to Greenfield intending to pass the Sabbath with George Ripley.... By the light of the Evening star, I walked with my reverend uncle [the Reverend Ripley], a man who well sustains the character of an aged missionary.... After a dreamless night, & a most hospitable entertainment I parted from Greenfield & through an unusually fine country, crossed the Connecticut (shrunk to a rivulet in this place somewhere in Montagu).... From Mr Haven's garret bed I sallied forth Tuesday mornng [sic] towards Hubbardston, but my cramped limbs made little speed. After dining in Hubbardston I walked seven miles farther to Princeton designing to ascend Wachusett with my tall cousin Thomas Greenough if I should find him there, & then set out for home in the next day's stage. But when morning came, & the stage was brought, and the mountain was a mile & a half away - I learned again an old lesson, that, the beldam Disappointment sits at Hope's door. I jumped into the stage & rode away, Wachusett untrod.... Close cooped in a stage coach with a score of happy dusty rustics the pilgrim continued his ride to Waltham, and alighting there, spent an agreeable evening at Rev. Mr Ripley's Home he came from thence the next morning, right glad to sit down once more in a quiet wellfed family - at Canterbury.

VENUS
GEORGE RIPLEY



August 31, Sunday: French troops stormed and conquered the Trocadero and entered Cadiz. This would be enough to restore King Ferdinand VII to power.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 31 of 8 M / Before I went to Meeting my mind was [nouri]shed with the Arising of Life - on taking my seat the same feelings were renew'd & desires raised that it might spread over the Meeting - early in the meeting Hannah Dennis was engaged in supplication - followed by Father Rodman in Testimony in which I thought life rose & spread over the meeting which was large & solid - small & silent in the Afternoon. -

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September 1, Monday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 9 m 1823 / This Afternoon with David Buffum took the Steam boat for [Providence](#) in order to attend the meeting of the Sub - School Committee & a Meeting of the Trustees of Browns Benevolent Fund & arrived at Dorcas Browns in time to take a good dish of tea, where we found [Moses Brown](#) who took David in his Chaise & I walked to his house & lodged

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September 4, Thursday: Jose Luyando replaced Juan Antonio Yandiola Garay as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the events of the previous day and night:

*3rd day 2nd of 9th M 1823 / After Breakfast We all went up to the School House, B Freeborn in addition, & attended the Meeting of the Sub committee - after Dining at the School House I left D Buffum & others there to attend the Meeting for Sufferings - & went into [Providence](#) to visit several of my friends - Jos Anthony among the Number - then returned to the School H & from thence to [M Browns](#) too tea & lodged - Next Morning Went into [Providence](#) & attended a Meeting of [Obadiah Browns](#) Benevolent find held at Wm Jenkins house where we dined. - took tea at Dorcas Browns & from thence D Buffum & I went on board the Steam boat at 6 OC PM with about 250 pasengers Night came on with a thick fog, & runing in the dark we went on the north point of Rose Island in a dangerous Situation, but fortunately no damage appeared to be done to the boat. - There we lay, not knowing where we were till day light, suffering much for want of Sleep, hunger & thirst till the tide rose in the Morning, when we got off, & arrived safe
I have been very sleepy & much fatigued all day & could not attend Meeting*

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September 5, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 5th of 9 M / This afternoon when I went to Aunt Patty Goulds to remove her from one bed to another as has been my daily practice almost ever since her confinement I discoverd her to be weaker & a little hoarse, which inclined me to think that her change was not far off. -

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 September 6, Saturday: [James Madison](#) responded reassuringly to [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s letter of August 30th, assured him that "Nothing can be more absurd than the cavil that the [Declaration](#) contains known and not new truths. The object was to assert not to discover truths, and to make them the basis of the Revolutionary Act. The merit of the Draught," Madison offered, "could consist only in a lucid communication of human rights, a condensed enumeration of the reasons for such an exercise of them," and prose "in a style and tone appropriate to the great occasion, and to the spirit of the American people."³⁶⁴

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 9 M 1823 / In consequence of my being under necessity of attending the Proprietors Meeting I could bot go to aunt Martha Goulds [Aunt Patty} as early in the day as usual but at 4 OC in the afternoon when the Meeting broke up [-]lled in with a view to perform my daily labour & found her too low to be moved. She seemed past notice of any thing but after a little while revived & seemed in much distress & if she knew me at all it was not long at a time. - I procured two good Watchers for the night [-] Knowles & James Mitchells Wife, which was all I could do for her

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 September 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal of events since the previous Sunday:

1st day 7th of 9 M / Aunt Patty is living this Morning & so was not to be expected to survive the Day she lays very still, & notices nothing about her. I staid from [-ing] in the forenoon, to be there in case of a change Henry Gould staid in the Afternoon & I went to Meeting & she died about an hour after the Meeting broke, very easily & quietly, thus ending a life of more than 86 Years I have no doubt in peace with God & all men [few] Women having lived more exemlary lives tho' she was always poor, yet she exerted herself to get to meetings & was particularly careful to attend those in the middle of the week, & devoted much time to the Service of Society, under various appointments for about 20 Years in the Station of an Overseer, in which appointment she was carefully zealous in supporting the Discipline, & the various testimonys which our Society bares to the world, in plainness of dress & address & in moderation & temperance in all things - such was her concern on these accounts that she often labourd with those young in years with acceptance, & such was her easy mode of address & care to abide in the life that she seldom gave offence to those with whom she

364. Smith, James Morton, ed., THE REPUBLIC OF LETTERS: THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JAMES MADISON, 1776-1826. NY, 1995, Volume III, page 1877



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had to labour tho' circumstances often lead to close & plain dealing, but had easy access & good place with most of the members of this preparative Meeting untill confined at home by Age & infirmity. She however got out & attended Meetings, occasionally till within three Years of her Death, - during her illness which was attended with much pain she manifested much christian patience, which considering her mind was previously much impair'd from age & infirmity is remarkable. - In her younger days she Possessed an uncommonly clear understanding, which however was much concealed from the world, from geat natural diffidence, from which circumstance her usefulness in life was not so conspicuous as it might have been however a strong desire faithfully to discharge every religious & social duty, often brought her forward both in Meetings for discipline & among her friends social circles.

On Third Day 9th of the M Her remains were decently interd in Friends burying ground near the Meeting House where her father Mother & Grandfather Benjamin Stanton were buried, after a quiet sold opportunity at the house - wherein a short testimony was born by Father Rodman

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September 10, Wednesday: The Champlain [Canal](#) was completed at a cost of \$875,000 (excluding the feeder to Glens Falls) finally connecting the Hudson River with Lake Champlain.

Lands belonging to Mary Jemison, the "White Woman of the Genesee," were sold to Micah Brooks and Jellis Clute for next to nothing.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Back again in [Baltimore](#) and most thankful. A horrible place on the Eastern shore of Maryland called Sennox, a wooden shanty to live in, food not so bad but we have to eat like pigs. When we arrived and saw what it was going to be like we commenced to laugh and we could not stop ourselves. The poor people thought we must be lunatics. Father has gone to his beloved Western Virginia alone. Albert is there. He is going to report to us how the beautiful new residence is progressing. They tell me Baltimore is very cheerful in the winter. It does not look much like it now. Mr. Patterson, Madame Bonaparte's father, has kindly invited us to dinner, fortunately the weather is much cooler. General Reubel and his wife have just called. They are living with Monsieur Pascault who has the beautiful daughter.

Johann Simon Mayr was elected president of the Ateneo, Bergamo.

The National Assembly of Peru named [Simón Bolívar](#) as supreme commander of the country.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 9 M 1823 / Short testimony from J Dennis -



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a [low?] time at Meeting. -

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 September 14, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [Sunday] 14 of 9 M / Rather a trying Meeting both on account of my own low condition, & testimonys that were borne, which seemed of a doubtful cast. -it is said that ministers need the sympathy of their friends, & I think also [our?,the?] elders need the sympathy & prayers of the body, that they may be enabled to do their duty with propriety -

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 September 16, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber traveled to Vienna for the premiere of Euryanthe.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16th of 9 M / This evening recd a note from Abigail Robinson [cont]aining an extract of a letter from Mary Morton giving an [acco]unt of the Death of Joseph Rodman at Burlington N Jersey. -

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 September 17, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 9 M / This Afternoon rec'd a letter from Stephen Grellett giving the particulars of Joseph Rodmans Decease - It appears he went to the House of the Widow Ann Myers on the 5th inst and friends Meeting in the afternoon on 1st day [Sunday] & the next day was ill - he Died on the 10th & was buried on the 11th in [friends?] burying ground at Burlington N Jersey Aged 46 Years

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 September 18, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 9th M / Small & hard meeting to me. - One short testimony [con]cerning which I must suspend Judgement -

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 September 21, Sunday: [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) reported that he had been visited by an angel who called himself "Moroni."

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 9 M / Our Morning Meeting was large, but soon



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after it settled I felt unwell & considered it unsafe for me [there?] so I came out & came home. – In the afternoon went again & was comfortable in body & mind, indeed it has been a day of favour for which I desire to be thankful. – Took tea with my H & John at Father Rodmans. –

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 September 22, Monday: Stanhope arrived at Argostoli.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

I have seen Miss Pascault; Madame Bonaparte was right. I have never seen anything more lovely. As Madame Reubel has invited me to call I will certainly take advantage of her invitation.

Incidental music to Hell's play Ali Baba oder Die 40 Rauber by Heinrich August Marschner was performed for the initial time, in Dresden.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 9th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was a pretty good one. Anne Greene & A Sherman preached. – In the last Jonathon Nichols & Sister Elizabeth Rodman & Welcome Congdon rec'd their liberty to Marry according to the good order of Friends. –

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[This volume of Friend Stephen Gould's journal ends at this point with a list of names: Ruth Hallack, Sarah Hull, Ruth Halsted, space, Olive Cobb, Lydia Purinton, Eunice Jones, Susan Collins, Sarah Collins, Edwd Cobb, Thos Jones, John Reid.]

 October 2, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 10th M 1823 / This day Jonathon Nichols and Sister Elizabeth Rodman Solemnized their marriage. The Meeting was very large, being attended by many of what is called the gentry of the Town – a part of the sitting was solemn, but so many present who were not acquainted with either our mode of Worship, or Marriage, occasioned some stir in the forepart of the Meeting, also at the conclusion–. The Meeting, which was held in silence, excepting a Short address from J Dennis explaining the nexcessity of quietude to the Multitude.– Divers of our friends went to the house to the Wedding, among whom was our Ancient & beloved friend David Buffum & his wife, & to me it was a pleasant Afternoon. Brother Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth, felt nearer to me than they had ever done –They conducted with true dignity of manners – I have no doubt they will do well, at least their desire is to do well & if they do well, they will be blessed. –

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 October 3, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 10 M / We set this Afternoon at Brother David Rodmans with Br Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth - as the time draws near for her separation from us, my feelings are not a little excited at the Prospect. -

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 October 5, Sunday: While in Vienna for the premiere of Euryanthe, Carl Maria von Weber traveled to Baden to visit [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 10 M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended Abigail Robinson was present & was favoured in Testimony to some length. - which is the first time of her appearance in that way for (I think) over two years & but very few times for some years past, her health being very feeble she has seldom been at Meeting. - a few words from Father Rodman in the Afternoon. - Br Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth Nichols took tea with us, being the last time, as they expect to set out for Salem tomorrow Morning. -

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 October 6, Monday: The 802-foot stone aqueduct over the Genesee River, constructed by David Stanhope Bates, opened in Rochester.

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning 6th of 10 M 1823 / Br Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth set out for their home this morning at 9 OC. - I could not go up to take leave of them - I felt too much to admit of my doing it without emotion - I desire their welfare & have no doubt they desire ours. -

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 October 7, Tuesday: The volunteer firemen of the [Pawtucket](#) Engine Company No. 2 (the village of Pawtucket was then a part of the town of Seekonk, Massachusetts, which included the area that would eventually become East Providence, [Rhode Island](#)) “retired in good order after partaking of some excellent brandy and rum presented by Mr. J. Burbank when he was honorably discharged from the Company.”

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 10 M / This Afternoon we attended the funeral of Mary Lee wife of Robert P Lee. She is a young woman whose loss is much lamented, of an Amiable & innocent life, cut short at the Age of 26 years & married one Year & about ten Months. -



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early in life she was Baptized in Water, according to the Sabatarian Society, but at her Marriage with R P Lee she was Satisfied to attend Friends Meeting with him. The funeral was conducted according to the order of Friends & her remains were interd in the upper burying place in the Medow Field. –

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 October 12, Sunday: Maria Szymanowska performed before 700 people in Leipzig on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

Charles Macintosh of Scotland began selling raincoats.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 10 M / Both Meetings Silent. – the morning was a Season of some favour. – Spent part of the evening at the Mansion of the late David Williams in sympathy with his daughter Mary in her prospect of breaking up housekeeping & going to Narragansett to live with her brothers

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 October 16, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 10th M / This day was our Select Meeting, the first was silent, & both to me were low & depressed, tho' not devoid of some encouragement. –

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October 18, Saturday: The Reverend [William Ellery Channing](#) delivered a speech “Remarks on National Literature” before the American Philosophical Association in Philadelphia, prefiguring [Waldo Emerson](#)’s declaration of 1837 on this subject:³⁶⁵

A people, into whose minds the thoughts of foreigners are poured perpetually, needs an energy within itself to resist, to modify this mighty influence, and, without it, will inevitably sink under the worst bondage, will become intellectually tame and enslaved.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 10 M / This evening recd Letters From our fr William Rickman of Rochester in England & our dear Sister Elizabeth R Nichols - the first that has been recd from her Since she has been at her new home in Salem, which gave a very Satisfactory account of her reception at her new home. For this I rejoice & the Language of my heart is "Peace & the God of Peace be with them, & with us, evermore Amen." Nothing very remarkable is contained in Wm Rickmans Letter, but it is pleasant to hear that he is well, & that Friends in that country are in unity. - & also to find that in his advanced age, he is alive in the Truth. -

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October 19, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 10th M 1823 / Both Meetings Silent & both to me Seasons of some favour, & for the little Oh may I be thankful

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October 23, Thursday: The United States navy was making brief landings along the coast of Cuba in this year, in pursuit of [pirates](#). The landing on this date, the last for the year, was at Camrioca.

US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

The Boston [Weekly Messenger](#) announced that at the recent cattle show in Brighton, [John Thoreau, Senior](#)’s pencils made in [Concord](#) had won a \$2.⁰⁰ prize.

In Philadelphia, [Eastern State Penitentiary](#) first opened its doors (or, rather, it being a prison, a better rendition would I suppose be that it first locked its doors and drew its blinds). Its initial inmate was “...Charles Williams, Prisoner Number One. Burglar. Light Black Skin. Five feet seven inches tall. Foot: eleven inches. Scar on nose. Scar on Thigh. Broad Mouth. Black eyes. Farmer by trade. Can read. Theft included one twenty-dollar watch, one three-dollar gold seal, one, a gold key. Sentenced to two years confinement with labor. Received by Samuel R. Wood, first Warden, Eastern State Penitentiary...”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 10th M / A Short testimony by J Dennis & by me

365. This speech would see publication, but not until years later, in the [Christian Examiner](#) in 1830.



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some favour experienced as well as Some tossings & rovings of mind –

The epistle from the last Yearly, to the Subordinate Meetings was read in The Preparative meeting, & tho' I had heard it several times before, now seemed fresh – The Queries were answered as usual. –

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 October 26, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day – of 10 M / Stormy day & small silent Meetings - Some favour in the morning, & if a sense of nothingness was favour there was a large portion in the Afternoon. –

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 October 29, Wednesday: Franz Liszt and his family arrived in Augsburg where he would give three concerts over the next four days.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th 10 M / This Afternoon with my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at Uncle Stantons. –

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 October 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day We went to Meeting with Aunt Stanton - The first was a solid good one in which David Buffum was engaged in a lively solemn testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness
In the last (Monthly) we had considerable buisness which I thought was well conducted, & ended satisfactorily. –
We returned to Uncle Stantons dined & staid all night. –*

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 October 31, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day This morning we set out for home, with the Wagon & a borrowed horse. Uncles being in use, but which proving perverse, refused at Sandfords corner to go at all, so we sent him back & walked home. –

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 November 2, Sunday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

My suit is progressing. Josephine likes to hear about France. She plays delightfully both the harp and the spinet. I talk all sorts of nonsense which all lovers do. It has cheered her up as her youth has not been very cheerful.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 11 M 1823 / Silent Meetings, it is a low,
distressingly low time It seems as if things are in a hard state.
- There is however a reward for labour. -*

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November 6, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 11 M / Our friends have gone to Swansea to attend the
Quarterly Meeting there. - This morning while sitting in the
shop, reflecting on the subject precious feelings feelings were
raised in my mind & the desire feelingly arose. - O Lord go with
them that go, stay with them that Stay. - - Silent but good
meeting, for which I desire to be thankful*

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November 7, Friday: In a meeting of the cabinet of President James Monroe, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams successfully espoused the idea of accepting the suggestion of Great Britain (made on August 16 by their Foreign Secretary George Canning), that the European great powers be excluded from further conquests in the New World. Except, there was no need for Great Britain to assist in this ban. Instead, Great Britain would be among the Old World powers banned. We did not, of course, desire to “come in as a cockboat in the wake of the British man-of-war.”



A [Nazi](#) apologist, Carl Schmidt, would in 1941 aver that “The 1823 Monroe Doctrine was in the recent history of international law the first and to date most successful example of a regional [*Großraum*] international law. That is the real precedent for the German Reich” (*VÖLKERREICHTLICHE GROßBRAUMORDNUNG*. Berlin: *Deutscher Rechtsverlag*, page 13). —But then, everyone knows that those [Nazis](#) were lying sacks of shit.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [7?]th of 11 M 1823 / Br David Rodman has returned from Quarterly Meeting & has been in this Afternoon & gave us a very pleasant account of it, as a season of unusual favour – Our friend Isaac Stevenson from England was there & appeared in the Ministry, evincing his experience in the School of Christ, by the power of his testimony & exemplary deportment – David also handed me a little paper messenger of love dated 7M 1 which I Stevenson brought from my friend Thos Thompson of Liverpool, & tho' it contained nothing but his love, & unsealed, was very pleasant & acceptable. – The Account of this Quarterly Meeting has had a strengthening effect on my mind – it has raised in it feelings which I always count precious. –

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November 9, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini entered Paris for the initial time, on his way to England (the city would become very important to him in his later life).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 11 M / Both Meetings were seasons of close exercise to me & I trust proffitable – self was closely examined. – In the forenoon Hannah Dennis bore testimony to the efficacy of Divine Truth, satisfactorily to me. – In the Afternoon we had the company of Sarah Tucker & Susan Howland of Bedford country. – They both bore Solemn & impressive testimony which I trust will be remembered. –

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November 13, Thursday: Rachel Harrington LeGross sold the Brister's Hill property she had acquired for \$20 from [Brister Freeman](#), to William Lawrence of Weston for \$10.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 11 M / Small comfortable Meeting. –

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November 16, Sunday: A gigantic banquet was given in Paris by the city's leading artists in honor of Gioachino Rossini in the Restaurant du Veau Qui Tette. 150 guests attended including Adrien Boieldieu, Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber, and Ferdinand Herold, and many singers, actors, and artists.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day rode to Meeting with her & went to Adam Anthonys to dine, which is the first time I have been at his House since he has moved into his new house & the first time since his marriage – Walked over to Cousin Shadrach Chases & took tea, after which he kindly sent his son Jacob to bring me about half way home, & I walked the rest of the Distance
It has of late been a season of favour to me which I desire to*



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mention with gratitude. –

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 November 17, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 11 M / Last 7th day afternoon I Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Aunt Stanton & lodged. –

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 November 18, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day [sic] 18 of 11 M / This evening with my Wife & Sister Ruth went on board the Ship Robinson Potter to visit the Passengers about 38 in number from the Kingdom of England & Ireland & the Principality of Wales & were much interested with their Situation & appearance. The Women & children looked healthy & sprightly & tho' all in the Ships stearage together & rather uncomfortable were generally happy - by which it is certain in my mind, that it is more the mind than ther situation that makes us happy.

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 November 20, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 11th M 1823 / Silent Meeting & to me not an unfavourable time – I desire to be thankful for favour vouchsafed. –

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 November 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 11th M / In the forenoon D Buffum was much favour'd in testimony - He recommended the attentive & Serious perusal of the scriptures & held up the general doctrines of religion in a lively & impressive manner. – Silent in the Afternoon.

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 November 30, Sunday: Franz Schubert wrote to Schober that “my health, thank God, was firmly restored at last.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 11th M / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum was engaged in lively testimony - but to me the Meeting was a poor time - More favourd in the Afternoon tho' nearly silent. –

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 December 2, Tuesday: Carlos Martinez de Irujo y Tacon, marques de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor replaced Victor Damian Saez y Sanchez-Mayor as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

The doctrine expressed in President James Monroe’s 7th annual message to Congress closed “the American continents to colonial settlements by non-American Powers” and excluded “the European Powers from all interference in the political affairs of the American Republics”:



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From James Monroe's 7th Annual Message to Congress:

... At the proposal of the Russian Imperial Government, made through the minister of the Emperor residing here, a full power and instructions have been transmitted to the minister of the United States at St. Petersburg to arrange by amicable negotiation the respective rights and interests of the two nations on the northwest coast of this continent. A similar proposal has been made by His Imperial Majesty to the Government of Great Britain, which has likewise been acceded to. The Government of the United States has been desirous by this friendly proceeding of manifesting the great value which they have invariably attached to the friendship of the Emperor and their solicitude to cultivate the best understanding with his Government. In the discussions to which this interest has given rise and in the arrangements by which they may terminate the occasion has been judged proper for asserting, as a principle in which the rights and interests of the United States are involved, that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers.... It was stated at the commencement of the last session that a great effort was then making in Spain and Portugal to improve the condition of the people of those countries, and that it appeared to be conducted with extraordinary moderation. It need scarcely be remarked that the results have been so far very different from what was then anticipated. Of events in that quarter of the globe, with which we have so much intercourse and from which we derive our origin, we have always been anxious and interested spectators. The citizens of the United States cherish sentiments the most friendly in favor of the liberty and happiness of their fellow-men on that side of the Atlantic. In the wars of the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy to do so. It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparation for our defense. With the movements in this hemisphere we are of necessity more immediately connected, and by causes which must be obvious to all enlightened and impartial observers. The political system of the allied powers is essentially different in this respect from that of America. This difference proceeds from that which exists in their respective Governments; and to the defense of our own, which has been achieved by the loss of so much blood and treasure, and matured by the wisdom of their most enlightened citizens, and under which we have enjoyed unexampled felicity, this whole nation is devoted. We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere. But with the Governments who have declared their independence and maintain it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States. In the war between those new Governments and Spain we declared our neutrality at the time of their recognition, and to this we have adhered, and shall continue to adhere, provided no change shall occur which, in the judgement of the competent authorities of this Government, shall make a corresponding change on the part of the United States indispensable to their security.



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Yet more from James Monroe's 7th Annual Message to Congress:

The late events in Spain and Portugal shew that Europe is still unsettled. Of this important fact no stronger proof can be adduced than that the allied powers should have thought it proper, on any principle satisfactory to themselves, to have interposed by force in the internal concerns of Spain. To what extent such interposition may be carried, on the same principle, is a question in which all independent powers whose governments differ from theirs are interested, even those most remote, and surely none of them more so than the United States. Our policy in regard to Europe, which was adopted at an early stage of the wars which have so long agitated that quarter of the globe, nevertheless remains the same, which is, not to interfere in the internal concerns of any of its powers; to consider the government de facto as the legitimate government for us; to cultivate friendly relations with it, and to preserve those relations by a frank, firm, and manly policy, meeting in all instances the just claims of every power, submitting to injuries from none. But in regard to those continents circumstances are eminently and conspicuously different. It is impossible that the allied powers should extend their political system to any portion of either continent without endangering our peace and happiness; nor can anyone believe that our southern brethren, if left to themselves, would adopt it of their own accord. It is equally impossible, therefore, that we should behold such interposition in any form with indifference. If we look to the comparative strength and resources of Spain and those new Governments, and their distance from each other, it must be obvious that she can never subdue them. It is still the true policy of the United States to leave the parties to themselves, in hope that other powers will pursue the same course....



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Our President, in his address to the US Congress declaring our first formal foreign policy, also specifically excluded the government of the island of Haiti from protection under his Monroe Doctrine on the interesting traditional basis of its being “a Government of people of color.” Since black people could not trust white people, his reasoning went, and since the governments of the community of nations were made up of white people, the government of Haiti would inevitably exhibit “a separate interest and a distrust of other nations” — and could not therefore itself be trusted.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2 of 12 M 1823 / In Silent waiting this morning, some touches of life were experienced - & sympathy arose with Friends in a trial which I am informed awaits them at their Quarterly Meeting held there tomorrow

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December 7, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini and his wife left Paris heading for London.

Concerto for two pianos in E by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, at the Mendelssohn residence in Berlin. One of the invited guests was Friedrich Kalkbrenner.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 12 M / Our Mornng Meeting was large & to me favourd a short testimony from Susannah Bateman & Hannah Dennis Silent in the Afternoon. -- Set the eveng with my H & Sister Ruth at Henry Gould who gave us some account of the late Quarterly Meeting at [New Bedford](#) which he & his wife attended - it appears Truth stood its ground, tho' some bitter herbs were eaten by those who are rightly concerned for the support of our Testimonys

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December 11, Thursday: Franz Liszt and his father arrived in Paris.

William Prout read his paper “On the nature of the acid and saline matters usually existing in the stomachs of animals” before the Royal Society in London. In it he clearly demonstrated that hydrochloric acid was the agent of digestion.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 12th M / A good solid meeting, a considerable number attended in consequence of Welcome Congdon & Mary Dennis's Marriage, which they solemnized in a becoming manner Jonathon & Hannah Dennis had short offerings. -

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 December 14, Sunday: Dr. [Walter Oudney](#) and Lieutenant [Hugh Clapperton](#) set out in a westerly direction for the Hausa states, to explore the course of the Niger River. [Dixon Denham](#) would explore the vicinity of Lake Chad and the lower courses of the Waube, Logone, and Shari rivers and participated in several Bornuese military raids on neighboring tribes.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 12 M / Both meetings were Silent, but seasons of some favour for which I desire to be thankful. – Set part of the eveng at Br David Rodmans in pleasant conversation. – My wife has been so unwell for several Days that she has not been out to Meeting

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 December 17, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17th of 12 M / Have this afternoon recd a long letter from my dear frd Thos Thompson of Liverpool dated 9th M 29th it contained much interesting Matter & the Packet contained Several Pamphlets &c with a view of Liverpool Meeting House, Swarthmore Meeting House & a view of the Chair which G F left as an heir loom. – & a likeness of Richd Reynolds

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 December 21, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his JOURNAL:

Who is he that shall controul [sic] me? Why may not I act & speak & write & think with entire freedom? What am I to the Universe, or, the Universe, what is it to me? Who hath forged the chains of Wrong & Right, of Opinion & Custom? And must I wear them? Is Society my anointed King? Or is there any mightier community or any man or more than man, whose slave I am? I am solitary in the vast society of beings; I consort with no species; I indulge no sympathies. I see the world, human, brute & inanimate nature; I am in the midst of them, but not of them; I hear the song of the storm – the Winds & warring Elements sweep by me – but they mix not with my being. I see cities & nations & witness passions – the roar of their laughter – but I partake it not; – the yell of their grief – it touches no chord in me; their fellowships & fashions, lusts & virtues, the words & deeds they call glory & shame – I disclaim them all. I say to the Universe, Mighty one! thou art not my mother; Return to chaos, if thou wilt, I shall still exist. I live. If I owe my being, it is to a destiny greater than thine. Star by Star, world by world, system by system shall be crushed – but I shall live.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 21st of 12 M 1823 / Solid good testimonys in the Mornng from D Buffum & H Dennis – Nearly silent in the Afternoon – My mind not wholly destitute of good, but a low time, Oh that I may receive half from whence it is only to be substantially derived. Set the evening mostly with our fr Abigail Robinson, by whom I learned the Severe illness of her Sister Mary Morton. –

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 December 22, Monday: Franz Liszt performed in Paris to sensational audience and critical response (he would perform in Paris no less than 38 times before the following April).

[Edward Sherman Hoar](#) was born.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 12 M / Recd this Afternoon a packet of information with a letter from Wing Russel of [New Bedford](#), where there appears to be new troubles among the disturbers of Society. –

This evening have recd News of the Death of our old & affectionate friend Elizabeth Towle on the 10th inst after about two weeks of illness. She died at Nazareth Pennsylvania where she resided with her husband Saml Towle, Since they left this Town. –her attentions to us & many more they left in this place will never be forgotten, in sickness she was Attentive & Affectionate, & as a companion pleasant & instructive both in deportment & conversation. –

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 December 25, Thursday: Narciso de Heredia y Begines, Conde de Ofalia replaced Carlos Martinez de Irujo y Tacon, marques de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

Two works for chorus and organ by Samuel Wesley were performed for the initial time, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London: Magnificat and Nunc dimittis.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The first was a favourd Meeting & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony. – In the last there was not much life, but the buisness was pretty well conducted. – Wnet to Uncle Stantons, dined lodged & next Morning Walked home. –

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 December 28, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left for Missolonghi.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 12 M / Silent & to me good Meetings - Sister Ruth



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& Richard Rodman took tea with us. –

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 December 30, Tuesday: Auf dem Wasser zu singen D.774, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Stolberg, was published in the Zeitschrift fur Kunst, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 30th of 12th M 1823 / I am this day 42 Years of Age -
It has been a Day of seriousness to me, - but I do not know
whether it is Worth while to say much about it. –*

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 December 31, Wednesday: Georgios Andreou Koundouriotis replaced Petros Iliou Mavromichalis as President of the Executive of Greece.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

*To-night we all sup with Monsieur Pascault to see the New Year
in. It is father's first visit to the house. I am anxious to see
how he treats Reubel.*

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 31st of 12 M / I feel, Sensibly that the present Year
has closed & that another of my life is gone – How do I desire
more spiritual commmunion with my God. - Many have gone down to
the grave this year & some of my intimate friends & relations.
– May I be prepared for the change come when it may –*

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 RHODE-ISLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1824. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): Brown and Danforth.

RHODE-ISLAND REGISTER AND UNITED STATES CALENDAR FOR 1824. [Providence](#): Brown and Danforth.

 [John Russell Bartlett](#) became a clerk in the dry goods store of an uncle, in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) (he would watch the columns being raised for the Arcade). He would later become a bookkeeper and cashier at Cyrus Butler's Bank of North America.

 In [Rhode Island](#), James Fenner was in charge.



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 Israel Potter, a private at the “Bunker Hill” fight who had become a chair mender in London, dictated his LIFE AND REMARKABLE ADVENTURES OF ISRAEL R. POTTER to the [Providence, Rhode Island](#) printer Henry Trumbull. (Refer to Herman Melville’s ISRAEL POTTER: HIS FIFTY YEARS OF EXILE, dedicated to “His Highness the Bunker-Hill Monument.”)

 With the help of his bride Olivia Buckminster Emerson, Dr. [George Barrell Emerson](#) established [Boston](#)’s 1st public high school for girls.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Washington Street in downtown [Boston](#) extended at this point all the way southwest to the [Rhode Island](#) state line, although the bulk of the road traveled under the rubric “Norfolk and Bristol Turnpike.” This was the only road transiting the narrow point of Boston Neck. A traffic count on this Massachusetts thoroughway indicated that for every mounted horsemen, there were four persons traveling in chaises. The bulk of these travelers must have been city folk, for at the time only about one rural family in seven owned such a conveyance.

A 22 inch square map of [Boston](#) first engraved in this year by William B. Annin and George G. Smith would be reissued every few years with additions by Smith, for the City Government’s Municipal Register, and for School Documents. In this year, also, Abel Bowen engraved a 6 1/2 inch by 4 inch map of the

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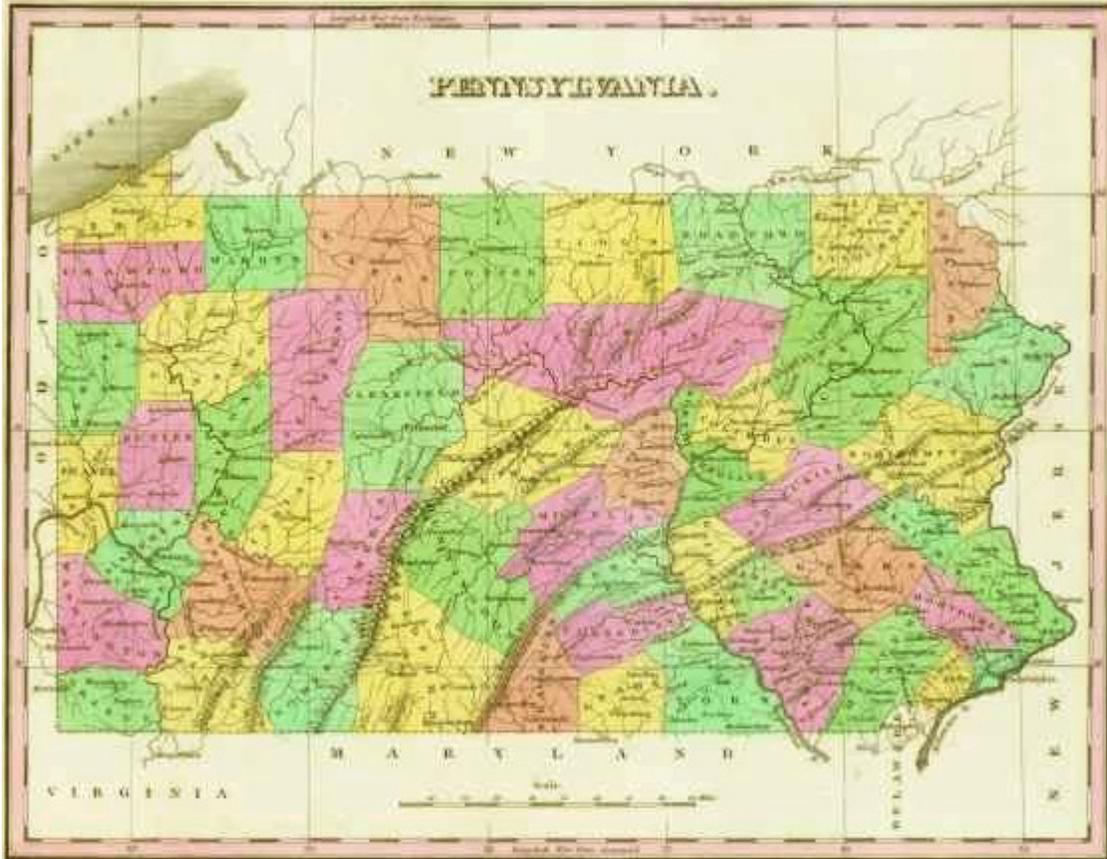
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municipality, for Snow's HISTORY OF BOSTON.

Anthony Finley's and Joseph Perkins's A NEW GENERAL ATLAS: COMPRISING A COMPLETE SET OF MAPS, REPRESENTING THE GRAND DIVISIONS OF THE GLOBE, TOGETHER WITH THE SEVERAL EMPIRES, KINGDOMS AND STATES OF THE WORLD; COMPILED FROM THE BEST AUTHORITIES, AND CORRECTED BY THE MOST RECENT DISCOVERIES (60 pages). A copy of this would be in the personal library of [Henry Thoreau](#).



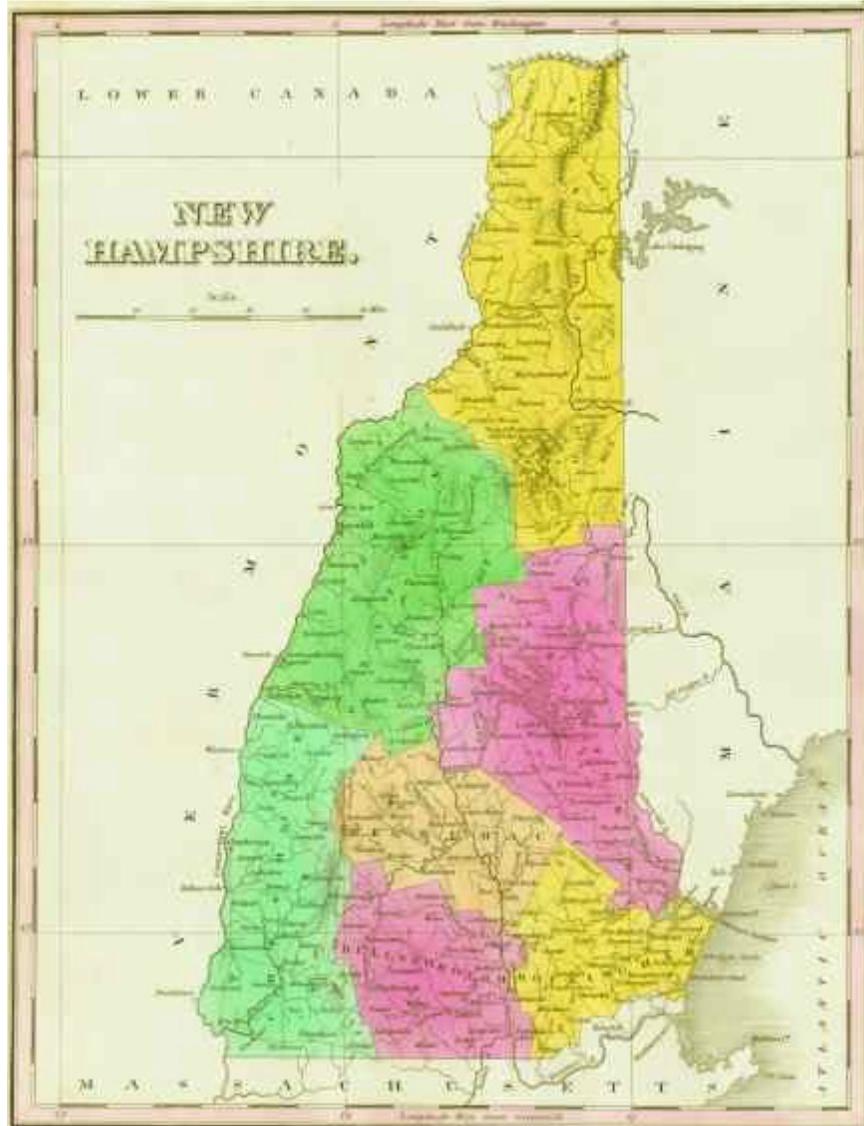
THE FINLEY ATLAS

David Thompson conducted surveys to locate the “most northwest point of the Lake of the Woods.” Under Article Seven of the Treaty of Ghent, the international boundary ran through the Great Lakes to this point, thence due south to the 49th parallel. Thompson decided that this ill-defined point should be either at the present position of Kenora or at the northern point of an inlet now known as Northwest Angle Inlet.

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When Albert Brown (an older brother of Theophilus Brown) had completed his tailoring apprenticeship in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), he relocated to Worcester and established a tailoring shop, the “Emporium of Fashion.” This was the 1st merchant tailoring business in the town, and initially was located in an annex to the home of Dr. John Green which had formerly been in use as his apothecary, on Main Street opposite Central.

Upon the death of his father [Isaac Bailey](#) at the age of 36, [Jacob Whitman Bailey](#) attempted to begin to support his mother and younger brothers in their need by forsaking his position in the bookstore and lending library in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to accept a position as a manufacturer’s clerk in Massachusetts. He would soon discover, however, that this new job involved the sale of [rum](#), and that this was something which he simply could not bring himself to do — and so he would soon need to root around and obtain other gainful employment, as a high school assistant.

Isaac Babbitt of Taunton, Massachusetts began to manufacture Britannia ware, the 1st produced in the New World (approximately 93% tin, 5% antimony, and 2% copper, the Britannia alloy melts at 491° Fahrenheit and had been in use in Britain since 1769 as an alternative to pewter, which is approximately 91% tin, 7.5% antimony, and 1.5% copper; Academy Award “Oscar” statuettes, unlike Olympic medals that are an alloy of gold plated in 24-carat gold, are manufactured of Britannia alloy plated in gold).



The drummer known as “King Charley” or “Carolus Africanus Rex” or “Charley of the Pinkster Hill,” who once presided over [Pinkster](#) Day in [New York](#), died at a reputed age of 125 years.

Negro Election Day would, until 1841, be an annual event in [Rhode Island](#). In the document below, we see that the Rhode Island politician Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior of [Little Rest](#) (now [Kingston](#)), who in 1818 had made an unsuccessful bid for state governor and was at this point serving in the state House of Representatives, involved himself to a degree in this celebration.

This reminisce by Jonathan P. Helme is from the Providence [Journal](#) for October 31, 1874 and is headlined “Recollections of Little Rest (Now Kingston) Hill, and its Surroundings Some Fifty Years Ago”:

Among the servants of the late E.R. Potter, was one by the name of John Potter. In those days it was the custom of the colored population of the State to elect each year a governor, and on one occasion John was the elect. The governor was installed in June and the headquarters were at Fulling Mills, as it was then called, now Apponaug. On the occasion of his installation, Mr. Potter told his servant John to take the best horse in his stable, as he had a number, among them a fine span of large bays, for his journey to Apponaug, about twenty miles. He selected one of the span, a noble large horse, and with the assistance of Mr. John T. Nichols [sadler in Little Rest], his horse was beautifully caparisoned. Early on the morning of the day, the governor elect, mounted on his splendid steed, dressed in fine style, viz., blue coat, short waist, swallow tail, with a profusion of guilt [sic] buttons, red sash, black pants, put inside of a pair of boots, with white tops, and a handsome pair of silver-mounted spurs, together with a white hat, a large black plume with a red top, completed his regimentals. There were quite a number of our citizens assembled to see the governor elect start for the capital. He was met by a very large delegation of his colored fellow citizens about half way between Greenwich and Apponaug, with a band of music, consisting of



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three drums and two fifes (in those days the French horns, key bugles, etc..., were not known.) As soon as his appearance was noted, the band struck up "Hail to the Chief;" both sides of the road were lined with spectators, the ladies waving their 'kerchiefs, and the gentlemen their hats, while the governor with hat in hand bowed to the populace, his head nearly touching his horse's head. On his entrance to the village, the band played "Washington's March." If any one had told the governor on this occasion, as a slave once told a heroic Roman general, that with all this pomp and show he "was nothing but a man," he would have spurned him from his sight.
...About this time Mr. E.R. Potter was urgently solicited to accept the nomination for Governor of this State. He declined, stating as one of his reasons, that one Governor in a family was sufficient.

We remember this Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior of Little Rest, don't we? He was the guy who, some four years earlier, back in about 1820, had made the serious error of having his employee [Cato Pearce](#), a black Rhode Islander, thrown in the local jail merely for going off on a Sunday to preach — an error for which he needed to apologize, and for which he did in fact attempt to apologize. So, what do we have here, in about 1824, when we see this guy helping another of his black employees, John Potter, prepare for the important local Pinkster event?

Was this brass-balled, bull-necked politico still, in 1824, trying to make amends? Was he trying to make himself more racially sensitive? Was he learning to "go along and get along"? (It does warm one's heart, to hear of this sort of thing.)

 [Friend Sarah Helen Power](#) of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) became engaged to the wellborn Boston poet and writer John Winslow Whitman, co-editor of the Boston [Spectator](#) and [Ladies' Album](#), a magazine in which Sarah would be able to place some of her poetry as by "Helen."

[SARAH HELEN POWER WHITMAN](#)



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 Beginning of construction of Fort Adams guarding [Newport Harbor](#), at 60 acres the 2nd largest along our nation's coastline. Of course, cheap desperate [Irish](#) immigrant labor would be utilized to cut and move and position all the stone required.



What's not to like about this [Rhode Island](#) fortress? It might as well be a 60-acre goat pasture with a great stone wall around it to make sure goats don't get out. None of its 468 cannon would ever be fired in anger — they might as well be sticks of wood, "Quaker Cannon":

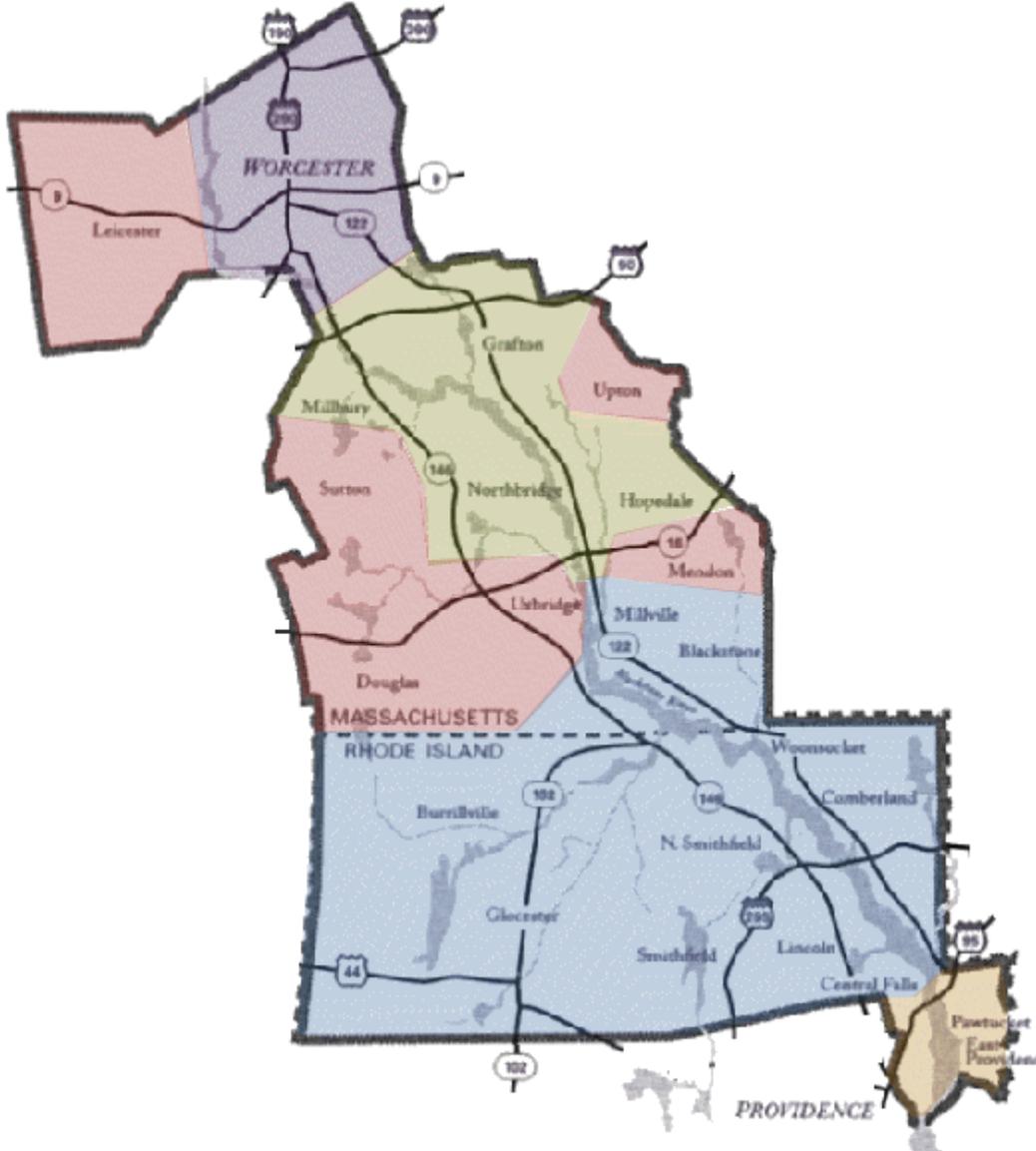


(Meanwhile a whole bunch of [Irish famine](#) kiddies would be getting food shoved into their mouths! —As I commented, what's not to like about this?)

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 The [Blackstone Canal](#) was being dug by hand. It would be completed in 1828 and would remain in operation until 1843. Sections can still be seen along the foot of Smith Street at Canal Street, and in the northwest corner of the North Burial ground off North Main Street, and alongside Lorraine Mills off Mineral Spring Avenue in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). The best preserved rural section is north of Ashton (Quinnville, Lincoln) to Lonsdale. Only two of the original 49 locks on the original 45 miles of this canal yet remain (not, of course, operational), in Uxbridge and in Millville, Massachusetts.



A charter was issued for the Morris Canal. The Pennsylvania state legislature appointed a [canal](#) commission — the Pennsylvania Society for the Promotion of Internal Improvements in the Commonwealth.

A survey of the proposed Rideau [Canal](#) was carried out by the Royal Engineers.

The Chesapeake and Ohio [Canal](#) Company was formed.



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Ohio retained Judge David Stanhope Bates to survey two of Geddes' routes, which will become the Ohio and Erie [Canal](#) and the Miami and Erie [Canal](#).

Construction began on New Jersey's Morris [Canal](#).

Horatio Allen became a resident engineer on the Chesapeake and Delaware [Canal](#).

Justus Post and Rene Paul recommend five possibilities for a [canal](#) between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River.

The US Supreme Court, in *Gibbons v. Ogden*, gave the Federal government control of all US rivers — the first of the Rivers and Harbors acts.



The *General Padilla*, a schooner, appeared at [Bristol, Rhode Island](#), under the command of Captain Peter Bradford, a nephew of Mrs. James De Wolf. The local authorities learned, from incautious remarks by its Boston cabin boy and its black boatswain's mate, that it had been engaged in [piracy](#). Their schooner was able to escape from the harbor before being captured, but later the bodies of the boy and the negro washed ashore there, and it became clear that the boy and the negro had been executed by the crew by gunfire for having given them away by these incautious remarks.



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After having attended village schools, [Friend Elizabeth Buffum Chase](#) (then known of course as [Friend Elizabeth Buffum](#)) boarded for one year at the Quakers' [Yearly Meeting](#) Boarding School, the establishment which is now known as the "[Moses Brown](#)" School on College Hill on the East Side of [Providence, Rhode Island](#). [Friend Abby Kelley](#) was during the same year attending this Friends School.



(There is, however, an apparent discrepancy on the record. Elizabeth Buffum was stated to be eighteen years of age when she attended the Friends school in Providence, which would put her year of attendance as 1824 since she was born in 1806, and yet other documents put her year of attendance as 1822.)

Note that these two Quaker scholars, being girls, would have been in "Girls School," a facility held distinct not only in reports and catalogues but also by means of gender segregation of classrooms, and gender segregation of walks, and gender segregation of groves and playgrounds and dining areas (over and above rigid racial segregation that was making certain that Rhode Island's black and red populations would remain forever entirely in the dark).

In this year superintendents Friends Matthew Purinton and Betsy Purinton of Salem, Massachusetts departed and were replaced by Friends Enoch Breed and Lydia Breed.

Superintendents.

1819-1824.	Purinton, Matthew and Betsy.
1824-1835.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1829-1835.	Gould, Stephen Wanton and Gould, Hannah , Asst. Supts.
1835-1836.	Davis, Seth and Mary.
1837.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1838-1839.	Rathbun, Rowland and Alice.
1840-1844.	Wing, Allen and Olive.
1845-1846.	Thompson, Olney and Lydia.
1847.	Congdon, Jarvia and Lydia.
1847-1852.	Cornell, Silas and Sarah M.



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 January 1, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 1st M 1824 / Our Meeting today was as well attended as usual for this season of the Year — it was a very quiet & even solemn opportunity. I do not recollect when I have observed more of the precious covering in which my mind was favoured to partake for which I desire to be thankful — Hannah Dennis was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony — this appears to me to be a good beginning for the New Year. —³⁶⁶

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 January 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 1 M / Our Morning Meeting was large & solid, after a few expressions from Anne Dennis - D Buffum rose & delivered a bright lively & sound testimony of greater length than usual for him of late, he observed He had not found it his place often to enter in Polemic divinity in a public way, nor did he now apprehend he had much to say upon it, but as his mind had been drawn to view as certain doctrine which was much inculcated, & contrast it with what he considered substantial Truth, he could but cite the minds of those present to one leading feature of the Doctrine which was "that the Almighty had created a certain portion of Mankind to endless misery without any possible remedy" he hoped none present believed it, & then went on to illustrate the truth & encouraged all to walk in its paths. — In the Afternoon we were silent & tho' the meeting was larger than usual was a season of but little life tho' a quiet setting & I thought a little favour extended.

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366. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7.



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 January 8, Thursday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) sent a conciliatory letter to his sister-in-law Johanna van Beethoven, offering financial assistance.

There had been considerable controversy but when the Royal Society put the matter to a vote, there was only one vote cast against accepting Michael Faraday as a new member.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 1st M 1824 / Favoured this morning with the precious arisings of life in my mind, for which I desire to be thankful – Silent Meeting & a good time, being favoured to feel –various subjects of an exercising nature were presented to view.

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 January 11, Sunday: Franz Liszt improvised at the piano at a meeting of the Societe Academique des Enfants d’Apollon in Paris. They made him an honorary member.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 1 M / The weather was very unpleasant, rain & wet walking – Meetings Small & Silent – In the forenoon a low time to me – was a little more favoured in the Afternoon for which I desire to be thankful, for a little help in the needful time. –The Charge of the Meeting falling on me – Henry Gould taking his seat with me.

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 January 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 1st M 1824 / In the Public meeting, J Dennis had a few words to deliver – it was a meeting of exercise to me, & I hope not an unprofitable one – In the last, which was our Select Meeting – we had some exercise, & not as much life as I have felt on some such occasions.

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 January 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1 day 18th of 1st M / Both Meetings silent & solid & I trust to me were in good measure profitable seasons. -

 January 20, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 20th of 1st M / Heard this Afternoon of the Decease of our old friend & neighbour Samuel Towle at Nazareth in Pennsylvania on the 1st day of this M aged 66 Years 1 M & 5 days having survived his wife only twenty two Days - he was a man of a remarkably Meek & quiet spirit, in whose company I have enjoyed many precious feelings, & many instructive hours - I had an intimate acquaintance with him & his wife during most of the time of their residence in this Town, which was about 14 Years & tho not one in profession of Religion, yet our feelings were often united in the best sense. I remember he several times remarked to me, that "The first time he saw me I got on his books & he found he could not easily get me off."
This evening Hannah Robinson called to see us, who is now living in the family of Wm Hunter, she is a woman of colour & member of Society, belonging to S Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting - her spirit seemd solid & very weighty, & savoured of much sweetness. I know not when I have been in company with any one with whom my spirit felt more united.*

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 January 22, Thursday: On [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s birthday he authored some "Lines on Completing My Thirty-Sixth Year."

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22 of 1 M / Our Meeting was a season of favour to some, I have no doubt, but as to myself I was very poor - Hannah Dennis was much favoured in a stimulating testimony to faithful labour, seldom have I heard her more acceptably - In the Preparative Meeting which followed - we answered the Queries & proposed Overseers of the Poor to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting
Sister Mary & Hannah Lawton set the eveng.*

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 January 25, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 1st M 1824 / Silent Meeting, none of the Most lively to my feelings, tho' there was a good degree of Solemnity
-Took tea & spent part of the evening at D Buffums. -*

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En route between Hawaii and Tahiti, a year into the Pacific voyage of the [Martha's Vineyard](#) whaler *Globe* (renown for having been the 1st ship to take 2,000 barrels of oil), late at night there was a mutiny.



One of the ship's boatsteerers, [Samuel B. Comstock](#), was the birthright [Quaker](#) first child of a birthright Quaker father from Burrillville, [Rhode Island](#), Friend Nathan Comstock, and a Quaker mother, Friend Elizabeth Emmet Comstock, living on [Nantucket Island](#) and then in New-York. This young scion of a privileged and responsible and religious family, having been given the benefit of a guarded Quaker education at Nine Partners, having the world at his feet, had determined that none of this was enough to satisfy himself with his life. He wanted all this plus adequate carousing and swiving. He had therefore equipped himself with the sorts of things he supposed he would need in order to recreate himself as a libertine chieftain on a South Seas atoll — things such as garden seeds.

He persuaded four companions and on this night, with a hatchet, Friend Samuel laid open the head of the sleeping captain, Thomas Worth, with an ax. Silas Payne, one of the new men who had signed aboard in Hawaii, was attempting to use a knife on the ship's 1st Mate, William Beetle, and was doing such an inadequate job of it that Friend Samuel needed to join in with his ax. The other two Comstock brothers took no part in the mutiny. (This would be written up by William Lay in conjunction with Friend Cyrus Hussey, Jr., a Nantucket [Quaker](#) who survived the mutiny, but in general the incident would become another forbidden topic in the community.)



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DEMON OF THE WATERS.

THE TRUE STORY OF THE MUTINY ON THE WHALESHIP *GLOBE*.

BY GREGORY GIBSON.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ERIK RONNBERG AND GARY TONKIN.

BOSTON: LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY, 2002

Reviewed by Rob Rulon-Miller

In a world where death is as certain as the setting sun, and is as perniciously random as the scattering of galaxies, it's no wonder that death -tragic and unexpected death- is the lifeblood of so much literature and history. I note in passing today's Sunday New York Times cover story on the horrific final minutes of those top-floor employees in the World Trade Towers as recorded in their desperate calls from cell phones or email messages - calls not so much for help as calls already from the afterlife. I also note but will not elaborate on Mr. Gibson's own life-altering foray into the nether world and back: his struggle to cope with the tragic death of his son Galen, who was murdered by a fellow student in a random act of violence at Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, in 1992, a journey Mr. Gibson brilliantly recounted in his critically acclaimed *GONE BOY: A WALKABOUT* (Kondansha International, 1999).

In *DEMON OF THE WATERS*, Gibson revisits death, examining the murderous and most bloody mutiny that occurred 175 years ago on board the whaleship *Globe*, where the loved sons of mothers and fathers were savagely mauled and killed. Successive generations have been captivated by the gruesome event, and it remains, arguably, the most disturbing case in the annals of American maritime history. The *Globe* mutiny has been well-documented and often recounted in maritime anthologies as well as in contemporaneous accounts, including two by the brother of the perpetrator, William Comstock (one in manuscript, one published), and another by two of the survivors, William Lay and Cyrus Hussey. The story falls into Mr. Gibson's lap with the discovery, in Indiana of all places, of a previously unlocated journal recounting the subsequent rescue of the stranded crew on the Marshall Islands in the western Pacific.



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The antagonist of the story, Samuel Comstock, is a young man - a mere teenager when we first meet him- at sixes and sevens with his Quaker upbringing on Nantucket, nothing but a burden for his family and an annoyance to any friends he might have had. When his family moved to Manhattan from Nantucket, Samuel fell in with a street gang named the Downtowners, "who passed their time battling the rival Corlears Hookers. In the manner of many troubled youths, Samuel kept his own hours and often came home late at night, bloody and bruised." To keep Samuel from straying further, his father found him a berth on a merchant ship bound for Liverpool. Four months later Samuel was home again, and to his repertoire of extracurricular activities he now added the chasing of women. The strict Quaker school he was sent to in Poughkeepsie did little more than harden him against authority. Whoring and street fighting were in his blood, and it seems there was little to do with him. Before finally shipping on the *Globe*, Comstock filled out his teenage years by sailing on the *Beaver* with a shipment of arms for rebels in Chile and then on the Nantucket whaler *George* after having spent "some months ... languishing in a Chilean jail" for gunrunning.

The captain of the *Globe* was Thomas Worth, and at age 29, it was his first command. The ship was manned by a crew of twenty, not one of them older than 26 and half of them teenagers. Samuel Comstock at the time was a mere twenty years old, although already well beyond his years. Departing Martha's Vineyard in December 1822, the *Globe* followed a usual course to the Pacific, which meant sailing east towards the Azores and the Cape Verdes, where ships would pick up the northeast trade winds that would blow them south and west towards Cape Horn. Ordinarily ships would stop in the Azores or the Cape Verdes for supplies, but because Captain Worth was delayed in leaving and anxious to get to the Pacific whaling grounds in season, he chose not to put in at either group and continued sailing towards the Horn.

In the south Atlantic the *Globe* captured its first whale, and it is here we learn from Samuel's younger brother, William, who was also on board, that "contact with the whale oil caused Samuel great distress, 'filling him with biles and inflaming his flesh.'" By March of 1823, the *Globe* rounded the Horn and headed up the South American coast towards Valparaiso, a usual stopping point for provisioning and relaxation after the arduous passage. But again, Captain Worth chose not to stop, and instead continued to head towards the rich whaling fields off the coast of Japan. By May, after five continuous months at sea, the *Globe* arrived at Hawaii; nor did she stop here. Nonetheless, provisions -including women- were brought from shore. Captain Worth forbade the women to spend the night, but Samuel Comstock disobeyed the order, and the next morning, according to William, "Lady Comstock made her appearance, emerging from steerage, with an air of great dignity, dressed in a new Scotch bonnet...." Captain Worth made no remark, and it was apparent to the rest of the crew that Samuel was becoming a favorite of the captain. "However," writes Gibson, "by allowing Samuel to openly flout his authority, Worth weakened his credibility and risked disrupting his relations" with the rest of the crew, and



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"alienated Samuel, a recipient of special privileges, from the mates."

By summer the *Globe* had reached the hallowed cruising grounds off Japan. Here, they spent nearly five months chasing whales, but it was not a very successful hunt. "During these months of hard work and unspectacular results, the situation on board the *Globe* began to deteriorate. Samuel Comstock did his best to rock the boat." A wrestling match ensued between Comstock and the third mate, Nathaniel Fisher, which Comstock lost, a humiliating defeat he did not readily forget. On another occasion, one of the crew was put in irons, and on another, the cook was struck by the captain, both incidences on account of Comstock. There were complaints all around by the crew about the meager rations; even so, the crew complained that they didn't have enough time in which to eat them. So, after not having set foot on land for nearly a year, after being confined for that long to ninety feet of boat with twenty other men, the crew of the *Globe* returned from the Japan grounds and put in at last at Hawaii. Gibson writes, "All the ingredients for insurrection were there ... indifferent success, bad food, capricious exercise of authority by an inexperienced captain, bullying and physical beatings from the officers, long confinement aboard the ship with no liberty, and the concerted, pernicious influence of a malcontent." On Hawaii six of the crew -it's amazing the number was as small as it was- deserted, and the replacements Captain Worth found ashore -"a rough set of cruel beings" in the words of George Comstock- "seemed so spectacularly ill chosen that one has to wonder about Thomas Worth's grasp of human nature." Of the seven replacements, five were eventually involved in the mutiny.

On December 9, 1823, the *Globe* departed Hawaii to hunt whales along the Equator. The captain was edgy and the crew tense. There was a flogging by Captain Worth of Joseph Thomas, who had signed on in Hawaii. Comstock took the side of Thomas, and -this being the last straw- with four other conspirators, in the very early morning hours of January 26, 1824, went down into Captain Worth's cabin and, in the sentence we've been waiting for, brought down an axe, "with such force that it nearly severed the top of the captain's head from his body." Silas Payne, who had also shipped in Hawaii, went after the first mate, William Beetle, with a knife, but he botched the job. Comstock was left to finish it by placing the axe in the mate's skull. Beetle was left "gurgling in his own blood and brains." Nor was this all. Samuel Comstock, the putative captain now, in the next twelve hours managed to shoot, bayonet, stab, disembowel, and throw overboard a total of five men, including the three mates and a black man, William Humphries, who for good measure was hanged from the foreyard for attempting to aid those who has been brutalized.

The mutineers and the rest of the stunned and stupefied crew then sailed west to what is now Mili Atoll at the southern end of the Marshall Islands. Comstock, in what at this point in the story seems like a workaday chore, was murdered by his co-conspirator, Silas Payne, for bribing the natives with precious provisions from the ship. Less than a week later, six of the



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innocent crew serendipitously escaped in the *Globe* and managed to sail some 7000 miles across the Pacific to Valparaiso and safety.

Fast forward to Vevay, Indiana, where in 1978 a local book scout, Jay Small, and his younger partner, John Mullins, unearthed a handwritten account dated 1825 by a sailor on board the *Dolphin*, a United States naval vessel. The *Dolphin* had been ordered to sail to the Marshall Islands, at the insistence of no less than Presidents James Monroe and John Quincy Adams, to capture the mutineers and learn of their fate. This journal found its way into the hands of ABAA dealer Owen Kubik, who in turn sold it to Gibson. (It is now at the Kendall Whaling Museum.) It contains an eyewitness account by one Augustus Strong, midshipman, of the rescue of the only two survivors on Mili Atoll, Cyrus Hussey and William Lay, and recounts the story they told on their voyage back to civilization. Gibson's book brings the Augustus Strong account to the public for the first time, and for this reason alone the book will stand as one of the most important scholarly works on the terrible event. But, in fact, this journal occupies a minor part of the story as published, much of the recounting of its surfacing having ended up on the editor's floor. As these two expunged chapters may be of interest to our readers, they will run in concurrent issues of this Newsletter.

Gibson is becoming a seasoned, if not a flashy writer. His sentences move at an even pace, and his style is more that of a four-wheel drive Land Rover than a turbo-charged Ferrari. On the surface the facts of this story are practically unbelievable, but Gibson is very adept at making all the bizarreness and surreality of this debacle of a voyage seem possible – even plausible. He teaches us the ways of the sea and the sailor. The passion and intensity that suffuses *GONE BOY* is not so apparent here, but death on the *Globe* could never be so close and personal. Nonetheless, the recounting of the mutiny itself is gripping, and Gibson fixes it firmly in the historical context of American interests in the Pacific in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The thirty-odd pages of Notes at the back are helpful and informative, and the extensive bibliography attests to Gibson's penchant for meticulous research. If there is a flaw in the book, it may be that it was over-researched. Some of the early chapters, especially those on Quaker mores and the building of the *Globe*, seem a little ponderous, as does the chapter on the management of whaleships and the business of whaling. But my tastes notwithstanding, these arcanae must be addressed for the mutiny to be understood in full, and Gibson is successful in getting all the essential information on the page with only minor irritation. The illustrations by Erik Ronnberg and Gary Tonkin are appealing, if not striking, and I would have liked to have seen more illustrations from contemporary sources.



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 January 26, Monday: Theodore Gericault died in Paris at the age of 32.

Robert Blum Woodward was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). (In 1852 he would open a hotel, the “What Cheer House” at the corner of Sacramento and Leidesdorff Streets in San Francisco, and in due course, after years of taking care of business, he would retire in California rather more wealthy than not.)

 January 29, Thursday: [William Kneass](#) became the 2d chief engraver for the US mint (until 1840) at an annual salary of \$2,000.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 1st M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in [Newport](#) was large, the weather being very pleasant [Portsmouth](#) Friends pretty well came in. – In the first meeting Anne Dennis, Hannah Dennis & Ruth Freeborn bore acceptable testimonys, but nevertheless, I thought life was low generally over the Meeting –

In the last we had much buisness & some of it of a trying nature, but it appeard to me things were pretty well managed & so ended –

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 January 31, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31st of 1st M / Attended the funeral of Mary Nichols daughter of the late Walter Nichols - The sitting was unusally solemn & quiet in which D Buffum bore a testimony Savory & very acceptable to friends & the family of the deceased – The family tho’ not Members are dilligent attenders of our Meeting on first Days –

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 February 1, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 2 M 1824 / Our Meetings were solemn & quiet, tho’ silent all Day – We took tea & set the evening at Father Rodmans -John having gone to [Portsmouth](#) to stay the rest of the Week while we go to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, which we intend to do health & weather permitting.–

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 February 3, Tuesday: In Berlin, Carl Friedrich Zelter publicly announced that his student [Felix Mendelssohn](#) had completed his apprenticeship and called him to the world of independent composers (this was Felix’s 15th birthday).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 2nd M / This Morning got into the Stage with our frd David Buffum & rode to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, we had a pleasant ride & arrived there in season, he



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*going to lodge at Dorcas Browns & I went out to my old friend
Moses Browns where as usual I was kindly rec'd. –*

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February 4, Wednesday: There is now an allegation all over the internet, that on this day Boston inventor “J.W. Goodrich” introduced “rubber galoshes” to the public. I do not have any information that corroborates that this person “J.W. Goodrich” actually existed, and I do not have any information that corroborates that anything interesting happened during this year in regard to rubber galoshes, either in Boston or elsewhere. Galoshes had been in use long prior to this year, made sometimes of rubberized cloth, and I think it was only long afterward that the name came to be spelled “galoshes” rather than “goloshes,” as in Hans Christian Anderson’s 1838 story “The Goloshes of Fortune.” If you desire to believe this internet story, please do come up with some corroborating details — such as what the initials “J.W.” were supposed to stand for plus a birth date and a death date for said inventor, or such as an actual period advertisement for said product.

L’ajo nell’imbarazzo, a melodramma giocoso by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Ferretti after Giraud, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Valle, Rome.

There is still in existence at Cornell Library a document bearing this date. It is a “revocation of snuff,” made out by Martha Stanton. The document mentioned that she was a daughter of Stephen and Mary Wanton and the wife of John Stanton, and was witnessed by John Stanton Gould.

In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*Our Select Meeting on 4th day was a Solemn favourd time, in which
Micajah Collins & several others bore impressive testimonies
& Anne A Jenkins in humble reverend supplication. –*

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February 5, Thursday: In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*The Meeting at large on 5th day was a time of deep suffering on
acct of Benj Rodman who occupied nearly the whole time in
spurious burdensome communication, at three times standing,
& little else was said. – the buisness in the last meeting went
on pretty well –*

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February 6, Friday: In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*On Sixth day I spent nearly the whole time at the Boarding School
with the committee in hard & exercising service, the subject of
Superintendents being discussed - - -*

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February 7, Saturday: Die beiden Neffen oder Der Onkel aus Boston, a singspiel by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) to words of Casper, was performed for the initial time, before a small invited audience at the Mendelssohn residence in Berlin.

After arriving home in [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would write in his journal:

Seventh day Morning we took the Stage & rode [from [Providence](#)] to [Bristol](#) ferry, from whence I walked to Uncle Saml Thurstons, D B. having his chaise sent for him from the latter place I rode into Town with him & am Thankful to be at home this evening, having to acknowledge, favour & enlargement since my absence. –

The beginning of the “Hardscrabble” rioting in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) (mobs of white citizens protected by the police while they destroyed the homes of black citizens: urban gentrification through ethnic cleansing). From the diary of George F. Jencks, a white man of Pawtucket, we learn: “A gang of Ruffins toar down & Destroyed the Negro house on the hill this evening.”

Information that is more to the point, about this racism that would culminate in October with a white mob pretending to have been provoked by unwillingness of some black men to step down into the street off the sidewalk to allow them to pass –provoked to the point of tearing apart some 20 black homes in a district off North Main Street known variously as “Addison’s Hollow” and as “Hardscrabble”– may be obtained from the late-life autobiography of [William J. Brown](#), then a 10-year-old observer.³⁶⁷

PAGES 50-51: The feeling against the colored people was very bitter. The colored people themselves were ignorant of the cause, unless it could be attributed to our condition, not having the means to raise themselves in the scale of wealth and affluence, consequently those who were evil disposed would offer abuse whenever they saw fit, and there was no chance for resentment or redress. Mobs were also the order of the day, and the poor colored people were the sufferers.

In the northwest part of the city was a place called Addison Hollow, but was nicknamed Hardscrabble. A great many colored people purchased land there, because it was some distance from town, and hence quite cheap. They put up small houses for themselves, and earned their living in various ways. They could be seen almost any time, with their saw-horse, standing, some on the Great Bridge, some on Shingle Bridge, and some on Mill Bridge, waiting for work. As hard coal was not known at that time (except Liverpool coal,) everybody used wood. Some men did jobs of gardening and farming.

A man named Addison built houses, and rented to any one who would give him his price. As he rented cheap, people of bad character hired of him, and these drew a class of bad men and women, so that the good were continually being molested, having no protection. At last disturbances became so common that they raised a mob, and drove many from their houses, then tore them down, took their furniture -what little they had- carried it to Pawtucket, and sold it at auction. This was done late in the fall. One colored man named Christopher Hall, a widower with

367. For further details you could consult a publication of the time, HARDSCRABBLE CALENDAR: REPORT OF THE TRIALS OF OLIVER CUMMINS, NATHANIEL G. METCALF, GILBERT HINES, AND ARTHUR FARRIER, published in Providence “for the purchaser” during 1824.

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Hard Scrabble,

OR MISS PHILISES BOBALITION

O Dear dear what can the de matter be,
 Dear, dear what can de matter be,
 Pomp gone so long from Phillis away ;
 He promise to buy me a damask and leghorn,
 A Plad and a Crape and Silk Tocking to put on,
 And a bunch of fine feather to dress my beaver so gay
 O Dear, dear, &c.

O, O, so peaceable late we lib in Hard Scrabble,
 'Till routed and driven away by the rabble,
 Who 'tack us like furies wid a high-diddle diddle !
 Demolish our dwelling, smash Bearrau and Cradle,
 My Gin Jug and Spider, my Potrait and Ladle,
 My Candlestand, Chairs, and poor Pompey's Fiddle.
 O Dear, dear, &c.

O! O! such a time I ncher before see,
 De Mobites come wizz ! like a flock of mad bumble bee
 Rip open my bed and scatter de fedder !
 Assail us wid Brick Bat, wid Crowbars and Shovels,
 And drove us poor wretches away from our hovels
 To seek shelter out door expose to de wether.
 O Dear, dear, &c.

Pomp and I had juss supt on a clam and eel custard,
 And just topping off wid desert of tase cheese & mustard
 When first salutation widout a forewarning—
 Ebery window was smash in, and, O, goody gui !
 Pomp leap from de table and cry ' Fly Phillis Fly,'
 Or we both shall be mutton'd before morrow morning.
 O Dear, dear, &c.

O, de next morning such condition our village,
 So late de scene of confusion, riot and pillage.
 O! it near broke de heart of my poor aged mother !
 De chimnies and walls were den totting or falling,
 Poor Cato's hut prop't up, and Cezer's lay sprawling,
 And curs' goody gui ! nothing left but de cellar !
 O Dear, dear, &c.

De mud Clay & brick dust lay so thick in Hard Scrabble
 I was 'blige hold up my skirt to prevent it from drabble
 And de fields for a mile was spread wid hen fether ;
 Here lay my new bedtick and dare Pompey's garter
 And my platter and Coffee Cup bury'd in Mortar,
 In miscurious ruin all lay together.
 O Dear, dear, &c.

Pomp has told me of Earthquakes Squall and Tornadoes
 Trenarners, Harricanes, Gusts and Valeuose,
 Of battle at sea, and battle on shore ;
 Of Turks and of Hottentots, Indians and Moors,
 Of Rygers and Crocodiles Lions and Bores,
 But he neber fyre saw such destruction before.
 O Dear, dear, &c.

Some few weeks arter some were reign for a trial,
 Dare were Peter and Moses and Jim and Abial,
 And some forty or tirty or twenty or so ;
 But de damage 'twas judge was by some shock of nature,
 Mr. Nobody did it ! O what a wile creature,
 So de court find um No Guilty and tell um to go.
 O dear what a Rogue Mr. Nobody.

Mr. Nobody, wretch ! some invisible d-r-l
 De biggest brick block in a moment he level
 See what he did bout tre months ago ;
 He demolish a bilding near four stories high,
 And level the whole in a twink of an eye,
 Pray who did it ! Why Nobody know.
 O dear, dear, &c.

I guess it best now for us brack folks be easy,
 And no longer live lives immoral and lazy,
 But gain honest living by sweat ob our brow ;
 Depend on't de white folk won't den trouble or 'tack us,
 But de good people of Providence will always respect us,
 As they are wont to respect all good people now.
 O dear, dear, &c.

So Miss Boston keep home your lazy black rabble,
 Nor compel them seek shelter again at Hard Scrabble,
 For every maggot should stick to be core ;
 For should they visit us gain they may find it foul wether
 We've plenty of Tar and de ground cover'd wid Fether
 And we've Pitch to pitch you all out of door.
 O dear, dear, &c.

So while Pomp earn a little by honest day labour,
 I'll wash and make soap for some of my neighbour,
 And lib by industry as honest folks do ;
 Pomp throw by your Fiddle & I'll smash de Gin Bottle
 And soon we'll be able to buildup our hovel
 And more steady course we both will pursue.
 O dear, dear, and so fort.

Sold Wholesale and Retail at No. 152, Ann-Street—Boston.



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three or four children, a pious man, bearing a good character, and supported himself and family by sawing wood, had his house torn down by the roughs and stripped of its contents. He drew the roof over the cellar, and lived in it all winter. The people tried in vain to coax him out, and offered him a house to live in. Many went to see the ruins, among them some white ladies, who offered to take his children and bring them up, but he would not let them go. In the spring following he went to Liberia, on the western coast of Africa. Not long after this there was another mob, commenced at the west end of Olney Street. Here were a number of houses built and owned by white men, and rented to any one, white or colored, who wanted to hire one or more rooms, rent payable weekly. Some of these places had bar-rooms, where liquors were dealt out, and places where they sold cakes, pies, doughnuts, etc. These they called cooky stands. In some houses dancing and fiddling was the order of the day. It soon became dangerous for one to pass through there in the day time that did not belong to their gang, or patronize them. Most all sailors who came into port would be introduced into Olney Street by some one who had an interest that way. I remember when a boy, passing up one day to my father's garden, which was on that street, in company with two other boys, looking at the people as we passed along. Some were sitting at the windows, some in their doorway, some singing, some laughing, some gossiping, some had their clay furnaces in front of their houses, cooking, and seeing us looking at them, said "What are you gawking at, you brats?" hurling a large stone at the same time, and we were obliged to run for our lives. This street had a correspondence with all the sailor boarding houses in town, and was sustained by their patronage. Vessels of every description were constantly entering our port, and sailing crafts were seen from the south side of the Great Bridge to India Point. It was the great shipping port of New England in those days, and although the smallest of all the States, Rhode Island was regarded as among the wealthiest, the Quakers occupying a large portion of the State.

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 February 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 2 M 1824 / Silent Meetings & to me poor low seasons - the first was as well attended as common, but the Afternoon very small in consequence of the Walking -

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 February 9, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th of 2 M / "Distressed but not in despair" but the present times seems as much like both, as any thing that has been known for some time. - Last night after I had gone up stairs to go to bed, I was called down by J Williams & consulted about the proper steps for him to take relative to the affairs of the



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Williams's, who it appears was broke upon, & theirs, & their late Fathers effects attached, but my limited knowledge of such proceedings rendered my assistance useless. -- It appears this Morning & today, that their affairs are in a miserable condition, that they are greatly involved & that many are likely to suffer by them. - this casts a gloom on all around, but things are as they are, & it is out of the power of any one to do much to make them better

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 February 12, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 2 M 1824 / a small meeting & silent, the walking very bad & several of our friends are indisposed with colds. - Many are distressed with late events, their countenances are heac & mine is among the number. -

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 February 15, Sunday: Following the new principle of nomination just tested a few years earlier by Andrew Jackson, the legislature of the home state of Secretary of State John Quincy Adams nominated their favorite son to run for the office of President of the United States of America. Objections to such a nomination procedure, such as that it would provide greater power to large states than to small states, had begun to be ignored.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) has an epileptic seizure.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 2nd M 1824 / Silent meetings & seasons of mental labour In the evening visited Abigail Robinson. -

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 February 19, Thursday: Rochester, New York's first bank, the Bank of Rochester, was chartered.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 2 M / Silent Meeting again, it was a solid meeting & attended by nearly all our members who are in health to attend. -

In the last Preparative, My cousin Joseph Greene requested a certificate to proceed in Marriage with Sarah Collins - At the age of 64 Years seems late in life to enter into a connection of that kind for the first time, but in his situation, the saying "better late than never" may well apply

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 February 22, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 2 M / Very Stormy day, small meetings & silent -& to me low poor times - except towards the close of the



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Afternoon sitting a little life sprung up –

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 February 25, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 2nd M / This forenoon I was innoculated for the Kine Pock by Doctor Dunn - this is the third time the experiment has been tried on me, the two former ones, appearing to have been unsuccessful producing no symptoms nor sore Arm, larger than a pins head, yet I find a small scar from one of the incisions - the Small pox being now prevalent, & very mortal in some places, is an inducement to try again & if possible rescue myself from so serious & destructive malady to mankind. -

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 February 26, Thursday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) received a petition by 30 musicians, publishers, and other admirers, requesting a performance of his newest works.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 2 M / For several days & particularly yesterday I have been quite unwell with a hevy cold, some fever & a rheumatic pain in my knee which was very tedious last night - which prevents my attendance of our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in [Portsmouth](#) - My heart is with my friends now assembled there, to transact the weighty & important concerns of the Church. but such was the situation of my health that I could not think it prudent to go. -
Yesterday Afternoon we had the company of Wm R Thurston of NYork to tea & a call from him this morning - He is here on buisness expecting to leave for home this Afternoon or tomorrow -*

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 February 29, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 2nd M 1824 / Our Morning meeting was larger than usual a solemn quiet opportunity, & our frd David Buffum much engaged to invite the people to a serious attention to things which make for peace, instancing Martha & Mary - the former being much cumbered & the latter choosing the good part -I have heard him many times, greatly to the edification of the Meeting, but perhaps never more in gospel Authority. - In the Afternoon we were silent & as usual small

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 March 3, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 3rd M 1824 / Our friend Isaac Stevenson from England was at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting today - & is this evening at David Buffums where I went to see him Br Dodman taking Richard, R's Mary & John along with us. -



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He seems to be a friend of the true stamp, his company was very pleasant & rendered more so, being a particular & intimate acquaintance of my frd & correspondent Thos Thompson of Liverpool. – He is to be at our Meeting tomorrow & Dines with us. –

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 March 4, Thursday: The “[National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck](#)” was founded in the United Kingdom, to be renamed in 1858 The Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 3 M / At meeting, which was attended by many besides our own members, Isaac Stevenson was engaged in very acceptable testimony - at the close of it a meeting was appointed at 6 OC in the evening, the Middle & Winter apartments of the House were filled & the Gospel was preached in the demonstrations & power of it, greatly to the satisfaction & I have no doubt to the edification of Many of the Auditory, who were very still & reverently attendtive – Isaac Dined with us, with his Companion Saml Wood, They took tea at Father Rodmans, & lodge tonight at J Dennis’s who waits on them to [Bristol](#) & [Warren](#) tomorrow where they intend to Appoint Meetings.–

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 March 7, Sunday: Il crociato in Egitto, a melodramma eroico by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Rossi, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice.

Florida relocated its capital from St. Augustine to Tallahassee.

Prince Louis-Philippe sponsored a concert by Franz Liszt before a large and illustrious audience in the Theatre-Italien, Paris. The reviewer of Le Drapeau wrote that he had been “convinced that the soul and spirit of [Mozart](#) have passed into the body of young Liszt.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 3 M / Meetings as well attended as usual & both silent. –

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 March 11, Thursday: An [Office of Indian Affairs](#) was organized, within the Department of War of the US of course, with Ely S. Parker, a member of the Seneca tribe, as its initial director. (This bureau would not be transferred to the Department of the Interior until 1849, and would not become the Bureau of Indian Affairs until 1947.)

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 3 M / Being quite unwell part of yesterday & last night from the effect of Medicine I am unfit to be at Meeting today



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It hardly seemed as if I should add much to the weight of the Meeting if I had gone – but have been favoured with some precious feelings while sitting alone in my shop – for which I desire to be thankful

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 March 14, Sunday: Franz Schubert's String Quartet D.804 was performed for the initial time, in the Hall of the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 3 M 1824 / Meeting (save a short offering) was silent in the Morning. – In the Afternoon Jonathon & Hannah Dennis both had a little to say, but both Meetings were low times, the seed was low & under suffering. –

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 March 18, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 3 M / My mind in the forepart of the Meeting was favoured with a little life, but I have been a long time poor & low. – O Lord, help, help. –

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

At last all is settled. Monsieur Pascault is disgusted with the behaviour of the Archbishop, and has written to him to the effect that he will entirely dispense with the services of the Church of Rome, that his daughter will be married in the Protestant Church. He added that a wife's first duty was to obey her husband.

 March 21, Sunday: In Cairo, [Egypt](#), a fire broke out, perhaps in the palace of Mehemet Ali near the arsenal, and spread. At about sunset a magazine of gunpowder exploded with a shock that was felt throughout the city. Fearing further explosions, a number of notables took shelter at the British consulate of Henry Salt, while other city residents fled to the western Nile and into surrounding gardens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 3rd M / Both Meetings silent the Afternoon was a season of some favour, for which I desire to be thankful & bow in humility before Him who dispenceth all good, & that often by giving us a sense of our wants [deficiencies]. – As we came home from Meeting in the Afternoon I rec'd a letter from our frd [Moses Brown](#) dated 18th inst giving an acct of P Hunt & supposing it would be agreeable to David Buffum I immediately sent John out to his house to carry it for his perusal – Sister Ruth took tea with us –after which we all spent the evening at Cousin Henry Goulds.–

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 March 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 3 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was about as large as usual, the first meeting was silent – In the last there was considerable buisness in the usual way, & nothing out of the usual course, tho' some of it was of an exercising nature. – Our Company at Dinner were S Fowler, E Lawton, P Lawton Z Chase G Dennis L Dennis

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 March 27, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27th of 3rd M / This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Aunt Stanton & took John along to spent a little time with Cousin B Marshall & his son John who arrived from NYork Last night & went out this morning – First Day Walked from Uncle Stantons to Meeting, Benj Marshall in company - Uncle Aunt & my John rode in the Waggon. – It was to me a good Meeting & a pretty good day, tho' low in feelings – Mary Hicks preached a little in a solid weighty manner - & Ruth Freeborn was engaged in a lively pertinent testimony – In the Afternoon Br Isaac came out to Uncle Stantons with whom I rode home, & left John & David as company for John Marshall. – Found Thos Hornsby no better & Aunt Nancy Carpenter quite unwell. –

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 April 1, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 4th M 1824 / Meeting rather small, but silent & comfortable Some of the Worthies absent at [New Bedford](#) Quarterly Meeting this Day held. –

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At Hartford, Connecticut, Eli Todd opened the doors of the Connecticut Retreat for the Insane for its 1st patients. The name and philosophy of treatment of this institution was to be patterned after the humane practices of the York Retreat in England. This institution is now known as the Institute of Living.³⁶⁸

PSYCHOLOGY

A board was chosen to study the feasibility of a [canal](#) from the Susquehanna River to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Early on during the 1823/1824 session of the federal Congress, a bill had been introduced into the House of Representatives to comprehensively revise the acts pertaining to duties on imports, in order more fully to protect domestic producers. The bill had become the subject of a protracted debate engaging the talent of both political parties. Mr. Webster had taken an active part in that discussion, but the friends of the bill had not been able, or had been unwilling, to put it into a condition in which Webster would support it. Speaker of the House Henry Clay having addressed the representatives sitting as a Committee of the Whole on March 30/31, on this day it was the turn of Representative [Daniel Webster](#).³⁶⁹

MR. CHAIRMAN, – I will avail myself of the present occasion to make some remarks on certain principles and opinions which have been recently advanced, and on those considerations which, in my judgment, ought to govern us in deciding upon the several and respective parts of this very important and complex measure. I can truly say that this is a painful duty. I deeply regret the necessity which is likely to be imposed upon me of giving a general affirmative or negative vote on the whole of the bill. I cannot but think this mode of proceeding liable to great objections. It exposes both those who support and those who oppose the measure to very unjust and injurious misapprehensions. There may be good reasons for favoring some of the provisions of the bill, and equally strong reasons for opposing others; and these provisions do not stand to each other in the relation of principal and incident. If that were the case, those who are in favor of the principal might forego their opinions upon incidental and subordinate provisions. But the bill proposes enactments entirely distinct and different from one another in character and tendency. Some of its clauses are intended merely for revenue; and of those which regard the protection of home manufactures, one part stands upon very different grounds from those of other parts. So that probably every gentleman who may ultimately support the bill will vote for much which his judgment does not approve; and those who oppose it will oppose something which they would very gladly support.

Being intrusted with the interests of a district highly commercial, and deeply interested in manufactures also, I wish to state my opinions on the present measure, not as on a whole, for it has no entire and homogeneous character, but as on a collection of different enactments, some of which meet my approbation and some of which do not.

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And allow me, Sir, in the first place, to state my regret, if indeed I ought not to express a warmer sentiment, at the names or designations which Mr. Speaker³⁷⁰ has seen fit to adopt for the purpose of describing the advocates and the opposers of the present bill. It is a question, he says, between the friends of an "American policy" and those of a "foreign policy." This, Sir, is an assumption which I take the liberty most directly to deny. Mr. Speaker certainly intended nothing invidious or derogatory to any part of the House by this mode of denominating friends and enemies. But there is power in names, and this manner of distinguishing those who favor and those who oppose particular measures may lead to inferences to which no member of the House can submit. It may imply that there is a more exclusive and peculiar regard to American interests in one class of opinions than in another. Such an implication is to be resisted and repelled. Every member has a right to the presumption, that he pursues what he believes to be the interest of his country with as sincere a zeal as any other member. I claim this in my own case; and while I shall not, for any purpose of description or convenient arrangement use terms which may imply any disrespect to other men's opinions, much less any imputation upon other men's motives, it is my duty to take care that the use of such terms by others be not, against the will of those who adopt them, made to produce a false impression.

Indeed, Sir, it is a little astonishing, if it seemed convenient to Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of distinction, to make use of the terms "American policy" and "foreign policy," that he should not have applied them in a manner precisely the reverse of that in which he has in fact used them. If names are thought necessary, it would be well enough, one would think, that the name should be in some measure descriptive of the thing; and since Mr. Speaker denominates the policy which he recommends "a new policy in this country"; since he speaks of the present measure as a new era in our legislation; since he professes to invite us to depart from our accustomed course, to instruct ourselves by the wisdom of others, and to adopt the policy of the most distinguished foreign states, — one is a little curious to know with what propriety of speech this imitation of other nations is denominated an "American policy," while, on the contrary, a preference for our own established system, as it now actually exists and always has existed, is called a "foreign policy." This favorite American policy is what America has never tried; and this odious foreign policy is what, as we are told, foreign states have never pursued. Sir, that is the truest American policy which shall most usefully employ American capital and American labor, and best sustain the whole population. With me it is a fundamental axiom, it is interwoven with all my opinions, that the great interests of the country are united and inseparable; that agriculture, commerce, and manufactures will prosper together or languish together; and that all legislation is dangerous which proposes to benefit one of these without looking to consequences which may fall on the others.

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Passing from this, Sir, I am bound to say that Mr. Speaker began his able and impressive speech at the proper point of inquiry, – I mean the present state and condition of the country, – although I am so unfortunate, or rather although I am so happy, as to differ from him very widely in regard to that condition. I dissent entirely from the justice of that picture of distress which he has drawn. I have not seen the reality, and know not where it exists. Within my observation, there is no cause for so gloomy and terrifying a representation. In respect to the New England States, with the condition of which I am of course best acquainted, the present appears to me a period of very general prosperity. Not, indeed, a time for sudden acquisition and great profits, not a day of extraordinary activity and successful speculation. There is no doubt a considerable depression of prices, and, in some degree, a stagnation of business. But the case presented by Mr. Speaker was not one of **depression**, but of **distress**; of universal, pervading, intense distress, limited to no class and to no place. We are represented as on the very verge and brink of national ruin. So far from acquiescing in these opinions, I believe there has been no period in which the general prosperity was better secured, or rested on a more solid foundation. As applicable to the Eastern States, I put this remark to their representatives, and ask them if it is not true. When has there been a time in which the means of living have been more accessible and more abundant? When has labor been rewarded, I do not say with a larger, but with a more certain success? Profits, indeed, are low; in some pursuits of life, which it is not proposed to benefit, but to **burden**, by this bill, very low. But still I am unacquainted with any proofs of extraordinary distress. What, indeed, are the general indications of the state of the country? There is no famine nor pestilence in the land, nor war, nor desolation. There is no writhing under the burden of taxation. The means of subsistence are abundant; and at the very moment when the miserable condition of the country is asserted, it is admitted that the wages of labor are high in comparison with those of any other country. A country, then, enjoying a profound peace, perfect civil liberty, with the means of subsistence cheap and abundant, with the reward of labor sure, and its wages higher than anywhere else, cannot be represented as in gloom, melancholy, and distress, but by the effort of extraordinary powers of tragedy. Even if, in judging of this question, we were to regard only those proofs to which we have been referred, we shall probably come to a conclusion somewhat different from that which has been drawn. Our exports, for example, although certainly less than in some years, were not, last year, so much below an average formed upon the exports of a series of years, and putting those exports at a fixed value, as might be supposed. The value of the exports of agricultural products, of animals, of the products of the forest and of the sea, together with gunpowder, spirits, and sundry unenumerated articles, amounted in the several years to the following sums, viz.: –

In 1790, \$27,716,152



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1804,	33,842,316
1807,	38,465,854

Coming up now to our own times, and taking the exports of the years 1821, 1822, and 1823, of the same articles and products, at the same prices, they stand thus: -

In 1821,	\$45,643,175
1822,	48,782,295
1823,	55,863,491

Mr. Speaker has taken the very extraordinary year of 1803, and, adding to the exportation of that year what he thinks ought to have been a just augmentation, in proportion to the increase of our population, he swells the result to a magnitude, which, when compared with our actual exports, would exhibit a great deficiency. But is there any justice in this mode of calculation? In the first place, as before observed, the year 1803 was a year of extraordinary exportation. By reference to the accounts, that of the article of flour, for example, there was an export that year of thirteen hundred thousand barrels; but the very next year it fell to eight hundred thousand, and the next year to seven hundred thousand. In the next place, there never was any reason to expect that the increase of our exports of agricultural products would keep pace with the increase of our population. That would be against all experience. It is, indeed, most desirable, that there should be an augmented demand for the products of agriculture; but, nevertheless, the official returns of our exports do not show that absolute want of all foreign market which has been so strongly stated.

But there are other means by which to judge of the general condition of the people. The quantity of the means of subsistence consumed, or, to make use of a phraseology better suited to the condition of our own people, the quantity of the comforts of life enjoyed, is one of those means. It so happens, indeed, that it is not so easy in this country as elsewhere to ascertain facts of this sort with accuracy. Where most of the articles of subsistence and most of the comforts of life are taxed, there is, of course, great facility in ascertaining, from official statements, the amount of consumption. But in this country, most fortunately, the government neither knows, nor is concerned to know, the annual consumption; and estimates can only be formed in another mode, and in reference only to a few articles. Of these articles, tea is one. It is not quite a luxury, and yet is something above the absolute necessities of life. Its consumption, therefore, will be diminished in times of adversity, and augmented in times of prosperity. By deducting the annual export from the annual import, and taking a number of years together, we may arrive at a probable estimate of consumption. The average of eleven years, from 1790 to 1800, inclusive, will be found to be two millions and a half of pounds. From 1801 to 1812, inclusive, the average was three millions seven hundred thousand; and the average of the last three years, to wit, 1821, 1822, and 1823, was five millions and a half. Having made a just allowance for the increase of our numbers,



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we shall still find, I think, from these statements, that there is no distress which has limited our means of subsistence and enjoyment.

In forming an opinion of the degree of general prosperity, we may regard, likewise, the progress of internal improvements, the investment of capital in roads, bridges, and canals. All these prove a balance of income over expenditure; they afford evidence that there is a surplus of profits, which the present generation is usefully vesting for the benefit of the next. It cannot be denied, that, in this particular, the progress of the country is steady and rapid.

We may look, too, to the sums expended for education. Are our colleges deserted? Do fathers find themselves less able than usual to educate their children? It will be found, I imagine, that the amount paid for the purpose of education is constantly increasing, and that the schools and colleges were never more full than at the present moment. I may add, that the endowment of public charities, the contributions to objects of general benevolence, whether foreign or domestic, the munificence of individuals towards whatever promises to benefit the community, are all so many proofs of national prosperity. And, finally, there is no defalcation of revenue, no pressure of taxation.

The general result, therefore, of a fair examination of the present condition of things, seems to me to be, that there is a considerable depression of prices, and curtailment of profit; and in some parts of the country, it must be admitted, there is a great degree of pecuniary embarrassment, arising from the difficulty of paying debts which were contracted when prices were high. With these qualifications, the general state of the country may be said to be prosperous; and these are not sufficient to give to the whole face of affairs any appearance of general distress.

Supposing the evil, then, to be a depression of prices, and a partial pecuniary pressure, the next inquiry is into the causes of that evil; and it appears to me that there are several; and in this respect, I think, too much has been imputed by Mr. Speaker to the single cause of the diminution of exports. Connected, as we are, with all the commercial nations of the world, and having observed great changes to take place elsewhere, we should consider whether the causes of those changes have not reached us, and whether we are not suffering by the operation of them, in common with others. Undoubtedly, there has been a great fall in the price of all commodities throughout the commercial world, in consequence of the restoration of a state of peace. When the Allies entered France in 1814, prices rose astonishingly fast, and very high. Colonial produce, for instance, in the ports of this country, as well as elsewhere, sprung up suddenly from the lowest to the highest extreme. A new and vast demand was created for the commodities of trade. These were the natural consequences of the great political changes which then took place in Europe.

We are to consider, too, that our own war created new demand, and that a government expenditure of twenty-five or thirty million dollars a year had the usual effect of enhancing prices.



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We are obliged to add, that the paper issues of our banks carried the same effect still further. A depreciated currency existed in a great part of the country; depreciated to such an extent, that, at one time, exchange between the centre and the North was as high as twenty per cent. The Bank of the United States was instituted to correct this evil; but, for causes which it is not necessary now to enumerate, it did not for some years bring back the currency of the country to a sound state. This depreciation of the circulating currency was so much, of course, added to the nominal prices of commodities, and these prices, thus unnaturally high, seemed, to those who looked only at the appearance, to indicate great prosperity. But such prosperity is more specious than real. It would have been better, probably, as the shock would have been less, if prices had fallen sooner. At length, however, they fell; and as there is little doubt that certain events in Europe had an influence in determining the time at which this fall took place, I will advert shortly to some of the principal of those events.

In May, 1819, the British House of Commons decided, by a unanimous vote, that the resumption of cash payments by the Bank of England should not be deferred beyond the ensuing February. The restriction had been continued from time to time, and from year to year, Parliament always professing to look to the restoration of a specie currency whenever it should be found practicable. Having been, in July, 1818, continued to July, 1819, it was understood that, in the interim, the important question of the time at which cash payments should be resumed should be finally settled. In the latter part of the year 1818, the circulation of the bank had been greatly reduced, and a severe scarcity of money was felt in the London market. Such was the state of things in England. On the Continent, other important events took place. The French Indemnity Loan had been negotiated in the summer of 1818, and the proportion of it belonging to Austria, Russia, and Prussia had been sold. This created an unusual demand for gold and silver in those countries. It has been stated, that the amount of the precious metals transmitted to Austria and Russia in that year was at least twenty millions sterling. Other large sums were sent to Prussia and to Denmark. The effect of this sudden drain of specie, felt first at Paris, was communicated to Amsterdam and Hamburg, and all other commercial places in the North of Europe. The paper system of England had certainly communicated an artificial value to property. It had encouraged speculation, and excited over-trading. When the shock therefore came, and this violent pressure for money acted at the same moment on the Continent and in England, inflated and unnatural prices could be kept up no longer. A reduction took place, which has been estimated to have been at least equal to a fall of thirty, if not forty per cent. The depression was universal; and the change was felt in the United States severely, though not equally so in every part. There are those, I am aware, who maintain that the events to which I have alluded did not cause the great fall of prices, but that that fall was natural and inevitable, from the previously existing state of things, the abundance of



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commodities, and the want of demand. But that would only prove that the effect was produced in another way, rather than by another cause. If these great and sudden calls for money did not reduce prices, but prices fell, as of themselves, to their natural state, still the result is the same; for we perceive that, after these new calls for money, prices could not be kept longer at their unnatural height.

About the time of these foreign events, our own bank system underwent a change; and all these causes, in my view of the subject, concurred to produce the great shock which took place in our commercial cities, and in many parts of the country. The year 1819 was a year of numerous failures, and very considerable distress, and would have furnished far better grounds than exist at present for that gloomy representation of our condition which has been presented. Mr. Speaker has alluded to the strong inclination which exists, or has existed, in various parts of the country, to issue paper money, as a proof of great existing difficulties. I regard it rather as a very productive cause of those difficulties; and the committee will not fail to observe, that there is, at this moment, much the loudest complaint of distress precisely where there has been the greatest attempt to relieve it by systems of paper credit. And, on the other hand, content, prosperity, and happiness are most observable in those parts of the country where there has been the least endeavor to administer relief by law. In truth, nothing is so baneful, so utterly ruinous to all true industry, as interfering with the legal value of money, or attempting to raise artificial standards to supply its place. Such remedies suit well the spirit of extravagant speculation, but they sap the very foundation of all honest acquisition. By weakening the security of property, they take away all motive for exertion. Their effect is to transfer property. Whenever a debt is allowed to be paid by any thing less valuable than the legal currency in respect to which it was contracted, the difference between the value of the paper given in payment and the legal currency is precisely so much property taken from one man and given to another, by legislative enactment.

When we talk, therefore, of protecting industry, let us remember that the first measure for that end is to secure it in its earnings; to assure it that it shall receive its own. Before we invent new modes of raising prices, let us take care that existing prices are not rendered wholly unavailable, by making them capable of being paid in depreciated paper. I regard, Sir, this issue of irredeemable paper as the most prominent and deplorable cause of whatever pressure still exists in the country; and, further, I would put the question to the members of this committee, whether it is not from that part of the people who have tried this paper system, and tried it to their cost, that this bill receives the most earnest support? And I cannot forbear to ask, further, whether this support does not proceed rather from a general feeling of uneasiness under the present condition of things, than from the clear perception of any benefit which the measure itself can confer? Is not all expectation of advantage centred in a sort of vague hope, that



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change may produce relief? Debt certainly presses hardest where prices have been longest kept up by artificial means. They find the shock lightest who take it soonest; and I fully believe that, if those parts of the country which now suffer most had not augmented the force of the blow by deferring it, they would have now been in a much better condition than they are. We may assure ourselves, once for all, Sir, that there can be no such thing as payment of debts by legislation. We may abolish debts indeed; we may transfer property by visionary and violent laws. But we deceive both ourselves and our constituents, if we flatter either ourselves or them with the hope that there is any relief against whatever pressure exists, but in economy and industry. The depression of prices and the stagnation of business have been in truth the necessary result of circumstances. No government could prevent them, and no government can altogether relieve the people from their effect. We have enjoyed a day of extraordinary prosperity; we had been neutral while the world was at war, and had found a great demand for our products, our navigation, and our labor. We had no right to expect that that state of things would continue always. With the return of peace, foreign nations would struggle for themselves, and enter into competition with us in the great objects of pursuit. Now, Sir, what is the remedy for existing evils? What is the course of policy suited to our actual condition? Certainly it is not our wisdom to adopt any system that may be offered to us, without examination, and in the blind hope that whatever changes our condition may improve it. It is better that we should

"bear those ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of."

We are bound to see that there is a fitness and an aptitude in whatever measures may be recommended to relieve the evils that afflict us; and before we adopt a system that professes to make great alterations, it is our duty to look carefully to each leading interest of the community, and see how it may probably be affected by our proposed legislation.

And, in the first place, what is the condition of our commerce? Here we must clearly perceive, that it is not enjoying that rich harvest which fell to its fortune during the continuance of the European wars. It has been greatly depressed, and limited to small profits. Still, it is elastic and active, and seems capable of recovering itself in some measure from its depression. The shipping interest, also, has suffered severely, still more severely, probably, than commerce. If any thing should strike us with astonishment, it is that the navigation of the United States should be able to sustain itself. Without any government protection whatever, it goes abroad to challenge competition with the whole world; and, in spite of all obstacles, it has yet been able to maintain eight hundred thousand tons in the employment of foreign trade. How, Sir, do the ship-owners and navigators accomplish this? How is it that they are able to meet, and in some measure overcome, universal competition? It is not, Sir, by protection and bounties: but by unwearied exertion, by extreme economy, by unshaken



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perseverance, by that manly and resolute spirit which relies on itself to protect itself. These causes alone enable American ships still to keep their element, and show the flag of their country in distant seas. The rates of insurance may teach us how thoroughly our ships are built, and how skilfully and safely they are navigated. Risks are taken, as I learn, from the United States to Liverpool, at one per cent; and from the United States to Canton and back, as low as three per cent. But when we look to the low rate of freight, and when we consider, also, that the articles entering into the composition of a ship, with the exception of wood, are dearer here than in other countries, we cannot but be utterly surprised that the shipping interest has been able to sustain itself at all. I need not say that the navigation of the country is essential to its honor and its defence. Yet, instead of proposing benefits for it in this hour of its depression, we threaten by this measure to lay upon it new and heavy burdens. In the discussion, the other day, of that provision of the bill which proposes to tax tallow for the benefit of the oil-merchants and whalemens, we had the pleasure of hearing eloquent eulogiums upon that portion of our shipping employed in the whale-fishery, and strong statements of its importance to the public interest. But the same bill proposes a severe tax upon that interest, for the benefit of the iron-manufacturer and the hemp-grower. So that the tallow-chandlers and soapboilers are sacrificed to the oil-merchants, in order that these again may contribute to the manufacturers of iron and the growers of hemp.

If such be the state of our commerce and navigation, what is the condition of our home manufactures? How are they amidst the general depression? Do they need further protection? and if any, how much? On all these points, we have had much general statement, but little precise information. In the very elaborate speech of Mr. Speaker, we are not supplied with satisfactory grounds of judging with respect to these various particulars. Who can tell, from any thing yet before the committee, whether the proposed duty be too high or too low on any one article? Gentlemen tell us, that they are in favor of domestic industry; so am I. They would give it protection; so would I. But then all domestic industry is not confined to manufactures. The employments of agriculture, commerce, and navigation are all branches of the same domestic industry; they all furnish employment for American capital and American labor. And when the question is, whether new duties shall be laid, for the purpose of giving further encouragement to particular manufactures, every reasonable man must ask himself, both whether the proposed new encouragement be necessary, and whether it can be given without injustice to other branches of industry.

It is desirable to know, also, somewhat more distinctly, how the proposed means will produce the intended effect. One great object proposed, for example, is the increase of the home market for the consumption of agricultural products. This certainly is much to be desired; but what provisions of the bill are expected wholly or principally to produce this, is not stated. I would not deny that some increase of the home market may follow, from



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the adoption of this bill, but all its provisions have not an equal tendency to produce this effect. Those manufactures which employ most labor, create, of course, most demand for articles of consumption; and those create least in the production of which capital and skill enter as the chief ingredients of cost. I cannot, Sir, take this bill merely because a committee has recommended it. I cannot espouse a side, and fight under a flag. I wholly repel the idea that we must take this law, or pass no law on the subject. What should hinder us from exercising our own judgments upon these provisions, singly and severally? Who has the power to place us, or why should we place ourselves, in a condition where we cannot give to every measure, that is distinct and separate in itself, a separate and distinct consideration? Sir, I presume no member of the committee will withhold his assent from what he thinks right, until others will yield their assent to what they think wrong. There are many things in this bill acceptable, probably, to the general sense of the House. Why should not these provisions be passed into a law, and others left to be decided upon their own merits, as a majority of the House shall see fit? To some of these provisions I am myself decidedly favorable; to others I have great objections; and I should have been very glad of an opportunity of giving my own vote distinctly on propositions which are, in their own nature, essentially and substantially distinct from one another.

But, Sir, before expressing my own opinion upon the several provisions of this bill, I will advert for a moment to some other general topics. We have heard much of the policy of England, and her example has been repeatedly urged upon us, as proving, not only the expediency of encouragement and protection, but of exclusion and direct prohibition also. I took occasion the other day to remark, that more liberal notions were becoming prevalent on this subject; that the policy of restraints and prohibitions was getting out of repute, as the true nature of commerce became better understood; and that, among public men, those most distinguished were most decided in their reprobation of the broad principle of exclusion and prohibition. Upon the truth of this representation, as matter of fact, I supposed there could not be two opinions among those who had observed the progress of political sentiment in other countries, and were acquainted with its present state. In this respect, however, it would seem that I was greatly mistaken. We have heard it again and again declared, that the English government still adheres, with immovable firmness, to its old doctrines of prohibition; that although journalists, theorists, and scientific writers advance other doctrines, yet the practical men, the legislators, the government of the country, are too wise to follow them. It has even been most sagaciously hinted, that the promulgation of liberal opinions on these subjects is intended only to delude other governments, to cajole them into the folly of liberal ideas, while England retains to herself all the benefits of the admirable old system of prohibition. We have heard from Mr. Speaker a warm commendation of the complex mechanism of this system. The British empire, it is said, is, in the first place,



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to be protected against the rest of the world; then the British Isles against the colonies; next, the isles respectively against each other, England herself, as the heart of the empire, being protected most of all, and against all.

Truly, Sir, it appears to me that Mr. Speaker's imagination has seen system, and order, and beauty, in that which is much more justly considered as the result of ignorance, partiality, or violence. This part of English legislation has resulted, partly from considering Ireland as a conquered country, partly from the want of a complete union, even with Scotland, and partly from the narrow views of colonial regulation, which in early and uninformed periods influenced the European states.

Nothing, I imagine, would strike the public men of England more singularly, than to find gentlemen of real information and much weight in the councils of this country expressing sentiments like these, in regard to the existing state of these English laws. I have never said, indeed, that prohibitory laws do not exist in England; we all know they do; but the question is, Does she owe her prosperity and greatness to these laws? I venture to say, that such is not the opinion of public men now in England, and the continuance of the laws, even without any alteration, would not be evidence that their opinion is different from what I have represented it; because the laws having existed long, and great interests having been built up on the faith of them, they cannot now be repealed without great and overwhelming inconvenience. Because a thing has been wrongly done, it does not therefore follow that it can now be undone; and this is the reason, as I understand it, for which exclusion, prohibition, and monopoly are suffered to remain in any degree in the English system; and for the same reason, it will be wise in us to take our measures, on all subjects of this kind, with great caution. We may not be able, but at the hazard of much injury to individuals, hereafter to retrace our steps. And yet, whatever is extravagant or unreasonable is not likely to endure. There may come a moment of strong reaction; and if no moderation be shown in laying on duties, there may be as little scruple in taking them off.

It may be here observed, that there is a broad and marked distinction between entire prohibition and reasonable encouragement. It is one thing, by duties or taxes on foreign articles, to awaken a home competition in the production of the same articles; it is another thing to remove all competition by a total exclusion of the foreign article; and it is quite another thing still, by total prohibition, to raise up at home manufactures not suited to the climate, the nature of the country, or the state of the population. These are substantial distinctions, and although it may not be easy in every case to determine which of them applies to a given article, yet the distinctions themselves exist, and in most cases will be sufficiently clear to indicate the true course of policy; and, unless I have greatly mistaken the prevailing sentiment in the councils of England, it grows every day more and more favorable to the diminution of restrictions, and to the wisdom of leaving much (I do not say every thing, for that would not be true) to



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the enterprise and the discretion of individuals. I should certainly not have taken up the time of the committee to state at any length the opinions of other governments, or of the public men of other countries, upon a subject like this; but an occasional remark made by me the other day, having been so directly controverted, especially by Mr. Speaker, in his observations yesterday, I must take occasion to refer to some proofs of what I have stated.

What, then, is the state of English opinion? Everybody knows that, after the termination of the late European war, there came a time of great pressure in England. Since her example has been quoted, let it be asked in what mode her government sought relief. Did it aim to maintain artificial and unnatural prices? Did it maintain a swollen and extravagant paper circulation? Did it carry further the laws of prohibition and exclusion? Did it draw closer the cords of colonial restraint? No, Sir, but precisely the reverse. Instead of relying on legislative contrivances and artificial devices, it trusted to the enterprise and industry of the people, which it sedulously sought to excite, not by imposing restraint, but by removing it, wherever its removal was practicable. In May, 1820, the attention of the government having been much turned to the state of foreign trade, a distinguished member³⁷¹ of the House of Peers brought forward a Parliamentary motion upon that subject, followed by an ample discussion and a full statement of his own opinions. In the course of his remarks, he observed, "that there ought to be no prohibitory duties as such; for that it was evident, that, where a manufacture could not be carried on, or a production raised, but under the protection of a prohibitory duty, that manufacture, or that produce, could not be brought to market but at a loss. In his opinion, the name of strict prohibition might, therefore, in commerce, be got rid of altogether; but he did not see the same objection to protecting duties, which, while they admitted of the introduction of commodities from abroad similar to those which we ourselves manufactured, placed them so much on a level as to allow a competition between them." "No axiom," he added, "was more true than this: that it was by growing what the territory of a country could grow most cheaply, and by receiving from other countries what it could not produce except at too great an expense, that the greatest degree of happiness was to be communicated to the greatest extent of population."

In assenting to the motion, the first minister³⁷² of the crown expressed his own opinion of the great advantage resulting from unrestricted freedom of trade. "Of the soundness of that general principle," he observed, "I can entertain no doubt. I can entertain no doubt of what would have been the great advantages to the civilized world, if the system of unrestricted trade had been acted upon by every nation from the earliest period of its commercial intercourse with its neighbors. If to those advantages there could have been any exceptions, I am persuaded that they would have been but few; and I am also persuaded that

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the cases to which they would have referred would not have been, in themselves, connected with the trade and commerce of England. But we are now in a situation in which, I will not say that a reference to the principle of unrestricted trade can be of no use, because such a reference may correct erroneous reasoning, but in which it is impossible for us, or for any country in the world but the United States of America, to act unreservedly on that principle. The commercial regulations of the European world have been long established, and cannot suddenly be departed from." Having supposed a proposition to be made to England by a foreign state for free commerce and intercourse, and an unrestricted exchange of agricultural products and of manufactures, he proceeds to observe: "It would be impossible to accede to such a proposition. We have risen to our present greatness under a different system. Some suppose that we have risen in consequence of that system; **others, of whom I am one, believe that we have risen in spite of that system.** But, whichever of these hypotheses be true, certain it is that we have risen under a very different system than that of free and unrestricted trade. It is utterly impossible, with our debt and taxation, even if they were but half their existing amount, that we can suddenly adopt the system of free trade."

Lord Ellenborough, in the same debate, said, "that he attributed the general distress then existing in Europe to the regulations that had taken place since the destruction of the French power. Most of the states on the Continent had surrounded themselves as with walls of brass, to inhibit intercourse with other states. Intercourse was prohibited, even in districts of the same state, as was the case in Austria and Sardinia. Thus, though the taxes on the people had been lightened, the severity of their condition had been increased. He believed that the discontent which pervaded most parts of Europe, and especially Germany, was more owing to commercial restrictions than to any theoretical doctrines on government; and that a free communication among them would do more to restore tranquillity, than any other step that could be adopted. He objected to all attempts to frustrate the benevolent intentions of Providence, which had given to various countries various wants, in order to bring them together. He objected to it as anti-social; he objected to it as making commerce the means of barbarizing instead of enlightening nations. The state of the trade with France was most disgraceful to both countries; the two greatest civilized nations of the world, placed at a distance of scarcely twenty miles from each other, had contrived, by their artificial regulations, to reduce their commerce with each other to a mere nullity." Every member speaking on this occasion agreed in the general sentiments favorable to unrestricted intercourse, which had thus been advanced; one of them remarking, at the conclusion of the debate, that "the principles of free trade, which he was happy to see so fully recognized, were of the utmost consequence; for, though, in the present circumstances of the country, a free trade was unattainable, yet their task hereafter was to approximate to it. Considering the prejudices and interests which were opposed to the recognition of that



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principle, it was no small indication of the firmness and liberality of government to have so fully conceded it."

Sir, we have seen, in the course of this discussion, that several gentlemen have expressed their high admiration of the **silk manufacture** of England. Its commendation was begun, I think, by the honorable member from Vermont, who sits near me, who thinks that that alone gives conclusive evidence of the benefits produced by attention to manufactures, inasmuch as it is a great source of wealth to the nation, and has amply repaid all the cost of its protection. Mr. Speaker's approbation of this part of the English example was still warmer. Now, Sir, it does so happen, that both these gentlemen differ very widely on this point from the opinions entertained in England, by persons of the first rank, both as to knowledge and power. In the debate to which I have already referred, the proposer of the motion urged the expediency of providing for the admission of the silks of France into England. "He was aware," he said, "that there was a poor and industrious body of manufacturers, whose interests must suffer by such an arrangement; and therefore he felt that it would be the duty of Parliament to provide for the present generation by a large Parliamentary grant. It was conformable to every principle of sound justice to do so, when the interests of a particular class were sacrificed to the good of the whole." In answer to these observations, Lord Liverpool said that, with reference to several branches of manufactures, time, and the change of circumstances, had rendered the system of protecting duties merely nominal; and that, in his opinion, if all the protecting laws which regarded both the woollen and cotton manufactures were to be repealed, no injurious effects would thereby be occasioned. "But," he observes, "with respect to silk, that manufacture in this kingdom is so completely artificial, that any attempt to introduce the principles of free trade with reference to it might put an end to it altogether. I allow that the silk manufacture is not natural to this country. **I wish we had never had a silk manufactory.** I allow that it is natural to France; I allow that it might have been better, had each country adhered exclusively to that manufacture in which each is superior; and had the silks of France been exchanged for British cottons. But I must look at things as they are; and when I consider the extent of capital, and the immense population, consisting, I believe, of about fifty thousand persons, engaged in our silk manufacture, I can only say, that one of the few points in which I totally disagree with the proposer of the motion is the expediency, under existing circumstances, of holding out any idea that it would be possible to relinquish the silk manufacture, and to provide for those who live by it, by Parliamentary enactment. Whatever objections there may be to the continuance of the protecting system, I repeat, that it is impossible altogether to relinquish it. I may regret that the system was ever commenced; but as I cannot recall that act, I must submit to the inconvenience by which it is attended, rather than expose the country to evils of greater magnitude." Let it be remembered, Sir, that these are not the sentiments of a theorist, nor the fancies of speculation; but the operative



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opinions of the first minister of England, acknowledged to be one of the ablest and most practical statesmen of his country. Gentlemen could have hardly been more unfortunate than in the selection of the silk manufacture in England as an example of the beneficial effects of that system which they would recommend. It is, in the language which I have quoted, completely artificial. It has been sustained by I know not how many laws, breaking in upon the plainest principles of general expediency. At the last session of Parliament, the manufacturers petitioned for the repeal of three or four of these statutes, complaining of the vexatious restrictions which they impose on the wages of labor; setting forth, that a great variety of orders has from time to time been issued by magistrates under the authority of these laws, interfering in an oppressive manner with the minutest details of the manufacture, – such as limiting the number of threads to an inch, restricting the widths of many sorts of work, and determining the quantity of labor not to be exceeded without extra wages; that by the operation of these laws, the rate of wages, instead of being left to the recognized principles of regulation, has been arbitrarily fixed by persons whose ignorance renders them incompetent to a just decision; that masters are compelled by law to pay an equal price for all work, whether well or ill performed; and that they are wholly prevented from using improved machinery, it being ordered, that work, in the weaving of which machinery is employed, shall be paid precisely at the same rate as if done by hand; that these acts have frequently given rise to the most vexatious regulations, the unintentional breach of which has subjected manufacturers to ruinous penalties; and that the introduction of all machinery being prevented, by which labor might be cheapened, and the manufacturers being compelled to pay at a fixed price, under all circumstances, they are unable to afford employment to their workmen, in times of stagnation of trade, and are compelled to stop their looms. And finally, they complain that, notwithstanding these grievances under which they labor, while carrying on their manufacture in London, the law still prohibits them, while they continue to reside there, from employing any portion of their capital in the same business in any other part of the kingdom, where it might be more beneficially conducted. Now, Sir, absurd as these laws must appear to be to every man, the attempt to repeal them did not, as far as I recollect, altogether succeed. The weavers were too numerous, their interests too great, or their prejudices too strong; and this notable instance of protection and monopoly still exists, to be lamented in England with as much sincerity as it seems to be admired here.

In order further to show the prevailing sentiment of the English government, I would refer to a report of a select committee of the House of Commons, at the head of which was the Vice-President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Wallace), in July, 1820. "The time," say that committee, "when monopolies could be successfully supported, or would be patiently endured, either in respect to subjects against subjects, or particular countries against the rest of the world, seems to have passed away. Commerce, to



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continue undisturbed and secure, must be, as it was intended to be, a source of reciprocal amity between nations, and an interchange of productions to promote the industry, the wealth, and the happiness of mankind." In moving for the re-appointment of the committee in February, 1823, the same gentleman said: "We must also get rid of that feeling of appropriation which exhibited itself in a disposition to produce every thing necessary for our own consumption, and to render ourselves independent of the world. No notion could be more absurd or mischievous; it led, even in peace, to an animosity and rancor greater than existed in time of war. Undoubtedly there would be great prejudices to combat, both in this country and elsewhere, in the attempt to remove the difficulties which are most obnoxious. It would be impossible to forget the attention which was in some respects due to the present system of protections, although that attention ought certainly not to be carried beyond the absolute necessity of the case." And in a second report of the committee, drawn by the same gentleman, in that part of it which proposes a diminution of duties on timber from the North of Europe, and the policy of giving a legislative preference to the importation of such timber in the log, and a discouragement of the importation of deals, it is stated that the committee reject this policy, because, among other reasons, "it is founded on a principle of exclusion, which they are most averse to see brought into operation, in any **new instance**, without the warrant of some evident and great political expediency." And on many subsequent occasions the same gentleman has taken occasion to observe, that he differed from those who thought that manufactures could not flourish without restrictions on trade; that old prejudices of that sort were dying away, and that more liberal and just sentiments were taking their place.

These sentiments appear to have been followed by important legal provisions, calculated to remove restrictions and prohibitions where they were most severely felt; that is to say, in several branches of navigation and trade. They have relaxed their colonial system, they have opened the ports of their islands, and have done away the restriction which limited the trade of the colony to the mother country. Colonial products can now be carried directly from the islands to any part of Europe; and it may not be improbable, considering our own high duties on spirits, that that article may be exchanged hereafter by the English West India colonies directly for the timber and deals of the Baltic. It may be added, that Mr. Lowe, whom the gentleman has cited, says, that nobody supposes that the three great staples of English manufactures, cotton, woollen, and hardware, are benefited by any existing protecting duties; and that one object of all these protecting laws is usually overlooked, and that is, that they have been intended to reconcile the various interests to taxation; the corn law, for example, being designed as some equivalent to the agricultural interest for the burden of tithes and of poor-rates.

In fine, Sir, I think it is clear, that, if we now embrace the system of prohibitions and restrictions, we shall show an affection for what others have discarded, and be attempting to



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ornament ourselves with cast-off apparel.

Sir, I should not have gone into this prolix detail of opinions from any consideration of their special importance on the present occasion; but having happened to state that such was the actual opinion of the government of England at the present time, and the accuracy of this representation having been so confidently denied, I have chosen to put the matter beyond doubt or cavil, although at the expense of these tedious citations. I shall have occasion hereafter to refer more particularly to sundry recent British enactments, by way of showing the diligence and spirit with which that government strives to sustain its navigating interest, by opening the widest possible range to the enterprise of individual adventurers. I repeat, that I have not alluded to these examples of a foreign state as being fit to control our own policy. In the general principle, I acquiesce. Protection, when carried to the point which is now recommended, that is, to entire prohibition, seems to me destructive of all commercial intercourse between nations. We are urged to adopt the system upon general principles; and what would be the consequence of the universal application of such a general principle, but that nations would abstain entirely from all intercourse with one another? I do not admit the general principle; on the contrary, I think freedom of trade to be the general principle, and restriction the exception. And it is for every state, taking into view its own condition, to judge of the propriety, in any case, of making an exception, constantly preferring, as I think all wise governments will, not to depart without urgent reason from the general rule.

There is another point in the existing policy of England to which I would most earnestly invite the attention of the committee; I mean the warehouse system, or what we usually call the system of drawback. Very great prejudices appear to me to exist with us on that subject. We seem averse to the extension of the principle. The English government, on the contrary, appear to have carried it to the extreme of liberality. They have arrived, however, at their present opinions and present practice by slow degrees. The transit system was commenced about the year 1803, but the first law was partial and limited. It admitted the importation of raw materials for exportation, but it excluded almost every sort of manufactured goods. This was done for the same reason that we propose to prevent the transit of Canadian wheat through the United States, the fear of aiding the competition of the foreign article with our own in foreign markets. Better reflection or more experience has induced them to abandon that mode of reasoning, and to consider all such means of influencing foreign markets as nugatory; since, in the present active and enlightened state of the world, nations will supply themselves from the best sources, and the true policy of all producers, whether of raw materials or of manufactured articles, is, not vainly to endeavor to keep other vendors out of the market, but to conquer them in it by the quality and the cheapness of their articles. The present policy of England, therefore, is to allure the importation of commodities into England, there to be deposited in English warehouses, thence to



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be exported in assorted cargoes, and thus enabling her to carry on a general export trade to all quarters of the globe. Articles of all kinds, with the single exception of tea, may be brought into England, from any part of the world, in foreign as well as British ships, there warehoused, and again exported, at the pleasure of the owner, without the payment of any duty or government charge whatever.

While I am upon this subject, I would take notice also of the recent proposition in the English Parliament to abolish the tax on imported wool; and it is observable that those who support this proposition give the same reasons that have been offered here, within the last week, against the duty which we propose on the same article. They say that their manufacturers require a cheap and coarse wool, for the supply of the Mediterranean and Levant trade, and that, without a more free admission of the wool of the Continent, that trade will all fall into the hands of the Germans and Italians, who will carry it on through Leghorn and Trieste. While there is this duty on foreign wool to protect the wool-growers of England, there is, on the other hand, a prohibition on the exportation of the native article in aid of the manufacturers. The opinion seems to be gaining strength, that the true policy is to abolish both.

Laws have long existed in England preventing the emigration of artisans and the exportation of machinery; but the policy of these, also, has become doubted, and an inquiry has been instituted in Parliament into the expediency of repealing them. As to the emigration of artisans, say those who disapprove the laws, if that were desirable, no law could effect it; and as to the exportation of machinery, let us make it and export it as we would any other commodity. If France is determined to spin and weave her own cotton, let us, if we may, still have the benefit of furnishing the machinery.

I have stated these things, Sir, to show what seems to be the general tone of thinking and reasoning on these subjects in that country, the example of which has been so much pressed upon us. Whether the present policy of England be right or wrong, wise or unwise, it cannot, as it seems clearly to me, be quoted as an authority for carrying further the restrictive and exclusive system, either in regard to manufactures or trade. To re-establish a sound currency, to meet at once the shock, tremendous as it was, of the fall of prices, to enlarge her capacity for foreign trade, to open wide the field of individual enterprise and competition, and to say plainly and distinctly that the country must relieve itself from the embarrassments which it felt, by economy, frugality, and renewed efforts of enterprise, — these appear to be the general outline of the policy which England has pursued.

Mr. Chairman, I will now proceed to say a few words upon a topic, but for the introduction of which into this debate I should not have given the committee on this occasion the trouble of hearing me. Some days ago, I believe it was when we were settling the controversy between the oil-merchants and the tallow-chandlers, the **balance of trade** made its appearance in debate, and I must confess, Sir, that I spoke of it, or rather spoke to it, somewhat



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freely and irreverently. I believe I used the hard names which have been imputed to me, and I did it simply for the purpose of laying the spectre, and driving it back to its tomb. Certainly, Sir, when I called the old notion on this subject nonsense, I did not suppose that I should offend any one, unless the dead should happen to hear me. All the living generation, I took it for granted, would think the term very properly applied. In this, however, I was mistaken. The dead and the living rise up together to call me to account, and I must defend myself as well as I am able.

Let us inquire, then, Sir, what is meant by an unfavorable balance of trade, and what the argument is, drawn from that source. By an unfavorable balance of trade, I understand, is meant that state of things in which importation exceeds exportation. To apply it to our own case, if the value of goods imported exceed the value of those exported, then the balance of trade is said to be against us, inasmuch as we have run in debt to the amount of this difference. Therefore it is said, that, if a nation continue long in a commerce like this, it must be rendered absolutely bankrupt. It is in the condition of a man that buys more than he sells; and how can such a traffic be maintained without ruin? Now, Sir, the whole fallacy of this argument consists in supposing, that, whenever the value of imports exceeds that of exports, a debt is necessarily created to the extent of the difference, whereas, ordinarily, the import is no more than the result of the export, augmented in value by the labor of transportation. The excess of imports over exports, in truth, usually shows the gains, not the losses, of trade; or, in a country that not only buys and sells goods, but employs ships in carrying goods also, it shows the profits of commerce, and the earnings of navigation. Nothing is more certain than that, in the usual course of things, and taking a series of years together, the value of our imports is the aggregate of our exports and our freights. If the value of commodities imported in a given instance did not exceed the value of the outward cargo, with which they were purchased, then it would be clear to every man's common sense, that the voyage had not been profitable. If such commodities fell far short in value of the cost of the outward cargo, then the voyage would be a very losing one; and yet it would present exactly that state of things, which, according to the notion of a balance of trade, can alone indicate a prosperous commerce. On the other hand, if the return cargo were found to be worth much more than the outward cargo, while the merchant, having paid for the goods exported, and all the expenses of the voyage, finds a handsome sum yet in his hands, which he calls profits, the balance of trade is still against him, and, whatever he may think of it, he is in a very bad way. Although one individual or all individuals gain, the nation loses; while all its citizens grow rich, the country grows poor. This is the doctrine of the balance of trade.

Allow me, Sir, to give an instance tending to show how unaccountably individuals deceive themselves, and imagine themselves to be somewhat rapidly mending their condition, while they ought to be persuaded that, by that infallible standard,



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the balance of trade, they are on the high road to ruin. Some years ago, in better times than the present, a ship left one of the towns of New England with 70,000 specie dollars. She proceeded to Mocha, on the Red Sea, and there laid out these dollars in coffee, drugs, spices, and other articles procured in that market. With this new cargo she proceeded to Europe; two thirds of it were sold in Holland for \$130,000, which the ship brought back, and placed in the same bank from the vaults of which she had taken her original outfit. The other third was sent to the ports of the Mediterranean, and produced a return of \$25,000 in specie, and \$15,000 in Italian merchandise. These sums together make \$170,000 imported, which is \$100,000 more than was exported, and is therefore proof of an unfavorable balance of trade, to that amount, in this adventure. We should find no great difficulty, Sir, in paying off our balances, if this were the nature of them all.

The truth is, Mr. Chairman, that all these obsolete and exploded notions had their origin in very mistaken ideas of the true nature of commerce. Commerce is not a gambling among nations for a stake, to be won by some and lost by others. It has not the tendency necessarily to impoverish one of the parties to it, while it enriches the other; all parties gain, all parties make profits, all parties grow rich, by the operations of just and liberal commerce. If the world had but one clime and but one soil; if all men had the same wants and the same means, on the spot of their existence, to gratify those wants, — then, indeed, what one obtained from the other by exchange would injure one party in the same degree that it benefited the other; then, indeed, there would be some foundation for the balance of trade. But Providence has disposed our lot much more kindly. We inhabit a various earth. We have reciprocal wants, and reciprocal means for gratifying one another's wants. This is the true origin of commerce, which is nothing more than an exchange of equivalents, and, from the rude barter of its primitive state, to the refined and complex condition in which we see it, its principle is uniformly the same, its only object being, in every stage, to produce that exchange of commodities between individuals and between nations which shall conduce to the advantage and to the happiness of both. Commerce between nations has the same essential character as commerce between individuals, or between parts of the same nation. Cannot two individuals make an interchange of commodities which shall prove beneficial to both, or in which the balance of trade shall be in favor of both? If not, the tailor and the shoemaker, the farmer and the smith, have hitherto very much misunderstood their own interests. And with regard to the internal trade of a country, in which the same rule would apply as between nations, do we ever speak of such an intercourse as prejudicial to one side because it is useful to the other? Do we ever hear that, because the intercourse between New York and Albany is advantageous to one of those places, it must therefore be ruinous to the other?

May I be allowed, Sir, to read a passage on this subject from the observations of a gentleman, in my opinion one of the most clear and sensible writers and speakers of the age upon subjects



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of this sort?³⁷³ "There is no political question on which the prevalence of false principles is so general, as in what relates to the nature of commerce and to the pretended balance of trade; and there are few which have led to a greater number of practical mistakes, attended with consequences extensively prejudicial to the happiness of mankind. In this country, our Parliamentary proceedings, our public documents, and the works of several able and popular writers, have combined to propagate the impression, that we are indebted for much of our riches to what is called the balance of trade." "Our true policy would surely be to profess, as the object and guide of our commercial system, that which every man who has studied the subject must know to be the true principle of commerce, the interchange of reciprocal and equivalent benefit. We may rest assured that it is not in the nature of commerce to enrich one party at the expense of the other. This is a purpose at which, if it were practicable, we ought not to aim; and which, if we aimed at, we could not accomplish." These remarks, I believe, Sir, were written some ten or twelve years ago. They are in perfect accordance with the opinions, advanced in more elaborate treatises, and now that the world has returned to a state of peace, and commerce has resumed its natural channels, and different nations are enjoying, or seeking to enjoy, their respective portions of it, all see the justness of these ideas, — all see, that, in this day of knowledge and of peace, there can be no commerce between nations but that which shall benefit all who are parties to it.

If it were necessary, Mr. Chairman, I might ask the attention of the committee to refer to a document before us, on this subject of the balance of trade. It will be seen by reference to the accounts, that, in the course of the last year, our total export to Holland exceeded two millions and a half; our total import from the same country was but seven hundred thousand dollars. Now, can any man be wild enough to make any inference from this as to the gain or loss of our trade with Holland for that year? Our trade with Russia for the same year produced a balance the other way, our import being two millions, and our export but half a million. But this has no more tendency to show the Russian trade a losing trade, than the other statement has to show that the Dutch trade has been a gainful one. Neither of them, by itself, proves any thing.

Springing out of this notion of a balance of trade, there is another idea, which has been much dwelt upon in the course of this debate; that is, that we ought not to buy of nations who do not buy of us; for example, that the Russian trade is a trade disadvantageous to the country, and ought to be discouraged, because, in the ports of Russia, we buy more than we sell. Now allow me to observe, in the first place, Sir, that we have no account showing how much we do sell in the ports of Russia. Our official returns show us only what is the amount of our direct trade with her ports. But then we all know that the proceeds of another portion of our exports go to the same market, though indirectly. We send our own products, for example, to Cuba, or to Brazil; we there exchange them for the sugar and the coffee

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of those countries, and these articles we carry to St. Petersburg, and there sell them. Again; our exports to Holland and Hamburg are connected directly or indirectly with our imports from Russia. What difference does it make, in sense or reason, whether a cargo of iron be bought at St. Petersburg, by the exchange of a cargo of tobacco, or whether the tobacco has been sold on the way, in a better market, in a port of Holland, the money remitted to England, and the iron paid for by a bill on London? There might indeed have been an augmented freight, there might have been some saving of commissions, if tobacco had been in brisk demand in the Russian market. But still there is nothing to show that the whole voyage may not have been highly profitable. That depends upon the original cost of the article here, the amount of freight and insurance to Holland, the price obtained there, the rate of exchange between Holland and England, the expense, then, of proceeding to St. Petersburg, the price of iron there, the rate of exchange between that place and England, the amount of freight and insurance at home, and, finally, the value of the iron when brought to our own market. These are the calculations which determine the fortune of the adventure; and nothing can be judged of it, one way or the other, by the relative state of our imports or exports with Holland, England, or Russia.

I would not be understood to deny, that it may often be our interest to cultivate a trade with countries that require most of such commodities as we can furnish, and which are capable also of directly supplying our own wants. This is the original and the simplest form of all commerce, and is no doubt highly beneficial. Some countries are so situated, that commerce, in this original form, or something near it, may be all that they can, without considerable inconvenience, carry on. Our trade, for example, with Madeira and the Western Islands has been useful to the country, as furnishing a demand for some portion of our agricultural products, which probably could not have been bought had we not received their products in return. Countries situated still farther from the great marts and highways of the commercial world may afford still stronger instances of the necessity and utility of conducting commerce on the original principle of barter, without much assistance from the operations of credit and exchange. All I would be understood to say is, that it by no means follows that we can carry on nothing but a losing trade with a country from which we receive more of her products than she receives of ours. Since I was supposed, the other day, in speaking upon this subject, to advance opinions which not only this country ought to reject, but which also other countries, and those the most distinguished for skill and success in commercial intercourse, do reject, I will ask leave to refer again to the discussion which I first mentioned in the English Parliament, relative to the foreign trade of that country. "With regard," says the mover³⁷⁴ of the proposition, "to the argument employed against renewing our intercourse with the North of Europe, namely, that those who supplied us with timber from that quarter would not receive British manufactures in

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return, it appeared to him futile and ungrounded. If they did not send direct for our manufactures at home, they would send for them to Leipsic and other fairs of Germany. Were not the Russian and Polish merchants purchasers there to a great amount? But he would never admit the principle, that a trade was not profitable because we were obliged to carry it on with the precious metals, or that we ought to renounce it, because our manufactures were not received by the foreign nation in return for its produce. Whatever we received must be paid for in the produce of our land and labor, directly or circuitously, and he was glad to have the noble Earl's³⁷⁵ marked concurrence in this principle."

Referring ourselves again, Sir, to the analogies of common life, no one would say that a farmer or a mechanic should buy **only** where he can do so by the exchange of his own produce, or of his own manufacture. Such exchange may be often convenient; and, on the other hand, the cash purchase may be often more convenient. It is the same in the intercourse of nations. Indeed, Mr. Speaker has placed this argument on very clear grounds. It was said, in the early part of the debate, that, if we cease to import English cotton fabrics, England will no longer continue to purchase our cotton. To this Mr. Speaker replied, with great force and justice, that, as she must have cotton in large quantities, she will buy the article where she can find it best and cheapest; and that it would be quite ridiculous in her, manufacturing as she still would be, for her own vast consumption and the consumption of millions in other countries, to reject our uplands because we had learned to manufacture a part of them for ourselves. Would it not be equally ridiculous in us, if the commodities of Russia were both cheaper and better suited to our wants than could be found elsewhere, to abstain from commerce with her, because she will not receive in return other commodities which we have to sell, but which she has no occasion to buy?

Intimately connected, Sir, with this topic, is another which has been brought into the debate; I mean the evil so much complained of, the exportation of specie. We hear gentlemen imputing the loss of market at home to a want of money, and this want of money to the exportation of the precious metals. We hear the India and China trade denounced, as a commerce conducted on our side, in a great measure, with gold and silver. These opinions, Sir, are clearly void of all just foundation, and we cannot too soon get rid of them. There are no shallower reasoners than those political and commercial writers who would represent it to be the only true and gainful end of commerce, to accumulate the precious metals. These are articles of use, and articles of merchandise, with this additional circumstance belonging to them, that they are made, by the general consent of nations, the standard by which the value of all other merchandise is to be estimated. In regard to weights and measures, something drawn from external nature is made a common standard, for the purposes of general convenience: and this is precisely the office performed by the precious metals, in addition to those uses to

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which, as metals, they are capable of being applied. There may be of these too much or too little in a country at a particular time, as there may be of any other articles. When the market is overstocked with them, as it often is, their exportation becomes as proper and as useful as that of other commodities, under similar circumstances. We need no more repine, when the dollars which have been brought here from South America are despatched to other countries, than when coffee and sugar take the same direction. We often deceive ourselves, by attributing to a scarcity of money that which is the result of other causes. In the course of this debate, the honorable member from Pennsylvania³⁷⁶ has represented the country as full of every thing but money. But this I take to be a mistake. The agricultural products, so abundant in Pennsylvania, will not, he says, sell for money; but they will sell for money as quick as for any other article which happens to be in demand. They will sell for money, for example, as easily as for coffee or for tea, at the prices which properly belong to those articles. The mistake lies in imputing that to want of money which arises from want of demand. Men do not buy wheat because they have money, but because they want wheat. To decide whether money be plenty or not, that is, whether there be a large portion of capital unemployed or not, when the currency of a country is metallic, we must look, not only to the prices of commodities, but also to the rate of interest. A low rate of interest, a facility of obtaining money on loans, a disposition to invest in permanent stocks, all of which are proofs that money is plenty, may nevertheless often denote a state not of the highest prosperity. They may, and often do, show a want of employment for capital; and the accumulation of specie shows the same thing. We have no occasion for the precious metals as money, except for the purposes of circulation, or rather of sustaining a safe paper circulation. And whenever there is a prospect of a profitable investment abroad, all the gold and silver, except what these purposes require, will be exported. For the same reason, if a demand exist abroad for sugar and coffee, whatever amount of those articles might exist in the country, beyond the wants of its own consumption, would be sent abroad to meet that demand. Besides, Sir, how should it ever occur to anybody, that we should continue to export gold and silver, if we did not continue to import them also? If a vessel take our own products to the Havana, or elsewhere, exchange them for dollars, proceed to China, exchange them for silks and teas, bring these last to the ports of the Mediterranean, sell them there for dollars, and return to the United States, – this would be a voyage resulting in the importation of the precious metals. But if she had returned from Cuba, and the dollars obtained there had been shipped direct from the United States to China, the China goods sold in Holland, and the proceeds brought home in the hemp and iron of Russia, this would be a voyage in which they were exported. Yet everybody sees that both might be equally beneficial to the individual and to the public. I believe, Sir, that, in point of fact, we have enjoyed great benefit in our

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trade with India and China, from the liberty of going from place to place all over the world, without being obliged in the mean time to return home, a liberty not heretofore enjoyed by the private traders of England, in regard to India and China. Suppose the American ship to be at Brazil, for example; she could proceed with her dollars direct to India, and, in return, could distribute her cargo in all the various ports of Europe or America; while an English ship, if a private trader, being at Brazil, must first return to England, and then could only proceed in the direct line from England to India. This advantage our countrymen have not been backward to improve; and in the debate to which I have already so often referred, it was stated, not without some complaint of the inconvenience of exclusion, and the natural sluggishness of monopoly, that American ships were at that moment fitting out in the Thames, to supply France, Holland, and other countries on the Continent, with tea; while the East India Company would not do this of themselves, nor allow any of their fellow-countrymen to do it for them.

There is yet another subject, Mr. Chairman, upon which I would wish to say something, if I might presume upon the continued patience of the committee. We hear sometimes in the House, and continually out of it, of the rate of exchange, as being one proof that we are on the downward road to ruin. Mr. Speaker himself has adverted to that topic, and I am afraid that his authority may give credit to opinions clearly unfounded, and which lead to very false and erroneous conclusions. Sir, let us see what the facts are. Exchange on England has recently risen one or one and a half per cent, partly owing, perhaps, to the introduction of this bill into Congress. Before this recent rise, and for the last six months, I understand its average may have been about seven and a half per cent advance. Now, supposing this to be the **real**, and not merely, as it is, the nominal, par of exchange between us and England, what would it prove? Nothing, except that funds were wanted by American citizens in England for commercial operations, to be carried on either in England or elsewhere. It would not necessarily show that we were indebted to England; for, if we had occasion to pay debts in Russia or Holland, funds in England would naturally enough be required for such a purpose. Even if it did prove that a balance was due England at the moment, it would have no tendency to explain to us whether our commerce with England had been profitable or unprofitable.

But it is not true, in point of fact, that the **real** price of exchange is seven and a half per cent advance, nor, indeed, that there is at the present moment any advance at all. That is to say, it is not true that merchants will give such an advance, or any advance, for **money** in England, beyond what they would give for the same amount, in the same currency, here. It will strike every one who reflects upon it, that, if there were a real difference of seven and a half per cent, money would be immediately shipped to England; because the expense of transportation would be far less than that difference. Or commodities of trade would be shipped to Europe, and the proceeds remitted to England. If it could so happen, that



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American merchants should be willing to pay ten per cent premium for money in England, or, in other words, that a real difference to that amount in the exchange should exist, its effects would be immediately seen in new shipments of our own commodities to Europe, because this state of things would create new motives. A cargo of tobacco, for example, might sell at Amsterdam for the same price as before; but if its proceeds, when remitted to London, were advanced, as they would be in such case, ten per cent by the state of exchange, this would be so much added to the price, and would operate therefore as a motive for the exportation; and in this way national balances are, and always will be, adjusted.

To form any accurate idea of the true state of exchange between two countries, we must look at their currencies, and compare the quantities of gold and silver which they may respectively represent. This usually explains the state of the exchanges; and this will satisfactorily account for the apparent advance now existing on bills drawn on England. The English standard of value is gold; with us that office is performed by gold, and by silver also, at a fixed relation to each other. But our estimate of silver is rather higher, in proportion to gold, than most nations give it; it is higher, especially, than in England, at the present moment. The consequence is, that silver, which remains a legal currency with us, stays here, while the gold has gone abroad; verifying the universal truth, that, if **two** currencies be allowed to exist, of different values, that which is cheapest will fill up the whole circulation. For as much gold as will suffice to pay here a debt of a given amount, we can buy in England more silver than would be necessary to pay the same debt here; and from this difference in the value of silver arises wholly or in a great measure the present apparent difference in exchange. Spanish dollars sell now in England for four shillings and nine pence sterling per ounce, equal to one dollar and six cents. By our standard the same ounce is worth one dollar and sixteen cents, being a difference of about nine per cent. The true par of exchange, therefore, is nine per cent. If a merchant here pay one hundred Spanish dollars for a bill on England, at nominal par, in sterling money, that is for a bill of £22 10s., the proceeds of this bill, when paid in England in the legal currency, will there purchase, at the present price of silver, one hundred and nine Spanish dollars. Therefore, if the nominal advance on English bills do not exceed nine per cent, the real exchange is not against this country; in other words, it does not show that there is any pressing or particular occasion for the remittance of funds to England.

As little can be inferred from the occasional transfer of United States stock to England. Considering the interest paid on our stocks, the entire stability of our credit, and the accumulation of capital in England, it is not at all wonderful that investments should occasionally be made in our funds. As a sort of countervailing fact, it may be stated that English stocks are now actually held in this country, though probably not to any considerable amount.

I will now proceed, Sir, to state some objections of a more



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general nature to the course of Mr. Speaker's observations. He seems to me to argue the question as if all domestic industry were confined to the production of manufactured articles; as if the employment of our own capital and our own labor, in the occupations of commerce and navigation, were not as emphatically domestic industry as any other occupation. Some other gentlemen, in the course of the debate, have spoken of the price paid for every foreign manufactured article as so much given for the encouragement of foreign labor, to the prejudice of our own. But is not every such article the product of our own labor as truly as if we had manufactured it ourselves? Our labor has earned it, and paid the price for it. It is so much added to the stock of national wealth. If the commodity were dollars, nobody would doubt the truth of this remark; and it is precisely as correct in its application to any other commodity as to silver. One man makes a yard of cloth at home; another raises agricultural products and buys a yard of imported cloth. Both these are equally the earnings of domestic industry, and the only questions that arise in the case are two: the first is, which is the best mode, under all the circumstances, of obtaining the article; the second is, how far this first question is proper to be decided by government, and how far it is proper to be left to individual discretion. There is no foundation for the distinction which attributes to certain employments the peculiar appellation of American industry; and it is, in my judgment, extremely unwise to attempt such discriminations.

We are asked, What nations have ever attained eminent prosperity without encouraging manufactures? I may ask, What nation ever reached the like prosperity without promoting foreign trade? I regard these interests as closely connected, and am of opinion that it should be our aim to cause them to flourish together. I know it would be very easy to promote manufactures, at least for a time, but probably for a short time only, if we might act in disregard of other interests. We could cause a sudden transfer of capital, and a violent change in the pursuits of men. We could exceedingly benefit some classes by these means. But what, then, becomes of the interests of others? The power of collecting revenue by duties on imports, and the habit of the government of collecting almost its whole revenue in that mode, will enable us, without exceeding the bounds of moderation, to give great advantages to those classes of manufactures which we may think most useful to promote at home. What I object to is the immoderate use of the power, — exclusions and prohibitions; all of which, as I think, not only interrupt the pursuits of individuals, with great injury to themselves and little or no benefit to the country, but also often divert our own labor, or, as it may very properly be called, our own domestic industry, from those occupations in which it is well employed and well paid, to others in which it will be worse employed and worse paid. For my part, I see very little relief to those who are likely to be deprived of their employments, or who find the prices of the commodities which they need raised, in any of the alternatives which Mr. Speaker has presented. It is nothing to say that they may, if they choose, continue to buy the foreign



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article; the answer is, the price is augmented: nor that they may use the domestic article; the price of that also is increased. Nor can they supply themselves by the substitution of their own fabric. How can the agriculturist make his own iron? How can the ship-owner grow his own hemp?

But I have a yet stronger objection to the course of Mr. Speaker's reasoning; which is, that he leaves out of the case all that has been already done for the protection of manufactures, and argues the question as if those interests were now for the first time to receive aid from duties on imports. I can hardly express the surprise I feel that Mr. Speaker should fall into the common mode of expression used elsewhere, and ask if we will give our manufacturers no protection. Sir, look to the history of our laws; look to the present state of our laws. Consider that our whole revenue, with a trifling exception, is collected at the custom-house, and always has been; and then say what propriety there is in calling on the government for protection, as if no protection had heretofore been afforded. The real question before us, in regard to all the important clauses of the bill, is not whether we will **lay** duties, but whether we will **augment** duties. The demand is for something more than exists, and yet it is pressed as if nothing existed. It is wholly forgotten that iron and hemp, for example, already pay a very heavy and burdensome duty; and, in short, from the general tenor of Mr. Speaker's observations, one would infer that, hitherto, we had rather taxed our own manufactures than fostered them by taxes on those of other countries. We hear of the fatal policy of the tariff of 1816; and yet the law of 1816 was passed avowedly for the benefit of manufacturers, and, with very few exceptions, imposed on imported articles very great additions of tax; in some important instances, indeed, amounting to a prohibition.

Sir, on this subject, it becomes us at least to understand the real posture of the question. Let us not suppose that we are **beginning** the protection of manufactures, by duties on imports. What we are asked to do is, to render those duties much higher, and therefore, instead of dealing in general commendations of the benefits of protection, the friends of the bill, I think, are bound to make out a fair case for each of the manufactures which they propose to benefit. The government has already done much for their protection, and it ought to be presumed to have done enough, unless it be shown, by the facts and considerations applicable to each, that there is a necessity for doing more. On the general question, Sir, allow me to ask if the doctrine of prohibition, as a general doctrine, be not preposterous. Suppose all nations to act upon it; they would be prosperous, then, according to the argument, precisely in the proportion in which they abolished intercourse with one another. The less of mutual commerce the better, upon this hypothesis. Protection and encouragement may be, and doubtless are, sometimes, wise and beneficial, if kept within proper limits; but when carried to an extravagant height, or the point of prohibition, the absurd character of the system manifests itself. Mr. Speaker has referred to the late Emperor Napoleon, as having attempted to



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naturalize the manufacture of cotton in France. He did not cite a more extravagant part of the projects of that ruler, that is, his attempt to naturalize the growth of that plant itself, in France; whereas, we have understood that considerable districts in the South of France, and in Italy, of rich and productive lands, were at one time withdrawn from profitable uses, and devoted to raising, at great expense, a little bad cotton. Nor have we been referred to the attempts, under the same system, to make sugar and coffee from common culinary vegetables; attempts which served to fill the print-shops of Europe, and to show us how easy is the transition from what some think sublime to that which all admit to be ridiculous. The folly of some of these projects has not been surpassed, nor hardly equalled, unless it be by the philosopher in one of the satires of Swift, who so long labored to extract sunbeams from cucumbers.

The poverty and unhappiness of Spain have been attributed to the want of protection to her own industry. If by this it be meant that the poverty of Spain is owing to bad government and bad laws, the remark is, in a great measure, just. But these very laws are bad because they are restrictive, partial, and prohibitory. If prohibition were protection, Spain would seem to have had enough of it. Nothing can exceed the barbarous rigidity of her colonial system, or the folly of her early commercial regulations. Unenlightened and bigoted legislation, the multitude of holidays, miserable roads, monopolies on the part of government, restrictive laws, that ought long since to have been abrogated, are generally, and I believe truly, reckoned the principal causes of the bad state of the productive industry of Spain. Any partial improvement in her condition, or increase of her prosperity, has been, in all cases, the result of relaxation, and the abolition of what was intended for favor and protection.

In short, Sir, the general sense of this age sets, with a strong current, in favor of freedom of commercial intercourse, and unrestrained individual action. Men yield up their notions of monopoly and restriction, as they yield up other prejudices, slowly and reluctantly; but they cannot withstand the general tide of opinion.

Let me now ask, Sir, what relief this bill proposes to some of those great and essential interests of the country, the condition of which has been referred to as proof of national distress; and which condition, although I do not think it makes out a case of **distress**, yet does indicate depression.

And first, Sir, as to our foreign trade. Mr. Speaker has stated that there has been a considerable falling off in the tonnage employed in that trade. This is true, lamentably true. In my opinion, it is one of those occurrences which ought to arrest our immediate, our deep, our most earnest attention. What does this bill propose for its relief? It proposes nothing but new burdens. It proposes to diminish its employment, and it proposes, at the same time, to augment its expense, by subjecting it to heavier taxation. Sir, there is no interest, in regard to which a stronger case for protection can be made out, than the navigating interest. Whether we look at its



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present condition, which is admitted to be depressed, the number of persons connected with it, and dependent upon it for their daily bread, or its importance to the country in a political point of view, it has claims upon our attention which cannot be surpassed. But what do we propose to do for it? I repeat, Sir, simply to burden and to tax it. By a statement which I have already submitted to the committee, it appears that the shipping interest pays, annually, more than half a million of dollars in duties on articles used in the construction of ships. We propose to add nearly, or quite, fifty per cent to this amount, at the very moment that we appeal to the languishing state of this interest as a proof of national distress. Let it be remembered that our shipping employed in foreign commerce has, at this moment, not the shadow of government protection. It goes abroad upon the wide sea to make its own way, and earn its own bread, in a professed competition with the whole world. Its resources are its own frugality, its own skill, its own enterprise. It hopes to succeed, if it shall succeed at all, not by extraordinary aid of government, but by patience, vigilance, and toil. This right arm of the nation's safety strengthens its own muscle by its own efforts, and by unwearied exertion in its own defence becomes strong for the defence of the country.

No one acquainted with this interest can deny that its situation, at this moment, is extremely critical. We have left it hitherto to maintain itself or perish; to swim if it can, and to sink if it must. But at this moment of its apparent struggle, can we as men, can we as patriots, add another stone to the weight that threatens to carry it down? Sir, there is a limit to human power, and to human effort. I know the commercial marine of this country can do almost every thing, and bear almost every thing. Yet some things are impossible to be done, and some burdens may be impossible to be borne; and as it was the last ounce that broke the back of the camel, so the last tax, although it were even a small one, may be decisive as to the power of our marine to sustain the conflict in which it is now engaged with all the commercial nations on the globe.

Again, Mr. Chairman, the failures and the bankruptcies which have taken place in our large cities have been mentioned as proving the little success attending **commerce**, and its general decline. But this bill has no balm for those wounds. It is very remarkable, that when the losses and disasters of certain manufacturers, those of iron, for instance, are mentioned, it is done for the purpose of invoking aid for the distressed. Not so with the losses and disasters of commerce; these last are narrated, and not unfrequently much exaggerated, to prove the ruinous nature of the employment, and to show that it ought to be abandoned, and the capital engaged in it turned to other objects.

It has been often said, Sir, that our manufacturers have to contend, not only against the natural advantages of those who produce similar articles in foreign countries, but also against the action of foreign governments, who have great political interest in aiding their own manufactures to suppress ours. But have not these governments as great an interest to cripple our



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marine, by preventing the growth of our commerce and navigation? What is it that makes us the object of the highest respect, or the most suspicious jealousy, to foreign states? What is it that most enables us to take high relative rank among the nations? I need not say that this results, more than from any thing else, from that quantity of military power which we can cause to be water-borne, and from that extent of commerce which we are able to maintain throughout the world.

Mr. Chairman, I am conscious of having detained the committee much too long with these observations. My apology for now proceeding to some remarks upon the particular clauses of the bill is, that, representing a district at once commercial and highly manufacturing, and being called upon to vote upon a bill containing provisions so numerous and so various, I am naturally desirous to state as well what I approve, as what I would reject. The first section proposes an augmented duty upon woollen manufactures. This, if it were unqualified, would no doubt be desirable to those who are engaged in that business. I have myself presented a petition from the woollen manufacturers of Massachusetts, praying an augmented *ad valorem* duty upon imported woollen cloths; and I am prepared to accede to that proposition, to a reasonable extent. But then this bill proposes, also, a very high duty upon imported wool; and, as far as I can learn, a majority of the manufacturers are at least extremely doubtful whether, taking these two provisions together, the state of the law is not better for them now than it would be if this bill should pass. It is said, this tax on raw wool will benefit the agriculturist; but I know it to be the opinion of some of the best informed of that class, that it will do them more hurt than good. They fear it will check the manufacturer, and consequently check his demand for their article. The argument is, that a certain quantity of coarse wool, cheaper than we can possibly furnish, is necessary to enable the manufacturer to carry on the general business, and that if this cannot be had, the consequence will be, not a greater, but a less, manufacture of our own wool. I am aware that very intelligent persons differ upon this point; but if we may safely infer from that difference of opinion, that the proposed benefit is at least doubtful, it would be prudent perhaps to abstain from the experiment. Certain it is, that the same reasoning has been employed, as I have before stated, on the same subject, when a renewed application was made to the English Parliament to repeal the duty on imported wool, I believe scarcely two months ago; those who supported the application pressing urgently the necessity of an unrestricted use of the cheap, imported raw material, with a view to supply with coarse cloths the markets of warm climates, such as those of Egypt and Turkey, and especially a vast newly created demand in the South American states.

As to the manufactures of cotton, it is agreed, I believe, that they are generally successful. It is understood that the present existing duty operates pretty much as a prohibition over those descriptions of fabrics to which it applies. The proposed alteration would probably enable the American manufacturer to



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commence competition with higher-priced fabrics; and so, perhaps, would an augmentation less than is here proposed. I consider the cotton manufactures not only to have reached, but to have passed, the point of competition. I regard their success as certain, and their growth as rapid as the most impatient could well expect. If, however, a provision of the nature of that recommended here were thought necessary, to commence new operations in the same line of manufacture, I should cheerfully agree to it, if it were not at the cost of sacrificing other great interests of the country. I need hardly say, that whatever promotes the cotton and woollen manufactures promotes most important interests of my constituents. They have a great stake in the success of those establishments, and, as far as those manufactures are concerned, would be as much benefited by the provisions of this bill as any part of the community. It is obvious, too, I should think, that, for some considerable time, manufactures of this sort, to whatever magnitude they may rise, will be principally established in those parts of the country where population is most dense, capital most abundant, and where the most successful beginnings have already been made.

But if these be thought to be advantages, they are greatly counterbalanced by other advantages enjoyed by other portions of the country. I cannot but regard the situation of the West as highly favorable to human happiness. It offers, in the abundance of its new and fertile lands, such assurances of permanent property and respectability to the industrious, it enables them to lay such sure foundations for a competent provision for their families, it makes such a nation of freeholders, that it need not envy the happiest and most prosperous of the manufacturing communities. We may talk as we will of well-fed and well-clothed day-laborers or journeymen; they are not, after all, to be compared, either for happiness or respectability, with him who sleeps under his own roof and cultivates his own fee-simple inheritance.

With respect to the proposed duty on glass, I would observe, that, upon the best means of judging which I possess, I am of opinion that the chairman of the committee is right in stating that there is in effect a bounty upon the exportation of the British article. I think it entirely proper, therefore, to raise our own duty by such an amount as shall be equivalent to that bounty.

And here, Mr. Chairman, before proceeding to those parts of the bill to which I most strenuously object, I will be so presumptuous as to take up a challenge which Mr. Speaker has thrown down. He has asked us, in a tone of interrogatory indicative of the feeling of anticipated triumph, to mention any country in which manufactures have flourished without the aid of prohibitory laws. He has demanded if it be not policy, protection, ay, and prohibition, that have carried other states to the height of their prosperity, and whether any one has succeeded with such tame and inert legislation as ours. Sir, I am ready to answer this inquiry.

There is a country, not undistinguished among the nations, in which the progress of manufactures has been far more rapid than



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in any other, and yet unaided by prohibitions or unnatural restrictions. That country, the happiest which the sun shines on, is our own.

The woollen manufactures of England have existed from the early ages of the monarchy. Provisions designed to aid and foster them are in the black-letter statutes of the Edwards and the Henrys. Ours, on the contrary, are but of yesterday; and yet, with no more than the protection of existing laws, they are already at the point of close and promising competition. Sir, nothing is more unphilosophical than to refer us, on these subjects, to the policy adopted by other nations in a very different state of society, or to infer that what was judged expedient by them, in their early history, must also be expedient for us, in this early part of our own. This would be reckoning our age chronologically, and estimating our advance by our number of years; when, in truth, we should regard only the state of society, the knowledge, the skill, the capital, and the enterprise which belong to our times. We have been transferred from the stock of Europe, in a comparatively enlightened age, and our civilization and improvement date as far back as her own. Her original history is also our original history; and if, since the moment of separation, she has gone ahead of us in some respects, it may be said, without violating truth, that we have kept up in others, and, in others again, are ahead ourselves. We are to legislate, then, with regard to the present actual state of society; and our own experience shows us, that, commencing manufactures at the present highly enlightened and emulous moment, we need not resort to the clumsy helps with which, in less auspicious times, governments have sought to enable the ingenuity and industry of their people to hobble along.

The English cotton manufactures began about the commencement of the last reign. Ours can hardly be said to have commenced with any earnestness, until the application of the power-loom, in 1814, not more than ten years ago. Now, Sir, I hardly need again speak of its progress, its present extent, or its assurance of future enlargement. In some sorts of fabrics we are already exporters, and the products of our factories are, at this moment, in the South American markets. We see, then, what **can** be done without prohibition or extraordinary protection, because we see what **has** been done; and I venture to predict, that, in a few years, it will be thought wonderful that these branches of manufactures, at least, should have been thought to require additional aid from government.

Mr. Chairman, the best apology for laws of prohibition and laws of monopoly will be found in that state of society, not only unenlightened but sluggish, in which they are most generally established. Private industry, in those days, required strong provocatives, which governments were seeking to administer by these means. Something was wanted to actuate and stimulate men, and the prospects of such profits as would, in our times, excite unbounded competition, would hardly move the sloth of former ages. In some instances, no doubt, these laws produced an effect, which, in that period, would not have taken place



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without them. But our age is of a wholly different character, and its legislation takes another turn. Society is full of excitement; competition comes in place of monopoly; and intelligence and industry ask only for fair play and an open field. Profits, indeed, in such a state of things, will be small, but they will be extensively diffused; prices will be low, and the great body of the people prosperous and happy. It is worthy of remark, that, from the operation of these causes, commercial wealth, while it is increased beyond calculation in its general aggregate, is, at the same time, broken and diminished in its subdivisions. Commercial prosperity should be judged of, therefore, rather from the extent of trade, than from the magnitude of its apparent profits. It has been remarked, that Spain, certainly one of the poorest nations, made very great profits on the amount of her trade; but with little other benefit than the enriching of a few individuals and companies. Profits to the English merchants engaged in the Levant and Turkey trade were formerly very great, and there were richer merchants in England some centuries ago, considering the comparative value of money, than at the present highly commercial period. When the diminution of profits arises from the extent of competition, it indicates rather a salutary than an injurious change.³⁷⁷

The true course then, Sir, for us to pursue, is, in my opinion, to consider what our situation is; what our means are; and how they can be best applied. What amount of population have we in comparison with our extent of soil, what amount of capital, and labor at what price? As to skill, knowledge, and enterprise, we may safely take it for granted that in these particulars we are on an equality with others. Keeping these considerations in view, allow me to examine two or three of those provisions of the bill to which I feel the strongest objections.

To begin with the article of iron. Our whole annual consumption of this article is supposed by the chairman of the committee to be forty-eight or fifty thousand tons. Let us suppose the latter. The amount of our own manufacture he estimates, I think, at seventeen thousand tons. The present duty on the imported article is \$15 per ton, and as this duty causes, of course, an equivalent augmentation of the price of the home manufacture, the whole increase of price is equal to \$750,000 annually. This sum we pay on a raw material, and on an absolute necessary of life. The bill proposes to raise the duty from \$15 to \$22.50 per ton, which would be equal to \$1,125,000 on the whole annual consumption. So that, suppose the point of prohibition which is aimed at by some gentlemen to be attained, the consumers of the article would pay this last-mentioned sum every year to the producers of it, over and above the price at which they could supply themselves with the same article from other sources. There would be no mitigation of this burden, except from the prospect, whatever that might be, that iron would fall in value,

377. "The present equable diffusion of moderate wealth cannot be better illustrated, than by remarking that in this age many palaces and superb mansions have been pulled down, or converted to other purposes, while none have been erected on a like scale. The numberless baronial castles and mansions, in all parts of England, now in ruins, may all be adduced as examples of the decrease of inordinate wealth. On the other hand, the multiplication of commodious dwellings for the upper and middle classes of society, and the increased comforts of all ranks, exhibit a picture of individual happiness, unknown in any other age." — *Sir G. Blane's Letter to Lord Spencer, in 1800.*



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by domestic competition, after the importation should be prohibited. It will be easy, I think, to show that it cannot fall; and supposing for the present that it shall not, the result will be, that we shall pay annually the sum of \$1,125,000, constantly augmented, too, by increased consumption of the article, **to support a business that cannot support itself.**

It is of no consequence to the argument, that this sum is expended at home; so it would be if we taxed the people to support any other useless and expensive establishment, to build another Capitol, for example, or incur an unnecessary expense of any sort. The question still is, Are the money, time, and labor well laid out in these cases? The present price of iron at Stockholm, I am assured by importers, is \$53 per ton on board, \$48 in the yard before loading, and probably not far from \$40 at the mines. Freight, insurance, &c. may be fairly estimated at \$15, to which add our present duty of \$15 more, and these two last sums, together with the cost on board at Stockholm, give \$83 as the cost of Swedes iron in our market. In fact, it is said to have been sold last year at \$81.50 to \$82 per ton. We perceive, by this statement, that the cost of the iron is doubled in reaching us from the mine in which it is produced. In other words, our present duty, with the expense of transportation, gives an advantage to the American over the foreign manufacturer of one hundred per cent. Why, then, cannot the iron be manufactured at home? Our ore is said to be as good, and some of it better. It is under our feet, and the chairman of the committee tells us that it might be wrought by persons who otherwise will not be employed. Why, then, is it not wrought? Nothing could be more sure of constant sale. It is not an article of changeable fashion, but of absolute, permanent necessity, and such, therefore, as would always meet a steady demand. Sir, I think it would be well for the chairman of the committee to revise his premises, for I am persuaded that there is an ingredient properly belonging to the calculation which he has misstated or omitted. Swedes iron in England pays a duty, I think, of about \$27 per ton; yet it is imported in considerable quantities, notwithstanding the vast capital, the excellent coal, and, more important than all perhaps, the highly improved state of inland navigation in England; although I am aware that the English use of Swedes iron may be thought to be owing in some degree to its superior quality.

Sir, the true explanation of this appears to me to lie in the different prices **of labor**; and here I apprehend is the grand mistake in the argument of the chairman of the committee. He says it would cost the nation, as a nation, nothing, to make our ore into iron. Now, I think it would cost us precisely that which we can worst afford; that is, great **labor**. Although bar-iron is very properly considered a raw material in respect to its various future uses, yet, as bar-iron, the principal ingredient in its cost is labor. Of manual labor, no nation has more than a certain quantity, nor can it be increased at will. As to some operations, indeed, its place may be supplied by machinery; but there are other services which machinery cannot perform for it, and which it must perform for itself. A most important question



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for every nation, as well as for every individual, to propose to itself, is, how it can best apply that quantity of labor which it is able to perform. Labor is the great producer of wealth; it moves all other causes. If it call machinery to its aid, it is still employed, not only in using the machinery, but in making it. Now, with respect to the quantity of labor, as we all know, different nations are differently circumstanced. Some need, more than any thing, work for hands, others require hands for work; and if we ourselves are not absolutely in the latter class, we are still most fortunately very near it. I cannot find that we have those idle hands, of which the chairman of the committee speaks. The price of labor is a conclusive and unanswerable refutation of that idea; it is known to be higher with us than in any other civilized state, and this is the greatest of all proofs of general happiness. Labor in this country is independent and proud. It has not to ask the patronage of capital, but capital solicits the aid of labor. This is the general truth in regard to the condition of our whole population, although in the large cities there are doubtless many exceptions. The mere capacity to labor in common agricultural employments, gives to our young men the assurance of independence. We have been asked, Sir, by the chairman of the committee, in a tone of some pathos, whether we will allow to the serfs of Russia and Sweden the benefit of making iron for us. Let me inform the gentleman, Sir, that those same serfs do not earn more than seven cents a day, and that they work in these mines for that compensation because they are serfs. And let me ask the gentleman further, whether we have any labor in this country that cannot be better employed than in a business which does not yield the laborer more than seven cents a day? This, it appears to me, is the true question for our consideration. There is no reason for saying that we will work iron because we have mountains that contain the ore. We might for the same reason dig among our rocks for the scattered grains of gold and silver which might be found there. The true inquiry is, Can we produce the article in a useful state at the same cost, or nearly at the same cost, or at any reasonable approximation towards the same cost, at which we can import it?

Some general estimates of the price and profits of labor, in those countries from which we import our iron, might be formed by comparing the reputed products of different mines, and their prices, with the number of hands employed. The mines of Danemora are said to yield about 4,000 tons, and to employ in the mines twelve hundred workmen. Suppose this to be worth \$50 per ton; any one will find by computation, that the whole product would not pay, in this country, for one quarter part of the necessary labor. The whole export of Sweden was estimated, a few years ago, at 400,000 ship pounds, or about 54,000 tons. Comparing this product with the number of workmen usually supposed to be employed in the mines which produce iron for exportation, the result will not greatly differ from the foregoing. These estimates are general, and might not conduct us to a precise result; but we know, from intelligent travellers, and eye-witnesses, that the price of labor in the Swedish mines does not



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exceed seven cents a day.³⁷⁸

The true reason, Sir, why it is not our policy to compel our citizens to manufacture our own iron, is that they are far better employed. It is an unproductive business, and they are not poor enough to be obliged to follow it. If we had more of poverty, more of misery, and something of servitude, if we had an ignorant, idle, starving population, we might set up for iron makers against the world.

The committee will take notice, Mr. Chairman, that, under our present duty, together with the expense of transportation, our manufacturers are able to supply their own immediate neighborhood; and this proves the magnitude of that substantial encouragement which these two causes concur to give. There is little or no foreign iron, I presume, used in the county of Lancaster. This is owing to the heavy expense of land carriage; and as we recede farther from the coast, the manufacturers are still more completely secured, as to their own immediate market, against the competition of the imported article. But what they ask is to be allowed to supply the sea-coast, at such a price as shall be formed by adding to the cost at the mines the expense of land carriage to the sea; and this appears to me most unreasonable. The effect of it would be to compel the consumer to pay the cost of two land transportations; for, in the first place, the price of iron at the inland furnaces will always be found to be at, or not much below, the price of the imported article in the seaport, and the cost of transportation to the neighborhood of the furnace; and to enable the home product to hold a competition with the imported in the seaport, the cost of another transportation downward, from the furnace to the coast, must be added. Until our means of inland commerce be improved, and the charges of transportation by that means lessened, it appears to me wholly impracticable, with such duties as any one would think of proposing, to meet the wishes of the manufacturers of this article. Suppose we were to add the duty proposed by this bill, although it would benefit the capital invested in works near the sea and the navigable rivers, yet the benefit would not extend far in the interior. Where, then, are we to stop, or what limit is proposed to us?

The freight of iron has been afforded from Sweden to the United States as low as eight dollars per ton. This is not more than the price of fifty miles of land carriage. Stockholm, therefore, for the purpose of this argument, may be considered as within fifty miles of Philadelphia. Now, it is at once a just and a strong view of this case, to consider, that there are, within fifty miles of our market, vast multitudes of persons who are willing to labor in the production of this article for us, at

378. The price of labor in Russia may be pretty well collected from Tooke's "View of the Russian Empire." "The workmen in the mines and the founderies are, indeed, all called master-people; but they distinguish themselves into masters, under-masters, apprentices, delvers, servants, carriers, washers, and separators. In proportion to their ability their wages are regulated, which proceed from fifteen to upwards of thirty roubles per annum. The provisions which they receive from the magazines are deducted from this pay." The value of the rouble at that time (1799) was about twenty-four pence sterling, or forty-five cents of our money. "By the edict of 1799," it is added, "a laborer with a horse shall receive, daily, in summer, twenty, and in winter, twelve copecks; a laborer without a horse, in summer, ten, in winter, eight copecks."

A copeck is the hundredth part of a rouble, or about half a cent of our money. The price of labor may have risen, in some degree, since that period, but probably not much.



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the rate of seven cents per day, while we have no labor which will not command, upon the average, at least five or six times that amount. The question is, then, shall we buy this article of these manufacturers, and suffer our own labor to earn its greater reward, or shall we employ our own labor in a similar manufacture, and make up to it, by a tax on consumers, the loss which it must necessarily sustain.

I proceed, Sir, to the article of hemp. Of this we imported last year, in round numbers, 6,000 tons, paying a duty of \$30 a ton, or \$180,000 on the whole amount; and this article, it is to be remembered, is consumed almost entirely in the uses of navigation. The whole burden may be said to fall on one interest. It is said we can produce this article if we will raise the duties. But why is it not produced now? or why, at least, have we not seen some specimens? for the present is a very high duty, when expenses of importation are added. Hemp was purchased at St. Petersburg, last year, at \$101.67 per ton. Charges attending shipment, &c., \$14.25. Freight may be stated at \$30 per ton, and our existing duty \$30 more. These three last sums, being the charges of transportation, amount to a protection of near seventy-five per cent in favor of the home manufacturer, if there be any such. And we ought to consider, also, that the price of hemp at St. Petersburg is increased by all the expense of transportation from the place of growth to that port; so that probably the whole cost of transportation, from the place of growth to our market, including our duty, is equal to the first cost of the article; or, in other words, is a protection in favor of our own product of one hundred per cent.

And since it is stated that we have great quantities of fine land for the production of hemp, of which I have no doubt, the question recurs, Why is it not produced? I speak of the water-rotted hemp, for it is admitted that that which is dew-rotted is not sufficiently good for the requisite purposes. I cannot say whether the cause be in climate, in the process of rotting, or what else, but the fact is certain, that there is no American water-rotted hemp in the market. We are acting, therefore, upon an hypothesis. Is it not reasonable that those who say that they **can** produce the article shall at least prove the truth of that allegation, before new taxes are laid on those who use the foreign commodity? Suppose this bill passes; the price of hemp is immediately raised \$14.80 per ton, and this burden falls immediately on the ship-builder; and no part of it, for the present, will go for the benefit of the American grower, because he has none of the article than can be used, nor is it expected that much of it will be produced for a considerable time. Still the tax takes effect upon the imported article; and the ship-owners, to enable the Kentucky farmer to receive an additional \$14 on his ton of hemp, whenever he may be able to raise and manufacture it, pay, in the mean time, an equal sum per ton into the treasury on all the imported hemp which they are still obliged to use; and this is called "protection"! Is this just or fair? A particular interest is here burdened, not only for the benefit of another particular interest, but burdened also beyond that, for the benefit of the treasury. It is said to be



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Now I cannot but flatter myself, Mr. Chairman, that, before the committee will consent to this new burden upon the shipping interest, it will very deliberately weigh the probable consequences. I would again urgently solicit its attention to the condition of that interest. We are told that government has protected it, by discriminating duties, and by an exclusive right to the coasting trade. But it would retain the coasting trade by its own natural efforts, in like manner, and with more certainty, than it now retains any portion of foreign trade. The discriminating duties are now abolished, and while they existed, they were nothing more than countervailing measures; not so much designed to give our navigation an advantage over that of other nations, as to put it upon an equality; and we have, accordingly, abolished ours, when they have been willing to abolish theirs. Look to the rate of freights. Were they ever lower, or even so low? I ask gentlemen who know, whether the harbor of Charleston, and the river of Savannah, be not crowded with ships seeking employment, and finding none? I would ask the gentlemen from New Orleans, if their magnificent Mississippi does not exhibit, for furlongs, a forest of masts? The condition, Sir, of the shipping interest is not that of those who are insisting on high profits, or struggling for monopoly; but it is the condition of men content with the smallest earnings, and anxious for their bread. The freight of cotton has formerly been three pence sterling, from Charleston to Liverpool, in time of peace. It is now I know not what, or how many fractions of a penny; I think, however, it is stated at five eighths. The producers, then, of this great staple, are able, by means of this navigation, to send it, for a cent a pound, from their own doors to the best market in the world.

Mr. Chairman, I will now only remind the committee that, while we are proposing to add new burdens to the shipping interest, a very different line of policy is followed by our great commercial and maritime rival. It seems to be announced as the sentiment of the government of England, and undoubtedly it is its real sentiment, that the first of all manufactures is the manufacture of ships. A constant and wakeful attention is paid to this interest, and very important regulations, favorable to it, have been adopted within the last year, some of which I will beg leave to refer to, with the hope of exciting the notice, not only of the committee, but of all others who may feel, as I do, a deep interest in this subject. In the first place, a general amendment has taken place in the register acts, introducing many new provisions, and, among others, the following: -

A direct mortgage of the interest of a ship is allowed, without subjecting the mortgagee to the responsibility of an owner.

The proportion of interest held by each owner is exhibited in the register, thereby facilitating both sales and mortgages, and giving a new value to shipping among the moneyed classes.

Shares, in the ships of copartnerships, may be registered as joint property, and subject to the same rules as other partnership effects.

Ships may be registered in the name of trustees, for the benefit of joint-stock companies.



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And many other regulations are adopted, with the same general view of rendering the mode of holding the property as convenient and as favorable as possible.

By another act, British registered vessels, of every description, are allowed to enter into the general and the coasting trade in the India seas, and may now trade to and from India, with any part of the world except China.

By a third, all limitations and restrictions, as to latitude and longitude, are removed from ships engaged in the Southern whale-fishery. These regulations, I presume, have not been made without first obtaining the consent of the East India Company; so true is it found, that real encouragement of enterprise oftener consists, in our days, in restraining or buying off monopolies and prohibitions, than in imposing or extending them. The trade with Ireland is turned into a free coasting trade; light duties have been reduced, and various other beneficial arrangements made, and still others proposed. I might add, that, in favor of general commerce, and as showing their confidence in the principles of liberal intercourse, the British government has perfected the warehouse system, and authorized a reciprocity of duties with foreign states, at the discretion of the Privy Council.

This, Sir, is the attention which our great rival is paying to these important subjects, and we may assure ourselves that, if we do not cherish a proper sense of our own interests, she will not only beat us, but will deserve to beat us.

Sir, I will detain you no longer. There are some parts of this bill which I highly approve; there are others in which I should acquiesce; but those to which I have now stated my objections appear to me so destitute of all justice, so burdensome and so dangerous to that interest which has steadily enriched, gallantly defended, and proudly distinguished us, that nothing can prevail upon me to give it my support.³⁷⁹

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NOTE.

This is commonly called Mr. Webster's "Free Trade" speech. It has been found difficult to select one among his many speeches in support of the policy of Protection which would fully represent his views on the subject; but the reasons for his change of opinion, and for his advocacy of Protection, are fully stated in many of the speeches printed in this volume, delivered after the year 1830. Perhaps as good a statement as can be selected from his many speeches on the Tariff, in explanation of his change of position as to the need, policy, and duty of protection to American manufactures, may be found in his speech delivered in the Senate of the United States, on the 25th and 26th of July, 1846, on the Bill "To reduce the Duties on Imports, and for other Purposes." In this speech, he

379. Since the delivery of this speech, an arrival has brought London papers containing the speech of the English Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Robinson), on the 23d of February last, in submitting to Parliament the annual financial statement. Abundant confirmation will be found in that statement of the remarks made in the preceding speech, as to the prevailing sentiment, in the English government, on the general subject of prohibitory laws, and on the silk manufacture and the wool tax particularly.



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made the following frank avowal of the reasons which induced him to reconsider and reverse his original opinions on the subject:

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"But, Sir, before I proceed further with this part of the case, I will take notice of what appears, latterly, to be an attempt, by the republication of opinions and expressions, arguments and speeches of mine, at an earlier and later period of life, to found against me a charge of inconsistency, on this subject of the protective policy of the country. Mr. President, if it be an inconsistency to hold an opinion upon a subject at one time and in one state of circumstances, and to hold a different opinion upon the same subject at another time and in a different state of circumstances, I admit the charge. Nay, Sir, I will go further; and in regard to questions which, from their nature, do not depend upon circumstances for their true and just solution, I mean constitutional questions, if it be an inconsistency to hold an opinion to-day, even upon such a question, and on that same question to hold a different opinion a quarter of a century afterwards, upon a more comprehensive view of the whole subject, with a more thorough investigation into the original purposes and objects of that Constitution, and especially after a more thorough exposition of those objects and purposes by those who framed it, and have been trusted to administer it, I should not shrink even from that imputation. I hope I know more of the Constitution of my country than I did when I was twenty years old. I hope I have contemplated its great objects more broadly. I hope I have read with deeper interest the sentiments of the great men who framed it. I hope I have studied with more care the condition of the country when the convention assembled to form it. And yet I do not know that I have much to retract or to change on these points.

"But, Sir, I am of the opinion of a very eminent person, who had occasion, not long since, to speak of this topic in another place. Inconsistencies of opinion, arising from changes of circumstances, are often justifiable. But there is one sort of inconsistency which is culpable. It is the inconsistency between a man's conviction and his vote; between his conscience and his conduct. No man shall ever charge me with an inconsistency like that. And now, Sir, allow me to say, that I am quite indifferent, or rather thankful, to those conductors of the public press who think they cannot do better than now and then to spread my poor opinions before the public.

"I have said many times, and it is true, that, up to the year 1824, the people of that part of the country to which I belong, being addicted to commerce, having been



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successful in commerce, their capital being very much engaged in commerce, were averse to entering upon a system of manufacturing operations. Every member in Congress from the State of Massachusetts, with the exception, I think, of one, voted against the act of 1824. But what were we to do? Were we not bound, after 1817 and 1824, to consider that the policy of the country was settled, had become settled, as a policy, to protect the domestic industry of the country by solemn laws? The leading speech³⁸⁰ which ushered in the act of 1824 was called a speech for the 'American System.' The bill was carried principally by the Middle States. Pennsylvania and New York would have it so; and what were we to do? Were we to stand aloof from the occupations which others were pursuing around us? Were we to pick clean teeth on a constitutional doubt which a majority in the councils of the nation had overruled? No, Sir; we had no option. All that was left us was to fall in with the settled policy of the country; because, if any thing can ever settle the policy of the country, or if any thing can ever settle the practical construction of the Constitution of the country, it must be these repeated decisions of Congress, and enactments of successive laws conformable to these decisions. New England, then, did fall in. She went into manufacturing operations, not from original choice, but from the necessity of the circumstances in which the legislation of the country had placed her. And, for one, I resolved then, and have acted upon the resolution ever since, that, having compelled the Eastern States to go into these pursuits for a livelihood, the country was bound to fulfil the just expectations which it had inspired."



April 3, Saturday: Morning and Evening Service for chorus and organ by Samuel Wesley was performed completely for the initial time, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Samuel Young was nominated by a state caucus for governor of New York.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 4 M / About 2 OC this afternoon a messenger stoped & gave information that Aunt Mary Gould was worse & I was requested to go up there - which I quickly did, & found her very low, but did not appear to me immediately Dieing [sic]. When I went into the Chamber, I went to the bed & inquired how she did. she told me very poorly, & asked me to sit down, which I did) at the head of her bed - she soon put out her hand for me to take, which I did, & took her pulse & found them Stronger than I expected. - She asked me if I did not think her dieing. I told her not immediately - but considered her very weak & low. - While sitting by her bed side, my mind was cover'd with quiet, & I evidently felt a solemn quiet to preside over her, which was

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*a consolation to my feelings on her account – Aunt Stanton came in, to whom she was able to speak with much composure. – it was necessary for me to leave & come home, being under several pressing engagements – but a few minutes before 5 OC a message came that she was very near the close – I went up & found she had expired just as I entered the room
Aged 81 Years 4 Months & 1 day, being born the 2nd of the 10th M called December "old stile" 1743*

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April 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 4 M / Large solid Meeting & silent till near the close, when our frd D Buffum rose & delivered a testimony on the importance of a preparation for a future State, with great life & solemnity – To me the forepart of the Meeting was a favourd season, for which I desire to be very thankful – In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent, but a pretty good time, indeed it has been a day of favour to me –for this renewal of favour, my heart bows under a sense of my unworthyness –

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April 5, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 4 M 1824 / Attended Aunt Molly Goulds funeral which was a silent solid sitting – she was interd in friends burying ground near our Meeting House on the North side of Aunt Pollys grave

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April 8, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 4th M / Silent & pretty good Meetings – The Committee in care of Jamestown Meeting met at the close, & Concluded to open one there, the First day after the Next Quarterly Meeting at Greenwich. –

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April 10, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th 10th of 4 M / We had this Afternoon the company our Young Friends Wing Russel & Jos Tillinghast of [New Bedford](#) to tea – They appear to be rightly concerned young men, & on good ground, my heart desires their Wellfare – To Wing I feel myself under no small obligations, for many interesting communications, furnished of late on the state of society in [New Bedford](#). –

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 April 11, Sunday: Maria Szymanowska gave a very successful performance at the Paris Conservatoire, on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 [sic] of 4 M / Meetings silent excepting a short savory communication from Anne Dennis - Both small being very rainy - seasons of some favour to me, but Oh how short of what I desire -
This eveng visited James Mitchell who is very sick & without a speedy change for the better, it now looks as if the days of his Years are nearly numbered. -*

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 April 15, Thursday: Work resumed on the [Chesapeake and Delaware Canal](#) after a 19-year hiatus, under Chief Engineer Benjamin Wright.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 4 M / Meeting silent - In the Select Meeting, a sense of lowness in my mown mind & in others - Indeed it is a low time in the Church, especially this part of it - I felt a sense of lamentation over the State of things in the first meeting & particularly for myself - but what avails Lamentation, it is not that which is to effect change - it is setting about the Work, removing the Rubbish, building the Wall with one hand & loding the Weapon of defence in the other to Keep away the enemy, this would inspire our own minds with confidence that the Work would be completed, & stimulate others to follow our example, & give them confidence in their leaders - but I cannot but say -Alas the weakness which pervades Zion, may her waste places be restored to ancient beauty by the renewed Zeal of her inhabitants

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 April 18, Easter Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 4 M 1824 / Hard meetings but a degree of favour in the Afternoon - H Dennis & J D was engaged in short testimony in the forenoon & in the Afternoon Jonathon spoke pertinently in a few words

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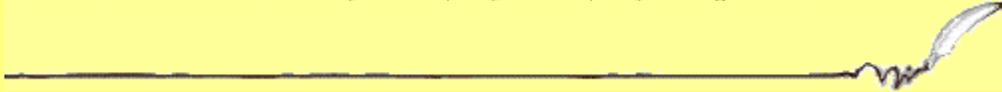


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[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

I cannot accurately estimate my chances of success, in my profession, & in life. Were it just to judge the future from the past, they would be very low. In my case I think it is not. I have never expected success in my present employment. My scholars are carefully instructed, my money is faithfully earned, but the instructor is little wiser. & the duties were never congenial with my disposition. Thus far the dupe of hope I have trudged on with my burden at my back, and my eye fixed on the distant hill where my burden would fall. It may be I shall write dupe a long time to come & the end of life shall intervene betwixt me & the release. My trust is that my profession shall be my regeneration of mind, manners, inward & outward estate; or rather my starting point, for I have hoped to put on eloquence as a robe, and by goodness and zeal and the awfulness of virtue to press & prevail over the false judgments, the rebel passions & corrupt habits of men. We blame the past, we magnify & gild the future and are not wiser for the multitude of days. Spin on, Ye of the adamantine spindle, spin on, my fragile thread.



April 19, Monday: George Gordon Noel, 6th Baron Byron of Rochdale, a volunteer in the Greek rebellion, lay a victim of malaria in Missolonghi (Mesolongion), to the west of Athens.³⁸¹ His schemes to become a great white hero seemed remote. Ordinarily he wouldn't have let physicians near him, but on this occasion he was hardly conscious enough to drive them away. They bled [the 6th Baron Byron of Rochdale](#) until Captain George Anson Byron became by default [the 7th Baron Byron of Rochdale](#).



His heart and lungs would remain in Greece, while the remainder of his body would be shipped home to be placed in Hucknall Torkard Church near Newstead, Nottinghamshire.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 19 of 4 M / Went to Conannicut to rectify Clocks,
after a laborious day returned at Night -*

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381. A lot of the fighting of the Greek rebellion centered on this small town. It had originally been carried by storm on November 1, 1821 but then the Turks had laid siege to it during October 1822. The Turks had assaulted the town six times by January 5, 1823 but on January 27, 1823 had been compelled to retreat. They would return on April 17, 1825 and bombard the town beginning on May 7, 1825. There would be another bombardment on January 25, 1826. The town would fall to the Turks on April 22, 1825. The Greeks would again capture the town in 1829, and it would be included in the new kingdom of Greece.



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 April 22, Thursday: A home at 286 Water Street in New-York was the first private residence to be lighted by gas.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 4 M / Priscilla Hunt from Indiana was at meeting Long testimony, know not what to say, - some approves - some are doubtful - In the last (Preparative) - Queries answered for the Year, some searching -

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 April 23, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 4 M / This Afternoon went to Connanicut to attend a Meeting appointed by her there this PM at 4 OC - it was so foggy that we could see nothing in the ferry & steerd by the Compass - it was also rainy & when we got there found the Meeting was not given out, so concluded to stay all Night at J Greenes & appoint the Meeting tomorrow at 11 OClock AM. -

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 April 24, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day - Meeting not very full, but considerable many folks there. - Priscilla engaged in a long testimony & concluded in supplication - know not that any fault could be found - her examplary deportment while I was with her, much in her favour - together with a Savour of life in some part of her testimony at least -
Waited on her & her companions who were John Lawton of Athens NYork & Hannah Eddy of Uxbridge, to the West ferry where we were joined by John Weeden, who agreed to conduct them to Tower Hill Meeting, where they expect to be tomorrow -*

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 April 25, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 4 M / Silent Meetings, & rather Small - We took tea at David Buffums & spent the evening pleasantly -

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 April 29, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 4 M / Did not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting - various discouragements attending - Was absent two Days last week, a prospect of Quarterly Meeting next week - & Thos Hornsby who lives in the house with us is very ill - a day of much seriousness to me -

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 May 1, Saturday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) took a room for the summer in Penzing (he would leave after three weeks because, he said, people on a nearby footbridge were staring at him while he was shaving).



If, while he was working, he did not go out during the forenoon, in order to compose himself, he would stand at the washbasin ... and pour great pitchersful of water over his hands, at the same time howling or, for a change, growling out the whole gamut of the scale, ascending and descending; then, before long, he would pace the room, his eyes rolling or fixed in a stare, jot down a few notes and again return to his water pouring and howling.... Beethoven was everywhere unwelcome as a lodger.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 5 M 1824 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Aunt Stanton this PM - lodged & this (1st day [Sunday]) went with her to meeting A precious good one to me, which I felt very thankful for Uncle brought me part of the way home this Afternoon

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 May 3, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 5 M / This Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) again with Dr Hazard to bleed Uncle Stanton who is complaining. -

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 May 4, Tuesday: In Greenwich, [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 5 M / In the Greenwich Packet with Friends I went to Greenwich - we got there by 12 O'clock, John & Richard on board, with whom I walked up to Dan Howlands & on the way we were caught in the Rain but were kindly entertained when there. -towards night we walked over to Thomas's to see him & his sister a little while. -

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 May 5, Wednesday: Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber's opera comique Le concert a la cour, ou La debutante to words of Scribe and Melesville was performed for the initial time, in Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

We are back from our honeymoon and leave shortly to join poor mamma at New Geneva. Father still in Washington. The Archbishop has excommunicated Monsieur Pascault.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Our Select Meeting was better attended than I have sometimes seen it, but a very low time, to appearance with most present – Spent the Afternoon in visiting a few friends & after the Meeting for Sufferings rose, met with the Trustees of O Browns Benevolent Fund – Lodged at cousin Wanton Caseys. –

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May 6, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day The Public Meeting was a season of favour the Ministry flowed freely – Thos Anthony, John Wilbour, Ruth Freeborn & Mary B Allen were all favoured in their communications & under M B Allen, the Meetings closed with a solemn & precious covering. – The weight & savour continued in the Meeting for buisness –Dined at the Widow Bonds after which finding a convenient opportunity, I rode to Wm Almys in Cranston & lodged. –

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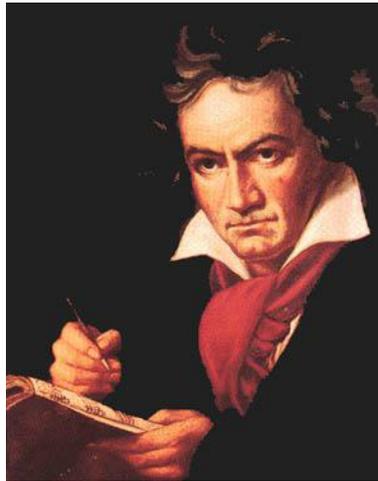
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May 7, Friday: Under the new constitution of Mejico, there was a new state to consist of the areas now encompassed by Texas and by Coahuila. There were already a few thousand Gringos in Tejas, mostly squatters but counting also those who had permission to be with the Austin colony in central Tejas. (Mejico would make no attempt to discourage such emigration of persons out of the USA prior to 1830, at which point the number of these troublesome intrusives ostensibly in the process of becoming citizens of Mejico rather than citizens of the USA would exceed 30,000.)

In Vienna's Karnnertortheater, the Symphony No. 9 in D Minor for soloists, chorus, and orchestra by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) to words of Schiller, the "Choral" Symphony, was performed for the initial time. The musicians had been instructed to ignore the conducting attempted by the deaf composer. Afterward a violinist would report that on the podium he had thrown himself "back and forth like a madman." At the conclusion of the work the crowd bursts into uproarious applause, including stamping of feet and waving, and Caroline Unger, the alto soloist, turned the composer around to view the spectacle because he had been unaware of it.



In the audience was a very interested Franz Schubert.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Rode this mornng to the Boarding School in [Providence](#) to attend the School committee & spent the day there in the service of society. - at Six oClock we (J Dennis & I) went on board the Steam Boat & arrived home at 10 OClock in the evening finding all as well as when I left tho J Hornsby very ill. -

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May 8, Saturday: [Charles Louis Flint](#) was born in Middleton, Massachusetts. He was the 2d son of Jeremiah Flint and Mary Hayward Flint, and of the 7th generation from Thomas Flint of Salem (father Jeremiah, grandfather John, great-grandfather Samuel, great-great-grandfather Thomas, great-great-great-grandfather William, great-great-great-great grandfather Thomas Flint born 1603 in Flint, Wales; died April 15, 1663 in Salem Village).³⁸² In his youth he would work on the family farm and study at a country school.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

382. Evidently he was not descended from the Thomas Flint family in Concord — because that Thomas had come over from Matlock in Derbyshire rather than from Flint in Wales and had died on October 8, 1653 rather than on April 15, 1663.



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7th day 8th of 5 M 1824 / I feel glad to be at home & to attend a little to my own concerns - this having been a very broken & unsettled Week - even today we have had many incumberances of callers in, which tends to scatter & cause additional labour for my dear Wife - who has much to do at this season as well as other seasons. - but particularly at this time in consequence of J Hornsby sickness

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May 9, Sunday: After King Joao VI of Portugal submitted to his son, Dom Miguel, he boarded a British ship and reasserted his authority.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 5 M / Before Meeting this morning called to see James Mitchell who is very low & in great distress of body & mind -between Meeting I was informed our friend Hannah Dennis called to see him & tho' the paroxisms of body & mind were so great that he caught hold of her handkerchief & tore it before his hand was disengaged - yet when she kneeled in supplication by his bedside he lay perfectly silent & still. - Our Meetings were both Silent & pretty well attended

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May 10, Monday: The National Gallery in London opened to the public in its temporary home in a townhouse on Pall Mall Street.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

The French Minister intimated to us that he has an important package to deliver into one of our hands, or accredited servants. As Lucien was returning here from Washington, father sent him for it. Imagine my surprise when I found it was addressed to me. It was from the Duc and Duchesse d'Angouleme -a most beautiful silver-gilt vase with their arms on one side- a wedding present. It was more than a surprise considering all they have been through, on account of the King's death, to have given me a thought. Josephine is delighted with it. Monsieur Pascault was greatly overcome when he saw it. I must consult father in what form to acknowledge it. We go in a few days to try the new house at New Geneva. It is all ready for our reception. In all events we will pass the summer there. It is getting intolerably hot here.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 5 M / Was called up this morning to assist in laying out poor JM who departed about an hour before I got to him

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 May 12, Wednesday: Marianne Wieck left her husband Friedrich in Leipzig and, taking her infant son Victor and her daughter Clara, went to her father's house in Plauen to arrange a legal separation.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 5 M / Attended as bearer at the funeral of James Mitchell & could but solemnly reflect on the number of times I have served with him at different funerals in the same way - The sitting was silent quiet & solemn & many people attended - 5th day 13 of 5 M / Silent Meeting & poor as respected myself while I trust it was better with others. -

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 May 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 5 M / Our Morning Meeting was uncommonly large & much favoured. Anne Dennis, D Buffum in testimony then Hannah Dennis in supplication after which she bore a short testimony & Jonathon said a few words & the Meeting closed. - In the Afternoon silent & tho' low in my own mind, it was not the worst of Meetings. - Times & seasons are not at our command. We are in the Lords hand, to whom alone we must look for Help. -

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 May 20, Thursday: Samuel Wesley was appointed organist of Camden Chapel.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 5th M 1824 / Silent Meeting & not without some good feelings - In the last (Preparative) we had a request for membership from an individual some advanced in years & Judge of a Court - In the admission of members, in this day of corruption of principle, it becomes necessary that we should know that Such are sound in the Free Faith as it is on our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, & I hope in this case Friends will be favoured with true judgement, & determine in Wisdom. -

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 May 23, Sunday: Shortly after Antonio Salieri cut his throat in a suicide attempt, Calisto Bassi began passing out printed copies of his poem "A [Lodovico van Beethoven](#) Ode Alcaica" (it was in this poem that Bassi made the initial assertion that Salieri had poisoned Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) — the Vienna police quickly confiscated as many copies as they could get their hands on).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 5 M / Our morning Meeting well attended, it was Silent & long & tho' the forepart of it was to me nearly Senseless yet it closed under precious feelings for which I desire to be thankful - Silent again in the Afternoon & not so hard a time as many others. - With John Took tea & set the



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 May 27, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 5 M / At our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in town we had the company of Walter Allen Thos Howland & Nicholas Congdon who were part of a Committee from the Meeting for Sufferings to make provision for friends at the Yearly Meeting time -

The first meeting was nearly silent, & perhaps it might as well have been quite so, but I feel tender in judging. -- In the last the buisness went on well. - Nicholas Congdon Benj Freeborn & wife, Sarah Greene, wife of Jos dined with us, & after dinner I met with the YMs committee on the subject of making provision, & made arrangements for the purpose. - N Congdon lodged with us.

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 May 30, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner's duties as assistant to Carl Maria von Weber began as he conducted Paer's Wie gerufen in Dresden.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 5 M / We had a little preaching in the forenoon & in the Afternoon Silent, both Meetings rather small. - Anne Ruth & James Dennis took tea with us, Also Sister Mary Rodman, all set the evening -

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 June 3, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 6th M 1824 / Small meeting & low, but a season of some favour to me for which I desire to be thankful - a short exhortation from Jon Dennis. - As Yearly Meeting approaches, the prospect of weight & responsibility increases, but it is somewhere said "As the day is so shall thy strength be, & if my strength does not increase it now seems as if I shall be but poorly quallified for usefulness at that time -

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 June 6, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 6 M 1824 / Meeting pretty well attended in the forenoon which was solid & Silent. - Silent & dull in the Afternoon. - Set part of the eveng at Abigail Robinsons with Sister Ruth - My H has not been at meeting today from indisposition

Thos Hornsby lays very low in the House, & tho' his apartment is separate from ours yet, we have much additional care in



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consequence of his situation

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 June 8, Tuesday: A wool washing and fulling machine was patented by Noah Cushing of Québec (the patent office having just opened its doors, this was the 1st patent ever issued in Canada).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th of 6th M / Yearly Meeting has now Commenced, (that is) Wm Forster Jr has come - had a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) day - took tea with us on his way to Conanicut to have a Meeting there tomorrow

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

We have been here for some time. The place itself is delightful. The views superb. Air as pure as air can be, but not a soul to speak to-not a neighbour, with the exception of some totally uneducated farmers, their wives and daughters. We are all here. Frances has a pony. Josephine is not allowed to ride at present. So I ride a huge farm-horse-who is as thin as a knife; no roads, so we risk our lives every moment. Albert sometimes rides in front of us. and when we are approaching a dangerous spot he blows a horn. I wish some of my Paris intimates could see us-how amused they would be. Mamma attends to all our personal comforts. We have many too many servants. Frances has named it "Castle Solitude." Our greatest friends are the mosquitoes, who certainly keep us company. Father reads all day as he is compiling some work. It is too hot for him to go to Washington at present. Mr. Crawford is no better.

 June 10, Thursday: While at the house of Stephen Groomsbridge, Esq. FRS at Blackheath, the [Reverend Professor John Josias Conybeare](#) was seized with an apoplexy.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 6 M / At Meeting Wm Forster preached, his testimony was sound & sweet. -- After meeting Hannah Dennis & her daughter Anne called & requested me to pay a visit with them to Thomas Hornsby in his room which Thos readily consented to receive. - I went up with them & it was a season of tenderness to us all, they both spoke with feeling & the visit was well received. -

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 June 12, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 6 M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) with my H & attended the Select Yearly Meeting which was a Season of divine favour, wherein the hearts of many were comforted with the renew'd faith that the Law & Testimony remained precious & would stand the



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test of all oppositions. - to my mind it was a time to be remembered The Testimony of our frd Wm Forster, Isaac Stevenson, Sally Collins, & others of our own members were plain & Prevalent. -

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June 13, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 6 M / Our Meeting this morning was not as full as at sometime, & much disturbed by the appearance of divers of the New order (so called) their speaking was awfully burdensome & awfully unsound on christian principles. - Yet for all, there was a good deal of Solid weight kept up & those who attended that were not members, were not at a loss to see the difference between the true & the False. - In the afternoon the Meeting was very large & tho' we had one spurious offering - Our Isaac Stevenson was large in testimony & great in Authority - Truth going over all opposers

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June 14, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 6th M 1824 / This Morning commenced Our Yearly Meeting for Church Government, the solemnity was such as was to be felt, tho' attended with some distress, a gathering home to the fountain was experienced - After the Meeting was opened it was informed that an Individual was present who had no right according to discipline to Sit. this occasioned a jostling, but the minds of Friends were preserved in the quiet & after considerable discussion the individual consented to leave the Meeting, after which my mind was unusually humbled & tendered under a thankful sense of the continued regard of Ancient goodness, & the power of Truth over all loose spirits & gainsayers. - The Buisness of the Meeting moved on in usual course, not without some trouble from several who were burdensome. - But I have to Acknowledge, Great is Truth, & its efficacy ever to be confided in -- The Afternoon was solid & quiet, & many weighty & feeling remarks were made on the State of Society by many of our own members & those who are with us from Abroad, particularly Isaac Stevenson Wm Forster Jr & Wm Jackson. -

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June 15, Tuesday: By letter, the Emperor of Austria granted Antonio Salieri's petition to be relieved of his duties at full salary. "In the service of four monarchs of the imperial house you have proved an incorruptible truth and devotion, and a perfect self-negation, which have never for a moment wavered, even in the most diverse and, for less magnanimous persons than you, tempting relations." He had held court positions since the death of Gluck. Although the letter was dated on this day, the Emperor had actually granted the petition in Prague on June 6th.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day / Our Select meeting was a season of favour for which many minds were thankful. -
In the Afternoon the Meeting at large met under very painful circumstances. - Benj Rodman who was the person who came in yesterday, not having a right by discipline to Sit, came in & took his seat & notwithstanding many intreaties would not withdraw - & the Meeting adjourned without transacting any buisness, after a sitting of about two hours. - Oh painful Oh Afflicting - such an exercise I never saw. - It was however thought he might have been prevailed on to have withdrawn but for some who uphold him*

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June 16, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th 6 M / Oh Lord strengthen us for the day, this is the Prayer of my heart this morning -- It was found necessary, in order to have our Meeting select to close the front door of our meeting house on the Mens side, & all other entrances, excepting the door at the little Meeting House, where Several door keepers were placed to let none go in that had not a right according to our discipline, which was promptly attended too by the, -- The buisness progressed in usual course & under a sense of divine favour, tho' the feelings of distress attendant were great - for "the city of Shushan, (the residence of the True Jews) was perplexed" but not disheartened

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That evening, 22 men, led by Richard Martin, MP, met in Old Slaughter's Coffee House near Covent Garden in London. They desired to enforce regulations on the humane treatment of animals passed by Parliament in 1822 and therefore organized themselves into a group they call the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. (Among their number was William Wilberforce. In 1840, Queen Victoria will allow them to add "Royal" to their title.)



June 17, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / A sitting for buisness this morning from 8 OC to Ten, when we adjourned for the Public Meeting at Eleven which was a time of great distress, the time being almost wholly taken up in spurious offerings - dear Sarah Collins however had some good service, but no Satisfactory result to the Meeting as her communication was followed by others quite as painful as those



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*in the forepart of the Meeting
The Meeting for buisness met at 4 OClock, to finish the Epistles,
which were the most sound & agreeable to me of any I recollect
for many years, some cavals [cavel: a part or share, a gag or
horse's bit. cavil: to jeer, to mock quibble] were set up to
some part of them by those who may be considerd in the
opposition, but the weight of the Meeting was kept up & closed
about dark after a solemn fervent supplication from William
Forster. -*

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June 18, Friday: Grand Duke Ferdinando III of Tuscany dies in Florence and was succeeded by his son Leopoldo II.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day / This Morning the Meeting for Sufferings & School
Committee met - I could not get time to go to the early part of
the sitting of the latter, into which I have been this year
introduced for the first time, which is an increase of weight &
responsibility I tremble under, but seeing my name was
mentioned, I thought, considering the state of things it was not
best for me to ask to be excused.
The School committee sat about three hours after which the day
was spent in parting with many dear friends, some of whom &
perhaps none of whom I may never see more, time to all is
uncertain. -
Set the evening at Abigail Robinsons in company with our friend
William Jackson. -
Thro' the course of this Yearly Meeting my heart has many times
been affected with a sense of renew'd favour, for which I desire
to be thankful - our company were all pleasant & among others
Our frd Isaac Stevenson lodged with us.*

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June 20, Sunday: The remains of [John Josias Conybeare](#) were interred in the churchyard at Bath Easton.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 6th M 1824 / It was rainy & our forenoon meeting
was small. Our frd Ruth Davis had good acceptable service. - The
Afternoon meeting was difered till 4 OClock by request of our
Ancient frd Wm Jackson who attended [Portsmouth](#) Meeting in the
forenoon & wished to be at ours in the Afternoon. -
Wm Jackson attended in the Afternoon, & addessed the youth,
particularly the "Little lads" which was very comfortable to my
feelings - at a second rising he preached more generally & very
acceptably. -*

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 June 21, Monday: [Rhode Island](#) was the only state of our union that still was functioning under its original colonial charter, granted to it by the King of England. This was the first day of a constitutional convention summoned by the General Assembly to replace that old charter.

The [Egyptian](#) fleet captured the island of Psara for the Sultan.

The British Parliament repealed the Combinations Acts of 1799-1800, thus allowing British workers to organize.

Franz Liszt gave his initial public concert in London, at the Argyll Rooms. Among the attenders were Muzio Clementi and Frederic Kalkbrenner. The room was full and the performance went very well.

 June 23, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 6th M / This afternoon Uncle Stanton sent his Waggon to Town to take us to his house, whither we went towards night & Lodged - 5th day Morning we went to Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was silent but a solid favoured season. - & the weight was uncommonly preserved during the time we were transacting the buisness - for this sense of favour I desire to be thankful - We returned after meeting & dined at Uncle Stantons & towards night rode home as we went & kept [sic] the Horse in town all night for John to carry out tomorrow -

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 June 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 6 M / Unwell so as not to go to Meeting, but those who did go inform'd that the Meetings were uncommonly large & favoured A Robinson & D Buffum in testimony in the forenoon & in the Afternoon D Buffum & Father Rodman

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 July 1, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 7th M 1824 / Our Meeting was small, but solid & good - but my own feeding was not on fatness, tho' It did seem to me that others were in better condition than myself - while inserting this my mind is humbled under a sense of my weakness my leanness. -

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 Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Sunday: In New-York, a "Patriotic Volunteer" ballet performance was



offered at the new theater at Chatham Garden.

Meanwhile, thousands watched as New-York's firemen paraded from the lawn in front of the hospital on Broadway between Anthony and Duane streets (Hospital Green) to the Bowery Church.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 4th of 7th M / Our Morning meeting was solid & silent & to me a season of some favour – In the afternoon a few words from D Buffum - pretty good Meeting – With my H & John went out to D B Jr & took tea & set the evening.-

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In Poultney, Vermont, a couple of hundred men repaired a road, after which they repaired to a locale at which “ladies of the neighborhood” had prepared for them a “plenteous repast.”

Jefferson Davis’s father Samuel Emory Davis died.

Hezekiah Prince Jr. lived in the small port town (for the coasting trade) of Thomaston, Maine, and in his journal of 1822-1828 (published by the Maine Historical Society in 1965) he described the July 4th celebrations there. On this year the 4th had been a Sunday, so the national birthday celebration actually took place on Monday the 5th.³⁸³

We had a stage erected in front of the pulpit [of the Brick Meetinghouse] ... The first performance after the reading of the Constitution was an oration by Demerrick Spear, next a written disputation between ... and another between ... we went to the Shore to a dinner provided by the Widow Spear. About 50 set down to dinner after which some appropriate toasts were drunk. [about 3:30 pm] I came home in the chaise I had hired for the day -- Mrs. Hasting’s chaise and Mr. Jourdain’s horse. ... About seven o’clock ... tackled my horse and chaise and carried Miss Henrietta Marsh and Miss Fanny Sprague (two young ladies from Bath and fine agreeable ones, too) over to a ball ... [meeting a party of about 12 couples] ... we spent the evening or rather night in dancing and very pleasantly till about two o’clock when I came away with Miss Marsh and Sprague. Some of the party continued till three o’clock.

4th July, 1826, National Jubilee. A fine morning was ushered in by the roar of cannon in all parts of the town, by a salute of 24 guns from a brass six pounder on the hill and by the ringing of bells. It is the fiftieth anniversary of that joyous day which we hail as our nation’s birthday. It was a glorious day to our country -- it was so to the world, for it declared that “all men are born free and equal” and this principle of equality is gaining upon the old notions of imperial, kingly and lordly characters and as it gains ground, the world becomes enlightened and refined ... After the services at the Meetinghouse the procession formed again walked to the new ropewalks lately erected where a table of 300 plates was spread and a dinner in ample order. Mr. Ruggles presided assisted by five vice-presidents. ... After the cloth was removed and the wine was placed before us, some fine sentiments were drank to and a fine flow of soul seemed to pervade the whole company in number over 200. ... A Mr. Brown sung some fine patriotic songs and towards the last some comic songs in fine style. All was life and spirit, yet all was orderly and harmonious. In the evening a fine display of fireworks was had, procured from Boston ...

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383. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s, or [Hathorne](#)’s, 20th birthday.



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In a footnote he added that the meetinghouse had been adorned with the names of Washington, Knox, and other patriots in white roses, along with that of [Simón Bolívar](#) who had helped revive their fine sense of a steady march of freedom.



 July 8, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber visited Marienbad seeking a cure for his malady.

[Hector Berlioz](#) arrived home in La Cote-St.-Andre for a stay of two and a half weeks.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 7 M / Silent, small & to me a lean meeting, was favoured however to witness a labour in my own heart, but fear there was but little overcoming. -

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 July 11, Sunday: Luis Maria de Salazar y Salazar replaced Narciso de Heredia y Begines, Conde de Ofalia as First Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 7 M / Silent meeting in the Mornng - In the Afternoon Hannah & Anne Dennis were concerned in short testimonys -To me pretty solid seasons, but Oh my leanness - my weakness

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 July 15, Thursday: Camden Chapel was dedicated by the Bishop of London, with music provided by its organist, Samuel Wesley.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 7th M / Meeting Silent & solid - after which was held our Select Meeting which was a season of exercise to me & I hope not unprofitably so. - There were more members present than I ever sat with before in a Moy [Monthly] Meeting capacity 16 in number -three were absent. Vizt Dorcas Earl wholly confined by Age & infirmity - Father Rodman at Salem & Anne Greene unwell -

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 July 17, Saturday: [William Hazlitt](#) remarried with Isabella Bridgewater, at Coldstream in Scotland (because his divorce was not legally recognized in England). This new relationship would endure for only one year.

After ten weeks in London Maria Szymanowska departed for Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 7th M 1824 / This Morning crossed the Ferry to Narragansett & went to Willet Carpenters to rectify his Clock where I dined - then Crossed again to Connanicut & walked about two or three Miles up the Island to Solomon Carpenters to do something to a Clock there, then tho' much fatigued returned South to Mercy Weedens, drank tea & lodged -

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 July 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First Day went to Meeting, was favourd with a little life in my own particular - - - went to Joseph Greenes Dined & drank tea & had a pleasant visit. - then came across the ferry home. -

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 July 22, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22nd of 7th M / Small Meeting a low time - Suffering is our lot - May a right improvement be made. -

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 July 25, Friday: At the request of the Ottoman Sultan, an [Egyptian](#) fleet and army sailed from Alexandria (El Iskandariya) to aid in subduing Greek insurgents.

After two and a half weeks at home in La Cote-St.-Andre, in increasing conflict with his father and family over his chosen vocation, [Hector Berlioz](#) left to return to Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 7 M / Good solid meeting - H Dennis was engaged to call our attention to the necessity of rendering unto God thanksgiving & dedication of heart for his many Mercys & favours -after which D Buffum Rose & observed that from great age & considerable infirmity of Body & abatement of the Powers of his mental faculties he apprehended he might be excused from much religious communication, but feeling his mind exercised with considerations arising from a passage of Scripture which had often been feelingly revived in his mind out of Meeting as well as in meeting & at this time which Was - "Set thine House in order for thou shalt Die & not live." he urged the necessity of Doing this in a temporal sense that those we might leave behind might have as little trouble with our affairs as might be - but dwelt much & very lively on the necessity of having our accounts



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in readiness to appear before the Judge of Quick & Dead for we know not how soon we might be called home to be seen of men no more -- It often seems to me when I hear our above said friend, in lively & pertinent testimony, that he is doing his last work -but he yet lives, tho' thurned[?] of 80 Years & is useful to society & mankind at large. - Small meeting in the Afternoon but closed with me under a sense of weight - perhaps more so as having to sit at the head of it & break it up - Oh the weight of it - I feel my poverty -

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July 28, Wednesday: Gaetano Donizetti's drama semiseria Emilia di Liverpool after Scatizzi was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Nuovo, Naples.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 7 M 1824 / By the mail last evening I recd the News of the decease of Bailey Brooks on the 4th of this Month at sea on board the Brig William of Portland William Norris Master, I had for some years stood in the capacity of Guardian to him & felt a tender Interest for his well fare, he was twenty years & about three Months old. - This morning & last evening I have been round to give his relations & friends the account, which has deeply impressed my mind with the Awful uncertainty of all things here & the necessity of a right preparation for the great & final change

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July 29, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 7 M / This day was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Town - In the first meeting we had several testimonys & the one the most to the purpose was from our frd Hannah Dennis - Some days ago we heard of the Sudden departure of our frd JONATHON CHASE ar Swansey, by information today it appears that he had been at Meeting and had preached acceptably on First day last the 25th inst & on returning home was taking his horse out of the Chaise & untackled one side when it was supposed he found himself unwell & stepped into the Stable, as in a few minutes after he was found quite gone - he was a friend much esteemed for his innocent walk in life, & for his excellent gift in the Ministry, in the exercise of which he was faithful & ardent as well as prudent in management of it, in the Year 1815 in company with Daniel Brayton he visited families in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting to good satisfaction, it was my lot to go to many places with them, in which my mind was instructed & enlarged. - The language which forcilby strikes the mind on his suden exit is that of the Poet "Many fall as sudden, Few as Safe" & of the Scripture "Be ye ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

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 August 1, Sunday: New York State electors were selected in Utica to nominate the governor and lieutenant governor.

Gioachino Rossini arrived in Paris under contract to the Ministry of the Royal Household, to write two new operas and produce one of his already existing works (he also agreed to become director of the Theatre-Italien).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1 of 8 M 1824 / Some preaching & pretty good meetings,
but nothing in which to boast, neither for myself or others. –*

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 August 2, Monday: A referendum in the State of Illinois abolished [slavery](#).

August 3, Tuesday: Singapore was ceded to Great Britain by the Sultan of Johore.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 8th M / This morning rode in the Rain with my H & John to [Portsmouth](#), lodged at Uncle Stantons & 4th day Morning took his waggon & went to attend the Select Quarterly Meeting which was a season of some searching, which I hope may be proffitable both to Ministers & Elders. – We dined at Uncle P Lawtons & in the Afternoon while I attended the meeting for Sufferings H went to Adam Anthonys – The service of the Meeting for Sufferings is to me a new one, & a weighty one - which I feel very incompetent too --The cares of Society & concerns of my own are heavy upon me, but I desire to do as well as I can, & leave the rest. –

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 August 4, Wednesday: Franz Liszt played the 1st of two concerts at the Theater-Royal in Manchester.

The United States recognized the United Provinces of Central America.



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August 10, Tuesday: [Ebenezer Knight Dexter](#), a wealthy citizen of [Providence, Rhode Island](#), had served on a town committee for poor relief. At the point of his death, those unable to support themselves due to age or illness were being cared for at town expense in private homes, by caretakers who were low bidders for that job.



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In his will, therefore, he designated his “Neck Farm” of about 40 acres for “the accommodation and support of the poor of said town ... and for no other use or purpose whatever.” The bulk of his estate (in round numbers, about \$60,000), he directed, was to be put into the construction and upkeep of this Dexter Asylum and the care of the poor. The will stipulated that the town was to erect a stone wall around the Neck Farm property, forbade the town ever to sell it, and specified that for any other action concerning it, a town meeting of no fewer than “forty freemen” would be necessary. A committee would quickly form to oversee this grand bequest, and town meetings from 1824 until the completion of the original building in 1828 would arrange the construction, operation, and rules of the asylum.

DEXTER ASYLUM



August 12, Thursday: Adam and Franz Liszt arrive in Calais from England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8 M 12 / Meeting comfortable & silent - tho' not as much life as I desired -
This Mornng Jnth Slocum introduced Samuel Peebles a young man from Virginia who produced a good certificate from his Moy [Monthly] Meeting expressive of his prospect of travelling this way for his health, which appears to be low - There is something in his countenance innocent & sweet & his acct of his situation*



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claimed our sympathy & proved an inducement to ask him to stay a day or two among us. -

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August 15, Sunday: The Cape Mesurado Colony, founded by the American Colonization Society for the repatriation of American slaves, was expanded into the Colony of Liberia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15 of 8 M / In the Mornng Meeting two short testimonys & in the Afternoon silent - both pretty solid to me
Took tea at D Buffums with Saml Peebles. -*

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August 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 8 M / Father Rodman & H Dennis engaged in good solid testimonys & the Meeting solid - Oh for an increase of life & religious engagement among us

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August 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 8 M / In the forenoon Father Rodman in Testimony & supplication & H Dennis in Testimony, an evidence of life was experienced in my own particular - In the Afternoon nearly silent, a few words droped towards the close by JD
Set the evening at Abigail Robinsons*

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August 23, Monday: The touring [Marquis de Lafayette](#) arrived in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

A convention was called by the State to frame a written Constitution for the State, to which this town sent its quota of delegates. The Convention met at [Newport](#), and formed a Constitution, which was submitted to the freemen, and was rejected. There was an almost unanimous vote in this town in its favor. - On the receipt of intelligence that Lafayette had again arrived in this country, the bells were rung, and the great guns were fired in this town. A Town meeting was called, a resolution was passed to invite this friend of American and human rights, to visit this town, and a committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of the Town Council, and such as they might associate with them, to carry out the objects of the meeting. The distinguished visitor arrived at the westerly line of the town in Olneyville, August 23, at noon, where he was met and addressed by the committee of arrangements, and with them, was escorted by a vast civic and military procession to the State House. The streets were lined with citizens eager to see their



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country's friend, the companion in arms and beloved of Washington; and thousands of "happy human faces" gave him evidence that he was a welcome and honored guest. He was conducted to the Senate Chamber, where he was received by the Governor, and was then introduced by the Committee to the crowd of citizens, who pressed forward to touch the patriot's hand. He dined with the Committee and other citizens, reviewed the troops after dinner, and then departed for Boston. In front of the State House, he was recognized by Captain Stephen Olney as an old comrade, and their mutual rapturous joy, at this meeting, produced a strong sensation on the surrounding crowd.

 August 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 8 M / This Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting & lodged at Uncle Stantons. -

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 August 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day the first Meeting was a good time much solemnity prevailed & Father Rodman Hannah Dennis & Abigail Robinson were all twice engaged in testimony - my own mind favoured with feeling - In the last meeting buisness went on comfortably & closed well -
Dine at Richard Mitchells, & took tea at Jethro's*

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 August 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 8 M 1824 / Our Morning meeting was a favoured time. The silent part of it was unusually solemn & my mind in a stste of feeling & tenderness that I am thankful for - - - Silent in the Afternoon. -

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 August 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 30th of 8 M / This morning under no small weight of discouragement, I left home in the Packet for [Providence](#) to attend the Meeting of the Sub committee of the YM Schhool & An adjournment of the Meeting for Sufferings, to be held there tomorrow -
We arrived after a tedious passage of eight hours. & I took tea at Jos Anthonys, then went to [Moses Brown](#) to lodge*

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 August 31, Tuesday: [Hector Berlioz](#) wrote from Paris, replying to a scornful letter from his father: “I am driven involuntarily towards a magnificent career –no other adjective can be applied to the career of artist– and not towards my doom. For I believe I shall succeed; yes, I believe it ... I wish to make a name for myself, I wish to leave some trace of my existence on this earth; and so strong was the feeling –which was an entirely honorable one– that I would rather be Gluck or Mehul dead than what I am in the flower of my age.”

On the day that [Captain Jones Very](#) and his 11-year-old cabin boy son [Jones Very, Jr.](#) arrived back in Salem from their voyage to New Orleans, France, and Portugal, the *Marquis de Lafayette* was being paraded through the streets of Salem along with his American friend, Fanny Wright. Father and son may well have witnessed this event. In addition, the mother, Lydia Very, may on this day have had an opportunity not only to see but also to speak with Fanny Wright, her personal “idol.”



The French luminary, who had been to Ipswich before, honored the place that evening with a second visit. Unfortunately he and his suite were delayed en route by rain and mud and, after having been expected most of the day, they did not enter the packed meetinghouse until between seven and eight in the evening. He was addressed by Nathaniel Lord, Esq. and made a short reply before being conducted to Nathaniel Treadwell’s inn, where he kibbitzed with some Revolutionary soldiers while obtaining refreshments. The following morning at 10 o’clock he would depart with his suite for Newburyport “amid the benedictions of many hearts.” Unlike the canker-worm, this general would not again return.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day - In the morning attended School Committee & in the Afternoon the Meeting for Sufferings, both which made adjournment till tomorrow - lodged again at [MB](#),

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 Fall: The voters of [Rhode Island](#) rejected the state constitution that had been proposed that summer by a constitutional convention summoned by the General Assembly, to replace the state’s old colonial Charter of 1663.

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September 1: General [Lafayette](#) and his suite departed Ipswich at 10AM for Newburyport “amid the benedictions of many hearts.” Unlike the canker-worm, this general would not again return. The weather was so inclement that they would not arrive in Newburyport until too late in the evening for any reception, but the town cannon would be discharged anyway, to alert the residents to his arrival.



In [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day - in dilligent service under my differnt appointments in society, from the Y Meeting, with my mind much engaged in the service, no part of which was attended with more solid weight than our visit to the children in the School, in the girls department, our frd [M Brown](#) was concerned to impart weighty council, & was followed by a baptising supplication from Alice Rathbone & testimony from Hannah Dennis - & was a most interesting opportunity - In the boys school much good council was imparted by several of the committee & I hope our labours will not be soon forgotten - After the service of this day was over I went in to [Providence](#), set the evening with Dorcas Brown & lodged at Welcome Congdons. -

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 September 2, Thursday: The *Marquis de Lafayette* breakfasted in Newburyport on yet another rainy day, and William Lloyd Garrison was among the hundreds of townspeople who obtained his handshake at the Tracy mansion on State Street (a building which now houses the town's public library) prior to his departure for [Concord](#).



When the illustrious *citoyen* reached [Concord](#), Squire Samuel Hoar, on behalf of all, rose to deliver the welcome.

Lafayette, nous sommes ici!

—General “Black Jack” Pershing,
arriving with US troops in France
at the very end of the WWI trench warfare.

Unfortunately, Squire Hoar did this in a manner which would begin a long and bitter controversy with Lexington over which town's militia had been the first to fire upon the colonial army in America, by pointing out in his speech of welcome that it had been at the [Old North Bridge](#) over the [Concord River](#) rather than during the prior slaughter on the green in Lexington town that “the first forcible resistance” had been offered by the militia to the army. Before this visit by the *marquis*, there had in fact been very little note taken either in [Concord](#) or in Lexington of the anniversary of the April 19th dustup between the militia and the army. This invidious discrimination between two outbreaks of smallarms fire would produce a “storm of protest” from indignant Lexingtonians. Major Elias Phinney of Lexington would begin to pull together the depositions of survivors, none of whom had forgotten any details of the “battle” and some of whom were finding that they were able to recall details that hadn't actually happened.

When [Mary Moody Emerson](#) was introduced to the general, she coquettishly told him that since she had been at the time a newborn infant, she also could lay claims to having been “in arms’ at the [Concord](#) fight.”³⁸⁴

[John Shepard Keyes](#) would later preserve a dim memory of having been pulled by a sister out of the way of the horses that drew [Lafayette](#) through Concord, and of the pageantry of that very special day.

Franklin Benjamin Sanborn would later allege that [Henry Thoreau](#) had been able to summon a childhood memory of this event, which would have occurred subsequent to his 7th birthday, but Thoreau's memory of the event would have been rather more like the trace memory of Keynes ([John Shepard Keyes](#)) and nothing

384. I don't know whether this presentation of Mary Moody Emerson to [Lafayette](#) occurred earlier during this day, in Newburyport, or later, in [Concord](#).



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like Walt Whitman's — for Walt's memory much later (a memory produced for the amazement of his friend [John Burroughs](#)), was that somehow he had obtained for himself a manly kiss:

On the visit of General Lafayette to this country, in 1824, he came over to Brooklyn in state, and rode through the city. The children of the schools turn'd out to join in the welcome. An edifice for a free public library for youths was just then commencing, and Lafayette consented to stop on his way and lay the corner-stone. Numerous children arriving on the ground, where a huge irregular excavation for the building was already dug, surrounded with heaps of rough stone, several gentlemen assisted in lifting the children to safe or convenient spots to see the ceremony. Among the rest, Lafayette, also helping the children, took up the five-year-old Walt Whitman, and pressing the child a moment to his breast, and giving him a kiss, handed him down to a safe spot in the excavation.

— John Burroughs.



Abba Alcott would love to recount, in her old age, how her aunt Dorothy Sewall Quincy met the *marquis* at the ball held in his honor. We may be able to judge the nature of the reception and ball at which Dorothy Sewall Quincy “met her *marquis*” —presumably in [Boston](#) rather than in [Concord](#) where there would not have been an adequate infrastructure of edifices, servants, and the paraphernalia of privilege— by considering that the visit of this distinguished “friend of America,” who had been declared a guest of the nation by President James Monroe and by the federal Congress, was our nation's chief social excitement of this year.

In Philadelphia, for instance, the celebrations had occupied several days, with the good general [Lafayette](#) bowing with grace of manner and greeting each lady and gentleman presented to him with “How do you do?”



in very careful English, and the following account subsequently appeared in Niles' Weekly Register:



THE NATION'S GUEST

On Monday morning, the 4th inst., about three hundred children of both sexes, from the different schools in Philadelphia, were arranged in the State House yard to receive General La Fayette: the spectacle was most beautiful and highly interesting.

In the evening he attended a grand ball at the theatre: the lobby of which was converted into a magnificent saloon, adorned with beautiful rose, orange and lemon trees, in full bearing, and a profusion of shrubbery, pictures, busts, banners with classical inscriptions, etc., all illuminated with a multitude of lamps. For the dancers there were two compartments, the house and the stage; the upper part of the former was hung with scarlet drapery, studded with golden stars, while the great chandelier, with two additional ones, and a row of wax tapers, arranged over the canopy, shed down a blaze of light. The first and second tiers of boxes were crowded with ladies in the richest apparel, as spectators of the dazzling array. Beyond the proscenium the stage division wore the appearance of an Eastern pavilion in a garden, terminating with a view of an extended sea and landscape, irradiated by the setting sun, and meant to typify the Western world. The company began to assemble soon after seven o'clock, and consisted of two thousand or more persons, of whom 600 or 700 were invited strangers. Twenty-two hundred tickets had been issued. No disorder occurred in the streets, with the arrival and departure of the carriages, which formed a line along the adjoining squares.

General La Fayette appeared at nine o'clock and was received at the door by the managers of the ball. He was conducted the whole length of the apartments through an avenue formed by the ladies to the bottom of the stage, where Mrs. Morris, Governor Shulze, and the Mayer waited to greet him in form: the full band playing an appropriate air during his progress. As soon as he was seated, the dancers were called, and at least four hundred were immediately on the floor. The dancing did not cease until near five o'clock, though the company began to retire about three. At twelve, one of the managers, from an upper box, proclaimed a toast "to the nation's guest," which was hailed with enthusiasm and accompanied by the descent of a banner from the ceiling. Behind this was suddenly displayed a portrait of the general, with allegorical figures.

A short while later, churning this topic, Niles' Weekly Register offered information about the sexual overtones of toasts which had been offered at a similar upscale bash in [Baltimore](#), and the manner in which such



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gallantries had been offered and received:

When the music for the dancing ceased, the military band of the first rifle regiment played the most pleasing and fashionable airs.... Just before the ladies of the first tables retired, General La Fayette requested permission to give the following toast, which was received in a manner that reflected credit on the fair objects of it: "The [Baltimore](#) ladies – the old gratitude of a young soldier mingles with the respectful sense of new obligation conferred on a veteran." The ladies rose and saluted the general, and the sensation and effect is not to be described; when he sat down there was a burst of applause from all the gentlemen present.



Need we explore the overtones of this toast? The old French general is relying upon the national stereotypes according to which Frenchmen in tights are "gallant," and is reminiscing about when he and his fellows were young and horny, traveling around in magnificent uniforms diddling the lovely young colonial maidens. He is saying to these ladies at the banquet "Maybe it was you I swived with when you were much younger, and you will remember but not I, or consider that maybe it was your mama," and he was saying to their husbands as well, "Maybe it was your wife I swived with when we were so much younger, and she will remember but not I and she will most certainly not tell you about it, or maybe it was your mama, or your wife's mama." He remembers youthful delights and is grateful. [Lafayette](#) says all this in the most careful innuendo, "and the sensation and effect is not to be described." What could the American males do but applaud wildly? –They couldn't very well rush the main table and shove this codger's head into his soup, could they?

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Morng - called a little while at Jos Anthonys, then came on board the Packet & got home in about five hours - This little jant [jaunt] to [Providence](#) has been attended with depression on account of the inconvenience of leaving home when I have considerable of my own to attend too, & my outward circumstances require my attention - yet I have (I trust) humbly to acknowledge an evidence of divine favour & even an enlargement of my views & exercises which is worth sacrifice & even suffering for & as to my spiritual condition I have returned refreshed & enlivened, with renew'd desires for myself & the society of which I am a member, that I may grow in grace, & there by become increasingly usefull to the latter

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September 3, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd if 9th M 1824 / During my late absence from home, my Wife rec'd for me a letter from Thomas Evans of Philada giving some acct of the difficultys attending Friends in that Yearly Meeting particularly in that City, Oh! the disheartening circumstances which exist among us, but may the Lord preserve

To the Inhabitants of Concord.



THE Concord Gazette & Middlesex Freeman, of Sept. 4th, notices the reception of Gen. LA FAYETTE in this town. This notice is understood to have received the sanction of some of the extensive Committee, who planned the arrangements for the day. Some have said that an active committee-man wrote the account to suit himself. But, by some, this is denied. Yet all admit, that the majority of the Committee adopted the account as true. Still, this account, though it contains no single assertion which is really false, conveys a wrong impression to the reader. It intimates, if it does not say, that the "Ladies who prepared and set out the refreshments of the bower" gave them as a voluntary tribute to the Hero. It also leaves one to suppose, that the whole expenses of the occasion were defrayed by a few public-spirited persons of both sexes who had placed themselves in the front ranks, and contrived to show themselves to no small advantage in presence of the illustrious Guest.

To correct these mistakes this sheet is written. It is intended to state the truth; and it is the common wish that the truth, without varnish or coloring should be told; and with the truth the Citizens will rest satisfied. To receive Gen. LA FAYETTE in Concord with appropriate ceremonies and respect, a Committee of fifteen was appointed, by a considerable meeting of their townsmen. This Committee served; and an address to the General by their Chairman, spoke the feelings and gratitude of the people with ability, and gave universal satisfaction. Yet in some parts of the committee's doings, there was a strange spirit discovered. In selecting persons to appear in the presence of the Hero, there was a singular display of judgment shall it be called? No, it was not judgment; it was preference and caprice.— This was noticed at the time, but called out no peculiar expression of disapprobation. But, this reception, parade, or entertainment had a tail to it. There was a bill to be paid; or, to speak more emphatically, there were an infinite number of bills to be met. The refreshments voluntarily furnished by the Ladies were to be paid for by the public. As ounces of tea, a slice of bacon, a quarter of sugar, or a shilling's worth of clams, wherever bought or by whoever furnished, had not been furnished without being charged in a bill, and was now to be paid for. The persons who were for excluding their neighbors from joining in making ready the ceremonies, were now not so very anxious to exclude the same neighbors from paying the bill or bills. They who received the General as if they themselves constituted the whole town, and were resolved to appear as the only persons of consequence at his reception, were not so very desirous to exclude others from the privilege of bearing the expense. These remarks it is thought apply not to the whole of the Committee. Some of their number would have preferred a liberal course; and those liberal minds were now averse to inflicting a tax on the town, to bear the expense, incurred, to enable a few persons to display their own personal consequence to advantage.

The warrant for town-meeting on Nov. 1st, contained an article "to see if the town will defray the expense of the reception of Gen. La Fayette." When this was known it produced a strong excitement. There were numbers in town, who had been excluded from aiding in the reception, who were yet so zealous and enthusiastic for the companion of Washington, that they voluntarily contributed enough to defray the whole of these expenses, and would not let it be said, that in Concord it was necessary to lay a town-tax for the reception of the General; they would not suffer it to be said, that this town had not liberal minded citizens enough to pay eighty dollars for the honour of

seeing and welcoming Gen. LA FAYETTE, without the infliction of a tax.

Let it be remembered that most of these men, are the very persons whom a majority of the Committee excluded from the ceremonies, when Gen. La Fayette was here. They find no fault with the reception, except that so few were allowed to share in it. With parts of it they are much pleased. The military parade was an honour to the town and County; they are proud of it. Indeed had the whole business been conducted on a liberal scale; had all the citizens been allowed to aid in conducting it, no dissatisfaction would have been felt. As it is, many are not pleased. Many have had injustice done them by being excluded; while it is conceived that some individuals have had great injustice done them by being allowed to make themselves seen so much. Be this as it may, it concerns every one to have the matter rightly understood in this town; and beyond this town of Concord let not these things be told.

The following is a Statement of the Expenses incurred at the reception of Gen. LA FAYETTE, September, 1824.

E. THOMPSON'S BILL for Refreshment furnished the troops on duty that day, viz.		
69 Mags of drink before his arrival, at 1s		\$15 33
*13 Bottles of Spirit after his arrival, at 45c		12 00—\$27 33
JONATHAN BERTANCE, Jr.'s BILL		
To his expense in going to Boston after a Dagle player,		3 75
SAMUEL DEAN'S BILL		
For Powder & Flannel to make cartridges for artillery,		12 17
JOSIAS DAVIS' BILL:		
For Sundries furnished the Bower, viz.		
6 lb. Coffee, at 25 cts.		1 50
3 doz. Eggs, 14 cts.		42
1 lb. Butter, - - - - -		17
27 lb. Ham, at 12½ cts.		3 38
5 Bottles Wine of Dorchester, at 6c.		5 00
Making Bower by G. Proctor, - - - - -		5 00
Abel Conant's attendance of himself and boy,		1 00
Bread of Jarvis, - - - - -		1 00
½ lb. Loaf Sugar, 1s.		1 33—14 50
DANIEL SMUTTUCK'S BILL		
7 lb. Currants, at 25 cts.		1 75
7 lb. Sugar, - - - - -		75
6 lb. White Sugar, at 14 cts.		84
4 lb. Cloves, - - - - -		40
7 lb. Box Raisins, at 20 cts.		1 40
4 lb. Nutmegs, - - - - -		63
7 lb. 12 oz. Loaf Sugar, at 1s.		1 25
Cookery lost and broken,		95
Expense in notifying Capt. DAVIS, of Notes by William Whiting, - - - - -		63
Damage of Lumber, - - - - -		1 20—9 84
MOSES DAVIS' BILL		
4 doz. Eggs, at 1s.		67
4 lb. Hyson Tea, - - - - -		28—95
WILLIAM WHITING'S BILL		
8 lb. Butter at 1s.		1 33
6 doz. Eggs, 12½ cts.		75
Cash paid for attendance at Table, - - - - -		1 25—3 33
		\$79 87

The above items are copied exactly from the bill given in, and which was laid before the town. There was another item of \$2, which made the whole bill \$81 87; This amount was received and receipted for by Col. DANIEL SMUTTUCK, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

* Eight dollars of this item were refunded by the commanders of the Concord Independent Companies.

† This charge is now omitted in the bill, because it was made without the consent of the persons for whom it was chiefly set down by the liberality of friends. This money too was refunded, as having been paid unadvisedly.



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his heritage –

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 September 4, Saturday: Joseph Anton Bruckner was born in Ansfelden near Linz the eldest of eleven children (only five surviving infancy) born to Anton Bruckner, schoolmaster and organist, and Therese Helm, daughter of a civil servant and innkeeper.

Gioachino Rossini left Paris for Bologna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 9 M / Again occupied all day in the concerns of Society Vizt in attending the Meeting of the Proprietors of Eastons Point as one of the Assisting committee - All I can say, is, that the services of Society press heavily upon me, both as it respects Spirituals & temporals. -- Oh that I may be usefully & honourably carried through –

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 September 5, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 9 M / Morning Meeting large - JD. AD. DB & AR all in rotation engaged in testimony A Robinson in particular much favoured. – In the Afternoon Father Rodman was to me very much acceptably engaged in Testimony. –

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 September 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 9 M / Our old frd Job Chaloner & his wife were at Meeting, & Job was acceptably engaged in testimony - they called to see us yesterday, their company was pleasant reviving in my mind many old occurrences while they were inhabitants of this town & as long ago as when I went to school to him

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 September 11, Saturday: Due to Carl Maria von Weber's increasing debilitation from tuberculosis, Heinrich August Marschner was appointed director of the German and Italian opera companies in Dresden.

Scottish reformer Fanny Wright and her sister Camilla were invited to stay with Maria Colden, wife of former mayor Cadwallader Colden, in New York during their visit to the US.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 9th M / Rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House with D Buffum to attend the funeral of Mary Aylsworth, who died on 5th day at Isaac Almys - the funeral was small but a solid sitting at the Meeting House after the Corpse was inter'd - & Wm Almy was engaged in a sound pertinent testimony. – We dined



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at Isaac Almys & had an Opportunity of much conversation with Wm on concerns of society & some other subjects in [which] he with D Buffum & myself were concerned. –

Mary Aylesworth was a solid exampary [sic] friend & had a testimony to bear in public for some Years – She was daughter of John Aylesworth & for many years had lived in Wm Almys family & chiefly a companion to his daughter Anne

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 September 12, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

9th M 12th (1st day) 1824 / We had unexpectedly the company of our frd Wm Almy at Meeting this morning who was concerned in a deeply Doctrinal testimony attended with life & power – I may acknowledge his communication was a comfort to me, a Strength to my hands, & I dont know but I may say a joy to my heart. – In the Afternoon Job Chaloner delivered a testimony in love & after meeting he & his wife took tea with us, & going away early I spent the rest of the evening at Abigail Robinsons in company with Mary Morton who arrived a few days ago from Philad. –

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 September 16, Thursday: King Louis XVIII, age 68, having ruled France for nearly a decade, lay like a beached white whale and breathed one last time and was still. Attendants scurried like ants deprived of their queen. *Le Roi* [Louis XVIII] *est meurt, vive le Roi* [his brother, Charles X]! And would you know, the Archbishop of Rheims announced, when the National Convention of France had supposed it had destroyed, to the last drop, together with the vial, in public with witnesses, and certified as destroyed, all the remainder of the Holy Oil of Rheims which had been given to Saint Remi for the coronation of King Clovis in the sixth century by a dove from Heaven, when that had happened on October 6, 1793, some of the sacred oil had nevertheless miraculously been preserved! There could be a coronation for this Charles the X!

Yes, indeed it is foolish for foolish men to suppose they can defy the ways of a provident deity!

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 9 M / Our meeting was small & from some circumstances a painful one to me. – Of what importance that Ministers should be skilful in their communications, & that Elders too should have a right understanding. –

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 September 19, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 9 M / Our Meeting this morning was silent & not very lively but still I believe a degree of favour extended In the Afternoon a short lively testimony from Father Rodman. – Took tea with Father Rodman Br David & Samuel Peebles in company

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 September 22, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 22 of 9 M / Attended the funeral of Eunice Clarke aged 81 Years & about 5 Months. She was the widow of Nathaniel Clarke & daughter of the late Jacob Barney. - She was a friend in good esteem & many years ago was a useful member of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -her funeral was largely attended by friends & others & the sitting a Solid opportunity where Father Rodman Anne Dennis & David Buffum bore short testimonys. -

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 September 23, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 9 M / Meeting small & low as to my own particular It is again a time of poverty with me, but having known many such seasons succeeded by a degree of Divine help, May I not yet trust in the Holy Helper.
With three other committee men visited a requester this Afternoon, but like the meeting was a low time, & the request withdrawn to the relief of our Minds. -*

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 September 25, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 25th of 9th M 1824 / Rode this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle Saml Thurston & after taking tea at his house took Saml Peebles who was at his house & walked down to Uncle Stantons & lodged - Next Morning rode to meeting with Aunt Patty - Abby Sherman & Mary Hix preeached - I returned to Uncle Stantons & dined, then walked up to Uncle Thurstons to attend to an appointment from the Moy [Monthly] Meeting where the committee agreed to Meet - after which Uncle Thurston brought me as far as the two Mile corner & I walked the rest of the distance, & being unwell found the distance a Match for me
On my return, found John quite unwell with the St Anthonys fire, & My H almost sick with a cold Sister Ruth set the evening with us -*

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 September 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 9th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was rather small & rather heavy, tho' we had a communication from Father Rodman which appear'd to me to be in the life - & buisness went on about as usual in the last Meeting. - We had several of our friends to dine with us. -

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 October 2, Saturday: The 1st constitution of the United Mexican States (*Estados Unidos Mexicanos*) was approved, to go into effect at midnight (midnight seems somehow appropriate, for this 1824 constitution was one that normalized human [enslavement](#).)

“HEY HEY HEY, AND HO HO HO! / HUMAN ENSLAVEMENT, IT’S THE WAY TO GO!”

TEXAS

Later on, Anglo “Texian” immigrants would be fulminating against mongrel Mejico to the south and seeking to join themselves unto the United States of America to the north. They would put “1824” on their banner in reference to this constitution. –Without doubt, what these white men meant by such a shorthand reference was something like



“SLAVERY FIRST — SLAVERY LAST — SLAVERY ALWAYS!”

WAR ON MEXICO



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

10th M 2nd (7th day) 1824 / This Afternoon Samuel Peebles of Gravelly Run who has been here about 8 Weeks wanting a few Days let [left] us, taking the Packet for NYork on his way home. – he has been a pleasant & very acceptable inmate in most of the



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families of Friends here during his stay, his solid deportment has comforted my mind, & under the afflicting disease which attends him, I have been almost surprised to behold in him a pattern of patience & resignation, & it affords me no small satisfaction that he has found his health in a considerable degree improved by our Air

We have hitherto known but very little of Friends of the Yearly Meeting of Virginia, but thro' Saml a medium of acquaintance seems to be open which I think may be useful. –

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 October 3, Sunday: Establishment of the Rensselaer School of Theoretical and Practical Science, at Troy, New York. [Elsewhere I have seen recorded that the school was founded on November 5th.] Rather than educating young gentlemen wannabees in the classics, this institution was to take a trade school approach and educate them to become productive servants of society. (The first of these students would graduate in 1835 and in 1861 the school would change its name to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.)

The 1st constitution of the United Mexican States (*Estados Unidos Mexicanos*), having been approved on the previous day, went into effect.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 10th M 1824 / Our Meeting large & an uncommon portion of Preaching, in rotation as follows Anne Dennis Mary Morton Hannah Dennis, Father Rodman & Abigail Sherman. –
In the Afternoon Mary Morton & Father Rodman were concerned to bear short testimonies. –*

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 October 4, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 4 of 10 M / Went to Connanicut this morning on buisness
Went to Mercy Weedens & on my return called a few minutes at Jos
Greenes, from thence to Cousin Molly Howlands & returned across
the ferry in time to take tea at home –*

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 October 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7 of 10 M / Soon after sitting down in Meeting a solemn
covering was witnessed, life renew'd & I thought spread over the
Meeting – our fr Mary Morton favourd in Testimony*

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 October 10, Sunday: Manuel Felix Fernandez Guadalupe Victoria became the 1st President of Mexico.

The Edinburgh Town Council founded the Edinburgh Municipal Fire Brigade, the first fire brigade in Britain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 10th of 10 M / Both Meetings were solid opportunities & only a short testimony in the Afternoon from Father Rodman. – Our Cousin Henry, Molly, Lydy Anne & Thomas B Gould set the evening with us –
Benj & John Marshall arrived this Morning from NYork*

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October 11, Monday: The Times of London reviewed a new biographical dictionary of musicians, from Sainsbury and Company — the section on Samuel Wesley averred that he had died in 1815 but the newspaper pointed out that as of 1824 he was still alive.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 10 M / This Morning rose early & rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Charles Phelps & took Breakfast at Uncle Stantons, after which Charles & Benj Marshall went to Fall River & I rode into the West rode with Uncle Stanton & walked from the Mill lane home & reached [Newport](#) about half after 12 OClock – soon after which I rec'd a letter directed to Brother Isaac & myself from Willet Carpenter announcing the decease of our Cousin Lewis L Clarke, Last 7th day evening about half past 11 OClock being the 9th day of the present Month Aged [] Years. – Cousin Lewis has been a man of a singular turn of mind & at time deranged in Mind but I have no doubt the main bent of his intentions were good & his concern for the welfare of Society sincere, & his love for his friends & relations in particular, ardent, & has taken much satisfaction in visiting them, & his friends esteem him, but his situation of body & mind for sometime past has been such as to render longer life undesirable for him or his connections –

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October 14, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 10th M 1824 / This day was our Select Moy [Monthly] Meeting in the public part we had excellent encouraging testimonys from Hannah Dennis Mary Morton, & a few words from another, it was a comfortable Meeting, & that part allotted for buisness there was some exebrcise but I trust all ended well & the right thing promoted in the end. –

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October 17, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 10th M / In the morning good solemn & impressive testimonys from David Buffum, Father Rodman & H Dennis – & a large Meeting. – Small & Silent in the Afternoon
On the 15th inst U was informed by letter from Jas Robinson that Cousin Lewis L Clarke had bequeathed to me in his Will Twenty Dollars. – I feel greatful for that small Sum & pleased that in his final Testament he remembered me. – This I consider & feel*



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to be a favour unexpected - my circumstances are small & my dependence small in any way as respects the World - but hitherto I have been preserved from actual want, & desire to be humbly thankful to the Giver of all good for it & hold my confidence in his all powerful supporting Arm of Mercy - for his Mercy my heart is sensible & without it What Am I - Where Am I -& where are any who have it not.

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October 19, Tuesday: From the diary of George F. Jencks, a white man of Pawtucket: “Last night the Whites assembled on the bridge in Providence and went out in a body to that part of town occupied by the blacks and pulled down Ten of their houses and laid waste all there contents and this day the Governor and Council has ordered out the Light Infantry to guard the town.”³⁸⁵ A crown of perhaps as many as a thousand white people had stood around idly and watched in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) as a white mob, reacting to perceived economic competition from free black Americans, had demolished some 20 black homes in “Addison’s Hollow” or “Hardscrabble,” a challenged neighborhood along Olney Lane by what is now Gaspee street and the State House. (It would all happen again, in the Olney Lane and Snowtown district of Providence, Charles/ Orms Street area, on September 21, 1831.)

Although 10 of these white rioters would be prosecuted for serious offenses, their defense, provided by the prominent local attorney Joseph Tillinghast, consisting of an argument that actually they had been improving “the morals of the community” by removing a “pig-stye” of lewdness, disorder, [drunkenness](#), and unseemly dancing, would prove to be entirely successful. The only convictions would be on minor charges, and the only punishment would be of the “slap on the wrist” variety, with leading white citizens openly congratulating them for their civic-minded destructiveness. (When the rioting would break out again in 1831, however, it would end with the militia needing to kill four white men, and afterward, in the interest of maintaining public order, voters would approve a charter for a city government with stronger police powers.)

Providence in the 1820s was a fast-growing port town, drawing on its hinterland’s farms and manufactures to overshadow [Newport](#), once Rhode Island’s primary metropolis. Providence had about 11,750 people in 1820 (by 1825 there would be about 15,000, and by 1830 about 17,000). Of these, about 1,000 were freemen who met the property qualification to vote in Town Meetings. At the other extreme of Providence’s social spectrum were about 1,000 blacks, rising from 980 in 1820 to 1,200-1,400 in 1830. Only four people were still enslaved. Many black families had lived in Providence for generations, but others were recent arrivals from South County. About half the blacks in town lived with their employers, and the other half were generally drawn of course to neighborhoods where land and rent were cheap, at the north end of town. A proud few owned homes. Two days before the “Hardscrabble” riots, the Providence Beacon had editorialized about “Our Black Population.” (The Beacon, published almost single-handedly by William Spear, would be characterized as “a fearless paper” by a lawyer representing the white rioters, Chief Justice William Staples, in his Annals of Providence, but Attorney General Duttee Pearce would characterize William Spear himself as “a person of evil, wicked, and malicious mind and disposition.” Spear was the sort of person who would lament in print that local blacks were “naturally vicious and wicked,” “profligate,” and “worthless,” and spread stories that groups of blacks were forcing whites to step off the sidewalks to make way for them rather than themselves stepping off the sidewalks to make way for whites as was natural and proper.) The previous weekend the Providence Beacon had reported that local blacks had defeated a white crowd for possession of the bridge on Smith Street (were people using this bridge to cope with the heat of the season?)—since nature had given them disproportionate “physical strength”—and that a thrown stone had wounded “a respectable lady” on the breast. Spear was warning that Providence after dark was now “absolutely dangerous for females.”

Other Providence newspapers, such as the Jeffersonian Providence Patriot, the proto-Whig Manufacturer’s

385. See HISTORY OF THE PROVIDENCE RIOTS, published in Providence by M.M. Brown during 1831.



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and Farmer's Journal, and the old Federalist Providence Gazette, generally ignored the white riot. The Patriot ran a half-inch notice of the "affray," and after a few days reprinted the Gazette's editorial obliquely deploring "the increase of our colored population." It noted that the Town Council had ordered a census of blacks for the purpose of expelling the "idle, dissolute" ones. After reviling the capacities of the race, it allowed that most long-settled blacks were "sober, industrious and respectable citizens."

Spear's Beacon, however, was offering that while "extermination" was not indicated, at least as yet, some decent white people would need to volunteer to "rid the town of its superabundant share" of transient poor blacks. It was two days later, on the evening of October 18th, that a white mob marched north to Hardscrabble and destroyed eleven structures. Most of the structures destroyed were speakeasies, but all accounts agree that a few were the homes of "respectable" black craftsmen and their families. By some accounts, including the Beacon's, this mob comprised 400 to 500 rioters and up to 1,000 eager spectators, although others estimated the mob at only 50 or 60 effectives, with a cheering section amounting to only about a hundred.

The next Beacon published a short account of the violence, followed by a romantic lamentation for the poor, innocent, hard-working black victims, after which Spear chastised their impudence, "idleness and vice" and proposed that Draconian controls be imposed over them. This article, entitled "RIOT AND REBELLION," announced that Providence, known "for the purity of its morals and its domestic felicity and repose," had been "disharmonized" by the indiscriminate "atrocities" of an "abandoned and profligate mob."

Hardscrabble, wrote Spear, was a "hamlet" of "smiling aspect" where blacks had moved "to avoid all intercourse" with "hostile" whites. When attacked, the "unoffending and unsuspecting inhabitants" "were engaged in convivial sports and rural games." Their "innocent festivity" may have involved rum, for the newspaper mentioned that some provident housekeepers had enough of it on hand to buy off the mob and thus preserve their homes. In the wake of the white mob, Spear found devoted mothers, an "honest sailor" and "an aged son of Africa," mourning "with downcast countenance" their "humble cottages," the fruits of "honest toil," and gasping, "Hope forsaken!"

Spear predicted that these wronged blacks would be righteously seeking vengeance. They were innocent as lambs, except that they were "impudent, and often offer insults to whites." Blacks "cannot bear the luxuries of freedom," and are temperamentally incompatible with whites. Therefore, "let their liberties be abridged." we should put "every Negro under the immediate control of the Orphan's Court," and apprentice them all to "respectable Mechanics." Some would be "susceptible of improvement," and for others "it would be the means of driving them from our region." This "benevolence" would benefit both whites and blacks — the only alternative would be a cycle of riot culminating in a white "war of extermination" destroying this black element in the town.

The next week, Spear's sympathies would be even more firmly with the wronged black residents of Providence. He would be pointing out that many of the local blacks, although they had become "miserable wretches," were actually the offspring of "noble" Revolutionary veterans.



October 21, Thursday: Joseph Aspdin, a mason, received a British patent for Portland Cement (this was the 1st modern improvement on the cement used by the ancient Romans).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 10 M / Silent & to me precious meeting - in that the arising of life was Sweetly experienced, for which favour I desire to be thankful. - This State of mind I have enjoyed for Some days to my refreshment & encouragement

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October 24, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 24th of 10 M / Morning Meeting was large which passed in Silence till near the close, when Father Rodman delivered a short testimony sound clear & according to my feeling appropriate. - Soon After Lucy Dow wife of Lorenzo stood up & spoke, which tho' generally sound, & I have no doubt well ment, was not a very acceptable offering - it being evidently lacking of that seasoning which makes way in Truth, & besides she had no right to preach in our meetings, being not in Membership with us

A few words again from Father Rodman - Lucy was there but silent

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October 26, Tuesday: The digging of the western end of the [Erie Canal](#) at Lockport, to Lake Erie, was completed.



October 27, Wednesday: Clara Wieck began taking piano lessons with her father, in Leipzig.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27th of 10th M 1824 / Uncle Stanton having sent the Waggon into townwe went out this Afternoon to his house & lodged

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October 28, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day morning we took Aunt Polly & went to Moy [Monthly] Meeting a sound lively & pertinent testimony - in the last we had a larger portion of buisness than usual - Abigail Sherman was recommended to the Quarterly Meeting as a Minister - Elisha A Lawton & Sarah Lawton published their intentions of Marriage with several other subjects which held the Meeting later than usual. -- After which we dined at Uncle Stantons & lodged again - Wm Wilbour with drawed his request to be admitted to membership & the subject was dismissed. -

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October 29, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day finding it very rainy this Morning we staid till after dinner when we set out & in running the Waggon from the Barn to the house, I found it had got the advantage of me on a seep [steep] hill got to going fast & in clearing myself from it, I pitched head foremost over a pile of Boards, on getting up found I was not apparantly hurt but much overcome with the sudden twirl - The fill [?] of the Waggon was broken which detained us longer to get another, but we got home before sunset - I consider this escape from immediate death, in which I was in danger of, both from the fall & from being crushed by the force of the Waggon - a great preservation for which I desire to be humbly thankful

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 October 30, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 10 M / Find myself quite unwell today with a pain in my right shoulder thro' to my Stomach & an occasional shooting pain in my left breast & side - whether it is owing to the fall of yesterday, or only my old complaint the Rheumatism I do not know, but am inclined to think it may be partly woing to both. -

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 October 31, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 10 M / Our Beloved friend Sarah Tucker attended both our Meetings & in both was twice engaged in very lively testimonys much [to] the edification of Friends & others - in the afternoon at her second rising she addressed the Youth very Sweetly, & I can but feelingly desire it may prove lastingly beneficial to them & be remembered by them in days to come. -

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 November 4, Thursday: Leocadie, a drame lyrique by Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber to words of Scribe and Melesville after Cervantes, was performed for the initial time, in Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 11th M 1824 / This is our Quarterly Meeting day at Somersett - my mind was much there while sitting in our Meeting today which was small - our fr Job Chaloner was there & spake a little to satisfaction -

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[John Augustus Stone](#)'s play "Restoration; or, The Diamond Cross" was staged at the Chatham Garden Theater in New-York. During this year the author himself was making appearances in supporting roles at this theater, as usual heavily made up as an old man.



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Owen Brown, 3d of John Brown's sons and his stalwart aid both in Kansas and at Harpers Ferry, was born at Hudson, Ohio. With a withered arm, he would attempt to make a career of writing humor articles for newspapers, and would be 35 years of age at the time that he would escape from the aftermath the Harpers Ferry raid. He would complete his life as a grower of grapes in Ohio, and on a mountain near Pasadena, California.



On the following screen is what Harpers Ferry looked like in this year:



November 7, Sunday: Water rose 421 centimeters above normal in the worst flood to date in Saint Petersburg, and 200 lost their lives.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) seized an opportunity to warn other local [Quakers](#) to distrust the New Doctrines of Friend [Elias Hicks](#):

1st day 7th of 11th M / Silent Meetings. - but pretty well



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*attended My mind tho' some favoured was at times scattered –
In the evening called at Dorcas Earls & had conversation with
Sarah & Phebe on the subject of New Doctrines afloat among
friends particularly as delivered by Elias Hicks – bore my
testimony against it pretty faithfully. –*

 November 11, Thursday: Sam L. Hitchcock of the ΦBK society wrote to inform [Noah Webster](#) that he had been elected an honorary member.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th [sic] of 11th M / Meeting small & silent till near
the close, when J Dennis delivered a short testimony. –*

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 November 13, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 13 of 11 M / This Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged
at cousin Shadrack Chases –*

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 November 14, Sunday: The Symphony no.1 op.11 by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in the Mendelssohn home, Berlin on the occasion of his sister Fanny's 19th birthday.

In [Portsmouth, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day Rode to Meeting with cousin Jacob, & after meeting went
to Uncle Stantons & dined -then walked home. – A pleasant little
visit, especially to cousin Shadrack, who is a great sufferer
in the body, with distress for breath, I believe chiefly owing
to a polypus in his nose –*

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 November 28, Sunday: At the invitation of Lea Mendelssohn, Ignaz Moscheles visits the Mendelssohn home in Berlin and hears Fanny and [Felix Mendelssohn](#) play. She was hoping that Moscheles will consent to teach the two children.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 11th M 1824 / Both our Meetings were silent &
rather low times to me. – Set the evening at Father Rodmans –
Sister Ruth is poor in health, & I fear very poor. –*

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 November 29, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 29 of 11 M / It has been my lot for some Months to take
care of the Meeting house & while I was there this morning*



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attending to necessary concerns - my mind was led in many reflections of a serious nature & I do not remember of ever having a clearer view of that preservation which will be experienced by keeping within the limits of Truth - nothing being able to hurt or make afraid

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 December 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 12 M 1824 / Our meeting was silent & small tho' attended by several that are not members who do not usually come, it being what is usually denominated "Thanksgiving Day" - to me it was a season of favour for which I desire to be thankful - this is also the day of the Quarterly Meeting at [New Bedford](#) & the time of holding the Meeting for Sufferings the which I should have been glad to attend -

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 December 3, Friday: U.S. presidential election: None of the four candidates for U.S. President gained a majority of the electoral votes, which meant that the election would be thrown into the US House of Representatives.

 December 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 12th M / It was my intention to have gone with Jethro F Mitchell to [Tiverton](#) Meeting as one of the committee appointed to attend occasionally - but the weather being stormy yesterday & very windy today, prevented us. - Our Meeting at home was silent & to me low. -

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 December 9, Thursday: The revolutionary forces of Peru led by Antonio José de Sucre decisively defeated the forces of their Spanish overlords near Ayacucho, southeast of Lima. The Spanish would be thrown out of the American mainland, in the north, in the central region, and in the south. Spain still would retain control, however, over two major islands of the West Indies: Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 12 M / This morning before meeting a season of feeling - & at meeting a season of some favour - tho' thought which I wished to be clear of would intrude upon me. -

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 December 12, Sunday: [Felicia Dorothea Hemans](#)'s "The Vespers of Palermo" was staged at Covent Garden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 12 of 12 M / In the mornng Meeting after a Short testimony from D Dennis our frd D Buffum was very lively & caringly[?] engaged in testimony on the necessity of our walking in the straight & Narrow way which leads to life & peace - Silent in the Afternoon & a measure of favour extended in both meetings for which I desire to be thankful Cousin Henry Gould set the eveing with us. -

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 December 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th 12 M 1824 / A very solid quiet & I believe favoured Meeting, but my mind poor & destitute. -

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 December 22, Wednesday: [Edward Everett](#) orated at Plymouth, Massachusetts. This would be published by Cummings, Hilliard & Company at 134 Washington Street in Boston and we infer that this publication likely is the source for a declamation that 13-year-old [David Henry Thoreau](#) would perform at the [Concord Academy](#) in 1830.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 12 M / Last evening I recd a long letter from my Ancient frd [Moses Brown](#) & this Afternoon one from my friend Thomas Thompson of Liverpool. - There seem like a brook by the way - or refreshment in a dry season. -

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 December 23, Thursday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Monsieur Pascault has recovered wonderfully and insists upon having a dinner of all the family on the 31st. He says it will be his last year, and he wants to have them all around him. I am sorry I will be away from my father and mother, but my duty is by my wife. We expect our child in the New Year.

Headman Pushmataha of the Choctaw Nation died in Washington DC.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 12 M / Hannah Dennis was twice engaged in testimony & a few words from Anne. - My mind in that state as not to proffit. - Oh how poor I am. -

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December 26, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12th M 26th (1st day) / Hannah Dennis & Anne Dennis & Father Rodman were all engaged in testimony – Silent in the Afternoon.

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December 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 12 M / Yesterday afternoon I went to [Portsmouth](#) part of the distance I rode & walked the rest to Uncle Stantons, where I found my mother well & lodged

This morning walked to meeting, the first was a season of uncommon favour, the Silence was to be felt & the appearance of H Dennis both in supplication & testimony were Solemn & impressive. Anne said a few words & Ruth Freeborn was also much favoured in testimony & was particularly comfortable to Friends as she is just emerging from a long state of depression both in body & mind. –The last Meeting had but little buisness – I rode in David Buffums carriage to Rich Mitchells to dinner & from thence Home –

I bear in Solemn remembrance that I am this day 43 Years of Age – I awoke before day light & remembered it the first thing –& my mind has ruminated on the subject at times all day –Surely I have great cause to be thankful for the many mercys & favours & deliverances that I have had in the course of my life –& have with shamefacedness to acknowledge my poor returns of faithfulness & dedication of heart to Him who hath evidently preserved me thro' many trials unknown to any mortal but myself. – Yet have I confidence to trust in his power, thro' the Mediation of Jesus Christ, & desire to offer unto him Thanksgiving & praise for the past & humbly implore a continuance of Mercy. –

Our dear Young friends Wing Russell & Joseph Tillinghast from New Bedford set the evening with us

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December 31, Friday: Great Britain recognized the independence of Buenos Aires, Mexico, and Colombia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 31 of 12 M 1824 / Wing Russell & J Tillinghast hast dined with us, they are well engaged young men & I feel nearly united to them in Religious fellowship

These closes the Year & in closing it, my heart is humbled under a sense of the goodness of God, in that he has preseerved me thus long. --

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- Remark by character "Garin Stevens"
in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST



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